Pilot Survey of Nepal Economic Census 2018

Brief Report of Field Level

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Pilot Survey in Kavrepalanchok

Two sample EAs were selected within the coverage of this office. One is in urban and another one is in rural as follows :

1 Gairibisauna VDC, Kavrepalanchowk

2. Bhimesor Municipality -10, Dolakha

Three steps were used for the data collection:

    1. Listing

    2. E-census (online system)

    3. Questionnaire: 20% establishments were surveyed by tablet,

      and remaining 80% establishments were done by paper form.

Pilot Survey in Kavrepalanchok

▶ Two types of forms was used for the pilot survey:

questionnaire and listing form.

▶ Regarding e-Census, respondents through e-Census should register by using virtual email, username, and password.

▶ 8 establishments in Kavrepalanchok District and 33 establishments in Dolakha District were interested in e-Census.

▶ Designed small slip for the process of e-Census were provided for interested establishments.

▶ Only 6 establishments registered and 2 establishments took part in e-Census.

▶ After 17 days, most of data were collected from both EAs.

Pilot Survey in Kavrepalanchok

- Bhimeshwor Municipality was divided into three sub wards, and the listing was done only in the first sub ward.

- 123 economic activities are listed in Kavrepalanchok (Gairabisauna Deupur) District, and 119 ones are listed in Dolakha (Bhimeshwor Municipality) District.

- Time period for the listing was 1 week for two sample EAs.

- Time period for the e-Census was 17 days, and the one for filling in main questionnaires was 2 weeks.

e-Census

The new application for e-Census through the CBS website was developed by CBS.

▶ After registered, each respondent can log in by using dedicated user ID and password. Then the respondent can begin to answer the questionnaire. This kind of response is the fisrt practice in Nepal. Only a few establishments responded through e-Census.

To check up the status of the responses through e-Census, dedicated user ID and its password should be provided for each District Statistics Office.

Lessons learnt at the field level

▶ Both the improvement of e-Census process and public awareness are required .

▶ The application of e-Census is not user friendly because its registration process is too long.

▶ Provided EA maps are not so clear and are not matched with the real situation. Clearly demarcated EA maps are required.

▶ Provided data entry application doesn't work properly on the personal computers in this office. This data entry application should be compatible.

▶ Detailed advertise is required about the Economic Census.

▶ Both the listing and the enumeration should be done simultaneously.