

STATISTICAL INSTITUTE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Regional Training Course on Genderizing Population and Housing Census 12 – 16 July 2010, Chiba, Japan

INFORMATION BULLETIN

I. INTRODUCTION

Almost all of the member States of ESCAP are undertaking the 2010 Round Population and Housing Census which spans the years 2010 – 2014. In large majority of them, there is no alternative to the population and housing census for collection of fundamental socio-economic data, including sex disaggregated data. The 2010 Round Population and Housing Census would play a vital role in monitoring progress made in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, including progress in addressing gender issues.

However, many member States in the region lack sufficient capacity in conducting population and housing census with gender concerns. Sex disaggregated data collected through population and housing census are often insufficiently analyzed and disseminated. The main reasons for this are lack of awareness and shortage of professional knowledge and skills in producing, analyzing and using sex disaggregated statistics.

The Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP-ESCAP), in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, will conduct a series of national and regional training courses for government officials/statisticians of member States in the region under the UNFPA/ESCAP Project on “Statistical capacity building for undertaking the 2010 Round Population and Housing Census integrated with gender concerns”. It is aimed that through provision of training, member States could strengthen their capabilities in conducting the 2010 Round Population and Housing Census.

The Regional Training Course on Genderizing Population and Housing Census will be conducted by SIAP from 12 to 16 July 2010 in Chiba, Japan. This Course aims to train statisticians of invited countries who have some basic background in statistics.

II. COURSE AIM

The course aims to provide knowledge and skills on how population and housing census can be genderized in order to produce, analyze and disseminate coherent and quality sex-disaggregated data. Emphasis will be given to the analysis and effective dissemination of census data with gender concern by sub-population groups: the elderly, the disabled etc.

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The course has two main objectives: (1) to provide training on how to mainstream gender perspectives into all stages of the census conduction; and (2) to provide skills in census data analysis with gender concern using real census data or subset of it.

IV. DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Tentative topics to be covered in the course are as follows:

- Gender concepts, definitions and gender statistics, sources of gender statistics
- How to mainstream gender perspective into all stages of the census?
 - Advocacy with high level national officials on the importance of gender
 - Incorporating gender focus in census communication: educating the public about some core concepts such as household headship, economic activity etc.
 - Detailed review of census questionnaire on the its gender relevance
 - How to maximize proportion of female enumerators and supervisors for a census, given cultural constrains in some countries
- Census data analysis with gender concern using real census data or subset of it
 - Gender – employment & economic characteristics
 - Gender – education
 - Gender – migration
 - Gender – family formation: female heads of households and female headed household
 - Gender – disability

V. NOMINATION FOR PARTICIPATION

National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of invited member States of ESCAP are invited to nominate participants to the Regional Training Course on Genderizing Population and Housing Census, 12 – 16 July 2010, Chiba, Japan.

Eligibility

Participants should be:

- (a) statisticians involved/ will be involved in the 2010 Round Population Census data collection, analysis and dissemination
- (b) holders of a university degree or its equivalent;
- (c) preferable with some basic background in statistics, in particular in data analysis;
- (d) preferably at least 35 years old but not more than 50 years old; and

- (e) able to read, write and express themselves well enough in English to participate fruitfully in discussions and presentations.

Nomination Procedures

Nominating authorities should submit completed nomination forms of their selected candidates to the UNFPA country office in (or responsible for) their countries **by 28 May 2010** for their onward transmission to SIAP.

Selection of Participants

Selection of participants should be made:

1. initially by the General Director/Director/Chairman of the respective NSOs in consultation with housing and population census Bureau/Department of the NSOs;
2. nominations from the governments will be screened by UNFPA country office and SIAP for approval.

Acceptance for participation

The selected participant will receive an acceptance letter along with detailed information on the venue of the course/workshop, visa and related instructions, travel arrangements, and accommodation and payment of daily subsistence allowances.

Each accepted participant will be provided with:

- a. A round-trip air ticket by the most direct and economical route to travel from an international airport in his/her country to Narita airport in Tokyo, Japan
- b. A daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the Course/ Workshop, which will be paid at the Course/Workshop venue in Chiba, Japan. The daily subsistence allowance is not a salary or honorarium and is sufficient only to cover hotel accommodation, meals and other incidentals.

Participants are urged **NOT** to bring their families with them. Participant's Government is expected to continue to pay his/her salary in his/her home country during the period of the Course/ Workshop.

Country Report

Participants are requested to prepare country reports on the situation of preparation towards housing and population census of your country giving more focus on census publicity, questionnaire design, selection of census supervisors and census data analysis.

VI. FURTHER INFORMATION

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