POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN – 2020 ROUND

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Preparation and conduct of the 2020 Population and Housing Census

Presidential Statistical Agency of the Republic of Tajikistan completed a number of activities to prepare for and conduct the 2020 Population and Housing Census (2016-2020):

1. Preparation and adoption of the Population and Housing Census regulatory framework (Law On Population Census, decrees, resolutions)
2. Designing the 2020 Population and Housing Census programme (methodology, instructions, questionnaires, etc.)
3. Conducting 2018 Pilot Population and Housing Census (using new methods of data collection, new procedure and new methods of data processing)
4. Listing residential and non-residential buildings for the 2020 Population and Housing Census completed (tablet computers were for the first time used for data collection);

5. Preparation for the conduct of the Population and Housing Census (cities/towns and administrative districts divided into census areas, supervisory and enumeration areas, the number of required temporary staff determined);

6. Meeting of the State Committee for the Assistance to the Population Census (instructions to ministries, agencies and local governments)
7. Large-scale awareness raising activities (TV, radio, magazines and newspapers):

- Specialists of the Statistical Agency participated in round tables on TV and radio dedicated to Population Census with focus on the significance and importance of the event;
- calendars manufactured;
- explanatory leaflets manufactured (A4, A3, A1);
- banners manufactured (4x2, 6x4);
- posters and other materials manufactured.
8. Temporary staff hired for the 2020 Population and Housing Census (27,000 persons);

9. Temporary staff trained in the methodology and conduct of the 2020 Population and Housing Census;
10. Safety of temporary staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Temporary staff were provided with protective gear to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection during the conduct of the Population Census:

- Disinfectants;
- Disposable face masks (over 1 million);
- Disposable gloves;
- Information leaflets
11. The 2020 Population and Housing Census was conducted 1-15 October. The Census involved three data collection methods:

- Web-based census form (SMS, website [www.aholi.tj](http://www.aholi.tj));
- Tablet computer (over 3,500 tablets);
- Traditional method (paper-based).

12. Checking census form for completeness, preparation of materials for scanning and processing;

13. Three centres were established for the processing of Population and Housing Census materials, traditional method (Sughd and Khatlon Region, and the city of Dushanbe (for Districts under Central Government Jurisdiction and Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region)}
14. First results of the 2020 Population and Housing Census (September 2021)

15. Completion of the processing of Census materials and their transfer to the database for data merge and cleaning

16. Merge and cleaning of the 2020 Population and Housing Census database (checking data for completeness, removing duplicates, preparing the database for the input of the Population Census results)
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2. A number of training workshops were conducted:
   a) For the executive and enumeration staff of local statistical authorities - Listing residential and non-residential buildings for the Population Census;
   b) For the executive and enumeration staff of local statistical authorities - Compiling a logistics plan of the Population and Housing Census;
   c) For the executive and enumeration staff of local statistical authorities - Population and Housing Census Procedure
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3. Training workshops were conducted with the representatives of ministries and agencies - Population and Housing Census procedure and completing census documentation, including online;

4. As part of the Population Census awareness raising campaign:

- Calendars for the year 2020 were manufactured;
- Explanatory leaflets were manufactured (A4, A3, A1);
- Banners were manufactured;
- Videos were created to encourage public participation in the Population Census (in Tajik, Russian and English);
- Audio advertisements were created to encourage public participation in the Population Census (in Tajik, Russian and English);
5. Personal protective gear against COVID-19 (disinfectants, masks) was provided by UNFPA to stop the spread of coronavirus infection during the conduct of the Population and Housing Census;

6. With UNFPA support the following donors were engaged for the preparation, conduct and processing of the Population Census data:

- UNHCR;
- UN World Food Programme (WFP)
- UNICEF;
- Other
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7. Technical assistance was provided.

The following equipment was provided:

- Tablet computers - 677 pcs. (after the Census, all tablets were returned to UNFPA);
- Laptops - 100 pcs.
- Printers - 80 pcs.
- Stationery (for training workshops)

8. Procurement of software for the scanning and processing of the Population Census materials (United Nations Population Fund);

9. Procurement of high volume scanners for scanning and processing of the Population Census materials (UNICEF, UN World Food Programme);

10. Engaging local specialists for database merge (Internet, tablet computer, traditional method) and producing final Population and Housing Census data.
1. Completing the cleaning of three databases of the Population and Housing Census

2. Producing first results of the 2020 Population and Housing Census (by the end of 2022)

3. Preparation of two volumes of Population and Housing Census data (by the end of 2022)
   - Population count and distribution in the Republic of Tajikistan
   - Population of the Republic of Tajikistan by gender, age and marital status.
4. Key results that to be disseminated in 2023-2024;
- Restricted circulation output tables (135 tables)
- Eight volumes, ethnic composition, citizenship, education, number and composition of households, sources of livelihood, employment, birth rate, housing, and other data (2023-2024);
- Monograph, Atlas;
- Various thematic collections;
- Analytical reports;
- Other publications;

5. Creating a platform for the dissemination of the 2020 Population and Housing Census final results (with UNFPA support)
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