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Overview

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Introduction

- Census-taking in CARICOM has long been utilising a regionally-coordinated approach that provides for the use of uniform concepts and definitions and a common core of questions on the census questionnaires, by all the countries, in support of the collection of high-quality comparable census data;

Introduction (cont'd)

- The CARICOM Regional Census Strategy for the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses in the region was approved by the 38th meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) in 2019;

Introduction (cont'd)

- One of the specific objectives of this Regional Census Strategy is:

“to analyse and disseminate the census results and provide the use of the information required for the formulation and implementation of appropriate policies, development programmes and public and private decision-making.”

Introduction (cont'd)

- Therefore, the Regional and National Statistical Systems must disseminate relevant and reliable statistics in a timely manner to guide decision-making by data users/policy-makers.



Purpose

To provide a guide for the effective dissemination of the findings of the 2020 round of the Population and Housing censuses in the Region in the form of regional statistical products as well as some regionally-coordinated national products.

Objectives

- To raise awareness about the regional statistical products (along with the methods of dissemination and the target audience), that are likely to be generated using the data obtained from the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses in CARICOM;
- To promote the use of the e-portal application as one of the main dissemination tools for the census data;

Objectives (Cont'd)

- To inform/promote the value, importance and uses of census data;
- To identify regional statistical products based on critical issues affecting individual countries and as a region as a whole, in collaboration with national and regional stakeholders;
- To ensure that the statistical products produced are user-friendly.

Strategic Considerations

CSME

Given the mandate of the CARICOM Secretariat and the need for data driven decision-making in the region, the analysis and dissemination/use of census data at the regional level must fulfill the data needs to successfully guide, monitor and implement the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME)

CARICOM RSDS

The CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics (RSDS) aims at improving the production, dissemination and availability of statistics to enable more effective national policies and decision-making and for the provision of statistics to service the regional development agenda agreed to by Member States of CARICOM

CARICOM RCS

CARICOM Regional Census Strategy (RCS) forms the basis for the traditionally coordinated approach to executing the census as it pertains, inter alia, to census data analysis, use and dissemination. One of the RCS's main results to be achieved is the preparation of census dissemination products including user-friendly briefs and analytical products, national census reports and regional special topic monographs

Strategic Considerations (cont'd)

National Priorities

Most countries have long-term development plans, medium-term development strategies or have identified national priorities for achieving sustainable growth and development. Census data are used to inform these national strategies, plans and priorities. Countries in the region also have common issues which could be reflected in the disseminated products that would give a regional picture of these issues.

SDGs/ Samoa Pathway

The SDG Indicators rely heavily on census data. In fact, the 2020 Census Round in CARICOM is the only census that will occur leading up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The census can provide baseline data to monitor and report on both the SDGs and the Samoa Pathway.

UN Resolution

UN Resolution on the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme which was endorsed by the UNSC at its 46th Session which noted inter alia, the efforts made by countries in the 2010 census round to reduce costs, improve the quality and timeliness of census operations and the wide dissemination of census results through the use of new methodologies and contemporary technologies in the different phases of the census operation.

Dissemination Approach

Type of Product	Topic	Method of Dissemination	Remarks
Data Tables	Basic Tables- (these are pre-defined tables)	-Electronic copies to be distributed via the Census e-portal platform which allows for the preparation of dashboards with graphs, charts, etc.	-the e-portal platform was developed with funding from the IDB but is currently being upgraded with funding from the CDB -it is currently being populated with data from the 1990, 2000, and 2010 census rounds but is limited by the availability of the countries' data set



Dissemination Approach (Cont'd)

Target Audience

- The Media, Academia, policy makers, data users and producers, etc.

Note: This remains the same for all the other products *except for Infographics*

- Primary and Secondary School students

Dissemination Approach (Cont'd)

Some data required for the production of the Basic tables/ Data Tables

1. Population by sex and five-year age grouping by

- ethnicity; Industry; marital status
- highest certification;
- main activity in the past 12 months;
- main activity in the past week;
- main administrative area.

2. Female population by five-year age grouping by

- number of live births ever had;
- union status; religion, type of worker;
- number of live births in the past 12 months;
- relationship to head of household;
- occupation for which trained.

3. Percent housing units by type of tenure and by

- material of roof;
- type of cooking fuel;
- type of lighting;
- type of toilet facilities;
- type of water facilities;
- year built;
- material of outer wall.

4. Percent housing units by type of dwelling and by type of tenure;

5. Percent housing units by size and by number of rooms;



Dissemination Approach (Cont'd)

Note:

- The production of the other products in this plan depends on availability of funding as funding are to be mobilized- hoping to have these done in collaboration with IDPs
- Data requirements for the other products in this plan have not been fleshed out as yet;
 - This will be dependent on the topics that will be focused on/funded- countries will be informed on this at that time;
- Additionally, it should be noted that it is expected that most of our countries will include the agreed CARICOM core questions in their respective censuses questionnaires which will result in a core set of data from these countries.

Dissemination Approach (Cont'd)

Type of Product	Topic	Method of Dissemination	Remarks
Regional Special Topic Monographs -will include Charts, and other visualization features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -International Migration -Gender and Development Issues -Elderly -Unemployment/Employment -Children and Youth: A Situation Analysis -Crime -Impact of COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hard/printed copies- to be distributed to international and regional agencies, Libraries, universities -Electronic copies to be distributed via RSP website also via email to other directorates in CARICOM Secretariat, international and regional organisations/agencies, Libraries, universities, NSOs, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topics such as Disability and Health, Education and Training; and Housing could be included if considered as regional priorities

Dissemination Approach (Cont'd)

Type of Product	Topic	Method of Dissemination	Remarks
Infographics -will include Charts, and other visualization features (including social maps if possible)	-Education -Housing -Water and Sanitation -Crime -Impact of COVID-19 -Migration -Gender -Ageing -Unemployment/ Employment - Youths	-Printed flyers, posters- to be distributed to international and regional agencies, Libraries, educational institutions (including schools), etc . -Electronic copies to be distributed via emails (to CARICOM Secretariat staff, international and regional agencies, Libraries, universities, NSOs; CARICOM website, RSP website, Census Facebook page, the Census e-portal platform particularly on dashboards	-These would be prepared and distributed as part of our Caribbean Statistics Day activities and any other similar events/activities

Dissemination Approach (Cont'd)

Type of Product	Topic	Method of Dissemination	Remarks
National Analytical Reports -will include Charts, population pyramids and other visualization features	All common topics covered in Census	-Hard/printed copies- to be distributed to international and regional agencies, Libraries, universities, NSOs -Electronic copies to be accessible via RSP website and other partner websites e.g. international and regional agencies, Libraries, universities, NSOs	-expected to be coordinated by RSP provided funding is realized



Dissemination Approach (Cont'd)

Other products under consideration includes:

- Audio visual products;
- Press Releases/ Release articles;
- Information Booklets on statistics for schools



Thank you!!!