Developing the 2030 Recommendations

Sections outside the scope of the task forces

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Process and principles 1

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- In early 2021 the Steering Group identified sections or chapters requiring significant revision, redevelopment or new development the 13 task forces
- Any existing sections not covered by the scope of these task forces: not deemed to require substantial changes. But still had to be revised and updated
- Steering Group provided guidance and background materials to inform revisions.

Process and principles 2



- Changes guided by similar principles to the task forces:
 - Simplifying expression, increasing clarity, improving structure
 - Checking links, references, changes in standards (definitions, classifications etc.)
 - Updating terminology, socially acceptable expressions, examples
 - Ensuring relevance to all census designs including register-based censuses
 - Ensuring coherence with UNSD P&R whenever relevant and possible
 - Avoiding unnecessary duplication of P&R content
 - Reducing undue detail where content is available elsewhere and/or not relevant for a majority of CES countries.

Sections



- Costs
- Demographic characteristics
- Census legislation
- Outsourcing
- Educational characteristics
- Ethnocultural characteristics

- Disability
- Geographic characteristics
- Agriculture

Costs:



- 6 'main operational phases' replaced with 8 GSBPM phases (recognizing that cost planning should be part of all phases, including 'specify needs' & 'design')
- New heading to distinguish material on cost management
- Better aligned with recent CES work on assessing benefits

Demographic characteristics:



- New TF9 section on sex and gender will be included
- Terminological changes (elderly, opposite sex)
- Category added to classification of de facto marital status for non co-resident partners

- Definitions vs body text
- Re-order chapters to make contiguous with hh & family

Census legislation:



- Previously part of field & other operational activities chapter
- Increased internal structure
- Added key roles of census legislation

- Borrowed content from other CES guidance:
 - aspects to be specified in legislation
 - clarity of roles & political independence
 - timing and flexibility
 - aligning with data protection laws
- Footnotes referencing these resources
- Communication with public on legal aspects

Outsourcing:



- Previously part of technology chapter
- Little to no need for outsourcing in registerbased censuses
- Re-ordered candidate areas for outsourcing

- Harmonized terminology (contracting out —) outsourcing)
- References ISO standard on info security management

Educational characteristics:



- Improved definition and context in intro
- Updated links and references to UNESCO resources

- Recommended age threshold for collecting info on educational attainment raised from 10 to 15 years, acknowledging deviation from P&R
- Non-core topic 'computer literacy' removed

Ethnocultural characteristics:



- New sub-divisions to break up text
- New recommendation on instruction of enumerators for open declaration of ethnicity
- Suggested classification of religion removed

- Terminology on language updated ('mother tongue')
- Recognition of multiple languages.

Remaining questions



- Agriculture: await discussions with FAO and UNSD
- Disability: reduce significantly? (not topics, but explanation, background, text that is identical to P&R or taken directly from WHO/ICF and Washington Group)
- Geographic characteristics:

(location of place of residence, location of living quarters, urban/rural areas, degree of urbanization, grid square characteristics, commuting characteristics....)

Thank you for your attention!

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