

## Enhancing Close Collaboration between Users and Producers in Dissemination and Use of Census Results with Gender Concern

SIAP, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia-Pacific Regional Office and with support of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, successfully conducted the Regional Training Course/Workshop on Dissemination and Use of the 2010 Round Population and Housing Census Results with Gender Concern at SIAP from 25 to 29 July 2011. In total, 20 senior officials responsible for producing population and housing census data and users of census data in 10 countries, namely Bangladesh, China, India, Iran, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste, attended the course/workshop. Twelve participants out of 20 were from NSOs and remaining 8 were from non-NSO agencies.

The course/workshop focused on providing knowledge on principles, objectives, and media of dissemination and use of census data for setting policies. In addition, it also provided the opportunity to learn and exchange of national experiences in using census results for policy and decision making as well as monitoring of MDGs, including gender mainstreaming.

The course/workshop was conducted by Mr. T. Africa, SIAP Consultant/ the former SIAP director, SIAP faculty members, and experts from the Gender Equality Bureau of Japan. The course was constituted in a good mixture of lecture sessions and practical sessions, including work with software, group work and discussion sessions. Through group works, participants, both users and producers, developed a rough dissemination and utilization plan of census data. Introduction and demonstration of dissemination tools, such as DevInfo/CensusInfo, Web GIS and REDATAM online were highly appreciated.

Almost of all participants agreed that course level, course duration, relevance, lecturing technique, training materials, balance of time allocation were in line with expectations. They have improved 'much' or 'fairly' the confidence level in implementing knowledge/skills acquired in their work upon return home.

