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#### **Update on plans for next census of 2020 round**

## **State Statistics Office, Ukraine**

### **PREPARATIONS TO THE 202 POPULATION CENSUS**

#### **Planning and management of the 2020 Ukrainian population census**

During the previous world round of population and housing censuses (2005-2014) Ukraine fixed, in accordance with the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 9 April 2008 No. 581-r, 'On conducting the Ukrainian Population Census in 2011, the timeframe of the next census, i.e. 10 years after the first Ukrainian Population Census. However, due to the lack of financing for organizing and conducting the census, as well as given the political and economic situation in the country, the Government several times made the decisions to postpone the census, finally, it was postponed to 2020.

Ukraine will participate in the 2020 census based on the methodological principles applied in the EU countries, in line with the recommendations of EUROSTAT and the Conference of European Statisticians.

Starting from 2008, the State Statistics Office has made a number of preparatory steps:

- conducted a pilot census;
- developed and approved the Ukrainian Population Census Programme. The census programme was prepared with the involvement of relevant ministries, agencies, academic and international organizations. The draft programme was widely discussed by the public; after that it was reviewed and approved by the joint session of the Presidium of the National Academy of Science and the Board of the State Statistics Office;
- prepared, approved and published census toolkit (a considerable part of it);
- prepared map materials;
- prepared municipal lists of residential houses (by quarters) and lists of villages;
- created physical facilities (produced racks, bags for temporary enumerators, boxes for storage and transportation of census documents);
- with the UNFPA assistance, developed software solutions for census zoning using GIS;

- put in place the infrastructure, hardware and software for census data processing (scanners for reading information from census forms, servers, workstations, data storage and archiving systems and means, etc.).

However, since there were no budget allocations starting from the second quarter of 2013, even for salaries, this resulted in the suspension of all activities and firing of already trained enumerators in the regional statistics offices.

Due to the recent changes in the legal framework, economic, social, demographic and migration processes, some preparatory activities will have to be updated or even repeated.

Thus, the processes of decentralization and decommunization increasingly impact the changes in the administrative and political division of Ukraine. In its turn, this requires updating considerable part of map materials, relisting houses and dwellings in urban settlements and relisting villages.

Prior to the population census some other critical steps need to be made which require additional resources.

Special focus should be made on the preparation of census institutional plans, and especially – census zoning.

The changes in the legal framework will most probably require updating the questionnaire (questions and response options). This will require reapproving the Ukrainian Population Census Programme and, potentially, carrying out another pilot census.

The census is planned to be a traditional census by visiting and interviewing people and completing paper forms by enumerators. The questionnaire includes 27 questions that are in line with the main topics of the CES Recommendations for the 2020 censuses of population and housing.

For data input, Ukraine plans to use the technologies of stream scanning and intellectual recognition of symbols and tags in various census forms. The data input process is almost completely automated, responses (as marks or symbols) will automatically be recognized and coded.

When developing the strategy for disseminating data of the future national population census the State Statistics Office plans, in addition to expanding the topics for print publications, to focus on the creation of modern IT products (specifically, provision of access not only to analysis outcomes, such as tables, figures, etc. but the data themselves (microdata), preparation of thematic maps using GIS, creation of interactive databases).

With the UNFPA support, Ukraine created a set of microdata of the 2001 Ukrainian Population Census. As a result of this work, a sample of microdata (10%) of the 2001 Ukrainian Population Census was placed into the IPUMS International database.

The Ukrainian Population Census web site has been created and the content is being developed for it. It publishes existing documents related to the census preparations, associated legal documents, database with data from the previous censuses.

At present, the State Statistics Office is progressing with elaborating major methodological and organizational provisions of the future census.