

Report to the 7th Census Technical Committee Meeting on 2008 Census Data Processing Progress and Plan 11 September 2007

I. Progress

1. 12 staff attended on-the job training for data entry and machine data editing. The training requirement is to have trainers and consultant work together in developing the two applications. We found that this is a good model in knowledge transfer and output-oriented consultancy.
2. 100 PCs is planned for data processing of the census data processing, in which 20 has been procured under the support of UNFPA, 30 is being procured under the support of UNFPA, and the remaining 50 is to be procured by counterpart fund under the assistant of the Government of Japan. With the same budget, we do hope that the computer specification and it peripherals of those procured by the counterpart fund be as good as those procured under the support of UNFPA for smooth census processing.
3. Census's EA data (census frame) has been computerized as a database. This database is useful for multiple purposes.
 - a. To allocate budget and assignment of census tasks
 - b. To monitor in census operation and field work
 - c. To monitor progress and tracking census questionnaire movement in census data processing
 - d. To serve as input to future master sampling development
4. Training on basic and advanced EXCELVBA by JICA to assist detail tabulation has been being conducted repeatedly.

II. Plan

5. Training on census tabulation is planned to start from mid-October 2007. Similar training model will be applied, in which participants will be requested to develop tabulation application. Therefore, the set of primary tables should be ready by the training date.
6. To develop application for managing EA database, census label printing, questionnaire tracking from registration to verification; editing; and cleaning, and completeness checking application
7. To finalize tabulation plan for training on tabulation and for presenting to data user for comment.
8. To finalize data entry and data editing application, and its manuals after finalizing industrial and occupation coding, which is planned to use the latest version of UN's classification.

III. Constraint

9. The census data processing plan places required consultancy time in the preparation phase, 2007, but much shorter time in the operation time. More DP consultancy time is required in the operation period to assist and troubleshoot actual operation and implementation of the developed systems.
10. Small number of skilled programmers to develop required many applications and monitor implementation

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