What is an Economic Census?
National Economic Census 2018 (NEC2018) is an official statistical survey on establishments and is conducted by the Government of Nepal based on the Statistics Act.

What is an Establishment?
An establishment is, for example, a shop, a restaurant, a coffee shop, a factory, an office, a hotel, a school, and so on. It is situated in a fixed location, under a single management, and operates economic activities such as selling goods or providing services.

Why conduct the Economic Census?
NEC2018 is conducted for the purpose of furthering socio-economic development of Nepal.

Coverage
NEC2018 covers all establishments in the territory of Nepal except some industrial sectors.

Form
- contains the following topics:
  1) Name, Address, Telephone number, and Contact person of establishment
  2) Sex of representative of establishment
  3) Registration to Ministry or Agency
  4) Names of ministries or agencies which have given a license or approval for operating the business
  5) Ownership of establishment (Legal status)
  6) Single unit, Head or Branch office
  7) Tenure, Kind and Area of business place
  8) Year of starting the business
  9) Business hour
  10) Number of persons engaged by sex, employment status, and nationality
  11) Type of main business activities (Industrial classification)
  12) Number of branch offices
  13) Total number of regular employees
  14) Type of main and second main businesses as an entire enterprise
  15) Total amount of sales, operating expenses, and employees’ salaries and wages per day, and number of working days in the recent month

Legal basis
a) Statistics Act, Article 3 to 7
b) Approved by the Council of Ministers
c) Directives of National Economic Census 2018
Purpose
- to gain statistical data for the complete profile of Nepalese economy;
- to produce an establishment list and sampling frame for statistical sample surveys.

Reference date
14th April 2018

Period of enumeration
14th April to 14th June 2018

Supervisors & enumerators identification
Official ID cards are provided to supervisors and enumerators for field enumeration.

Each supervisor & enumerator must
- keep confidentiality of the collected information;
- keep the filled-out forms secured.

Each establishment needs to
- cooperate with the enumerator to provide accurate answers to the topics on the form.

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