

# *The Pilot of the Population Census and the Preparation for the Main Population and Housing Census in 2020*

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## LEGAL AND REGULATORY DOCUMENTS

The main enacted legal and regulatory documents:

- ❖ Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on the Population Census
- ❖ Other legal and regulatory documents (decrees, orders)
- ❖ **Draft decree of the president of the Republic of Tajikistan on the 2020 population and housing census in the Republic of Tajikistan, which establishes the date of the population census**

## TRIAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2018

The trial population and housing census took place from 10-24 October 2018 (in two regions)

- ▶ Methodological documentation (questionnaires, guidelines, instructions, etc.)
- ▶ The preparation of the list of residential buildings (using a tablet)
- ▶ GIS technologies to list residential buildings

## TRIAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2018

- ▶ The methods used for the trial population and housing census in 2018
  1. Online survey (self-reporting)
  2. Tablets
  3. Traditional method (paper questionnaires)

# TRIAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2018

## 1. Online survey

- ▶ Online survey in urban areas
- ▶ The collection of preliminary data about the residents who have Internet access (concomitantly with the listing of residential buildings)
- ▶ The development of software and online questionnaires (on the Agency's website)
- ▶ Mobile text alerts to announce the beginning of the census and for logins and passwords
- ▶ The establishment of terminals (Internet access)
- ▶ The online census survey completed within five days

# TRIAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2018

## 2. Tablets

- ▶ Tablets in urban areas (the average workload of a census taker covered 650 individuals)
- ▶ Special software and census forms for the tablets
- ▶ The tablets connected to the Internet (to access the database on the Agency's server)
- ▶ Approximately 40% of the population registered using the tablets during the trial population census

## TRIAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2018

### 3. Traditional method (paper questionnaires)

- ▶ Traditional method in rural areas (the average workload of a census taker covered 380 individuals)



## TRIAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2018

- ❖ GIS technology for the trial population census
  - Lack of experience in this field
  - Lack of digital cartographic data (database)
  - Supposed to be implemented for urban areas at the initial phase of the trial population census in 2018
  - GIS set up for urban areas, but, by that time, the census had already started (with the financial assistance from UNFPA)
  - Paper cartographic materials were used

## TRIAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2018

- ❖ Raising public awareness as part of the trial population census
  - Roundtables and TV adds about the census
  - Radio adds
  - Posters, billboards, leaflets, and various calendars advertising the census

## TRIAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2018

- ❖ The processing of the materials of the 2018 trial population and housing census
  - The processing of census forms (paper based, 50,000 questionnaires)
  - Scanning techniques to process the trial census materials

# THE PREPARATION FOR THE MAIN POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2020



## **Conclusions and recommendations following the trial census and main takeaways regarding the population census:**

1. Stick to UNECE's principles and recommendations on conducting population censuses and using new technologies for population and housing censuses
2. List residential buildings using a tablet:
  - a) For online surveys
  - b) Plan to determine the coordinates of each residential building (X, Y)
  - c) Identify households practicing agriculture

# THE PROGRESS IN PREPARING FOR THE MAIN POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2020



3. Prepare the organizational plan for the implementation of the population and housing census (census stations, briefing stations, and enumeration stations)
4. Finish the census forms in accordance with the recommendation
5. Prepare methodological documentation for the main census
6. Print and multiply the census documentation
7. Involve international organizations in the population census (for financial and technical assistance). Organize donor meetings and bilateral meetings.
8. Finance the population census:
  - ▶ Finance the population census from the state budget
  - ▶ The main partner in preparing and conducting the population and housing census in the Republic of Tajikistan is UNFPA
  - ▶ The Agency also attracts other international partners

# THE PROGRESS IN PREPARING FOR THE MAIN POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS IN 2020



9. The methods used for the 2020 population and housing census:

- a) Online survey
- b) Tablets (approximately 25% in urban areas)
- c) Traditional method (paper questionnaires)

10. Awareness raising (video and audio adds, posters, calendars, etc.)

**THANK YOU!**