

Country Report

The Census Organisation

The Population and housing census is organised and conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO) within the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. This event is significant as part of the -the relationship to the other organisations in terms that it tries to accommodate the questions from these other areas.

From the NSO a maximum of 4 people are involved to prepare the organisation whereby the Census Commissioner is really taking responsibility of the overall preparation to producing the end results of the Census.

A number of outside workers were recruited to assist with the Census such as the census enumerators, supervisors and the criteria is a person with at least a completion of high school level, with clear police records, healthy as presented by medical report, and a birth certificate. A person who is eligible should also have good social attitude, this is very significant for safety reasons to work with the community.

The Census of Population and Housing

The Kiribati census had been scheduled to be conducted in 2010, the primary objective of this census is to provide the planners and policy makers with updated population quality figures of 2010. Such government planning includes the implementation of the goals and targets stipulated in the Kiribati Development Plan, mostly to reduce poverty and low economic growth, Human Resource development, Environment concerns and infrastructure upgrading.

This 2010 Census will cover the entire country i.e. the Kiribati group, the Line islands and the Phoenix group.

Data Items	100 percent	Sample
On persons	100	Not samples
On Households	100	Not samples
On Housing	100	Not samples

During the preparation of the 2010 Census, the Census Commissioner organise the data users in the form of a workshop to discuss the questions to be in the 2010 questionnaire, although not all the questions from other department could be included however the workshop is to prioritise the contents of the questionnaire contributed from their areas. These data users represent all ministry sectors, local government, public enterprises, and Non Profit Institution Serving Households (NPISH).

Kiribati women were the respondents, in most cases where they are the ones who look after the family and know most of the details about their household members.

Every means of media is used to promote the coming of the census, this includes the radio, tv, newspapers, posters and circulation to all offices and public enterprises and through announcement in churches and lastly through emailing friends.

The census data analysis will include at least 2 reports, one will be for the general tables for the census while the second one will be the profile, there will a plan for reports to be analysed by islands and since gender is the concern for Kiribati as well, probably one will be by Gender and a few others depending on where they are needed. As this is not the first census, most report will be written as and how they are used widely by the range of users.

The dissemination plan will directed to the policy makers, planners in ministries, local government and the public where there is a plan to include the visitations to outer islands. All these depends on the availability of the funds, other plans include seminars conducted, putting them in websites, and producing them in books and distribute to libraries of schools and remaining in the office where any user can have access to them.

Gender Concerns

The government concerns for gender in Kiribati, as shown from supporting the Survey on Gender Based Violence and Child Abuse. Policy makers such as number of members of parliament have opened to include women, first secretaries holding top positions in government have grown to 5, even two in a row for Kiribati for Census Commissioners to be held by women now. The Kiribati Port Authority CEO is a female who controls the handling and stevedoring of the cargoes. These examples have indicated that posts who thought to be male positions have been held by women.

These are well looked after by the social affairs within the Ministry of Social and Internal Affairs, however there is a strong linkage between this office and the NSO especially when it comes to the collection of data as the NSO is legalised under its constitution to collect data.

Gender statistics will be based with the social area of the NSO, however this area has yet to create and implement this statistics. As now it will depend on the availability of the staff since this social area in the NSO have 3 staff working on most social statistics.

So far there had been no training on gender development both for its personnel as well as the tools used for them. This office welcomes the training on this area from other agencies so it will equip the data often requested by the users both nationally and internationally