

## 9. Leaving no-one behind: Costa Rica's experience for the 2020 Census round

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Costa Rica began the census preparation in 2018 and one of the first steps was to establish a conceptual framework and develop an extensive consultation process, to determine, in an inclusive way, what would be the topics that should be investigated.

The process of consultation and construction of the conceptual framework included special processes for issues related to the population with disabilities and ethnic groups. A dialogue with organized civil society enabled us to define the methodologies and questions that would be included in the next census.

Inter-institutional teams were created, with the participation of civil society, and a range of methodologies were used according to the needs of each group. The process allowed the census questionnaire to include the appropriate questions to respond to the information needs, but also to be a participatory process where each party provided their experience and opinion to reach consensus, not only regarding the questionnaire, but also in other relevant aspects such as communication and training of the interviewing staff.

The objective of the presentation will be to expose the experience of Costa Rica in this process as an input for other countries that are preparing their census and which require a methodology to guarantee the inclusion of different groups in society.