

UNESCAP upcoming Stats Café: Conducting a census during the Covid-19 pandemic - challenges and approaches

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Conducting a census during the Covid-19 pandemic: challenges and approaches



Monday, 29 June 2020 at 12:00-13:00 p.m. (Bangkok Time)

As the world grapples with the spread of COVID-19, many countries are dealing with the implications of the outbreak on preparations and implementation of the 2020 census round. The COVID-19 pandemic will threaten the successful conduct of censuses in many countries through delays, interruptions that compromise quality, or complete cancellation of census projects. The potential disruption of the 2020 census round could be particularly significant for those who have census planned for this or next year.

Many Countries and territories in the Asia-Pacific region with a census planned for 2020 or 2021 representing nearly 4 billion people, more than half the world's population. Even countries planning censuses at a later date may be impacted by the pandemic at different stages of the census cycle.

Objectives:

1. Discuss impact of COVID-19 on 2020 Census round in the region
2. Share country experiences in managing censuses planned for 2020, including both traditional and register-based censuses

Agenda:

- Opening and introduction: Gemma Van Halderen, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP
- Overview of the 2020 Census Round in Asia and the Pacific: Christophe Lefranc, Regional Population and Development Technical Adviser, UNFPA
- Country experience 1— Singapore: Seet Chia Sing, Director of Census Office, Dept. of Statistics
- Country experience 2— Philippines: Minerva Eloisa P. Esquivias, Assistant National Statistician, PSA
- Country experience 3— Indonesia: M.Nashrul Wajdi, Statistician and Researcher, BPS
- Q and A: Moderator - Petra Nahmias Chief, Population and Social Statistics Section, ESCAP

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