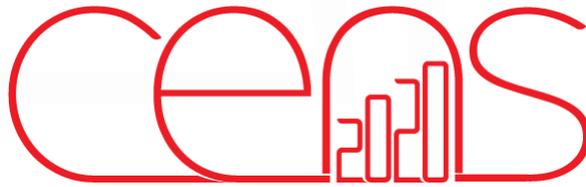
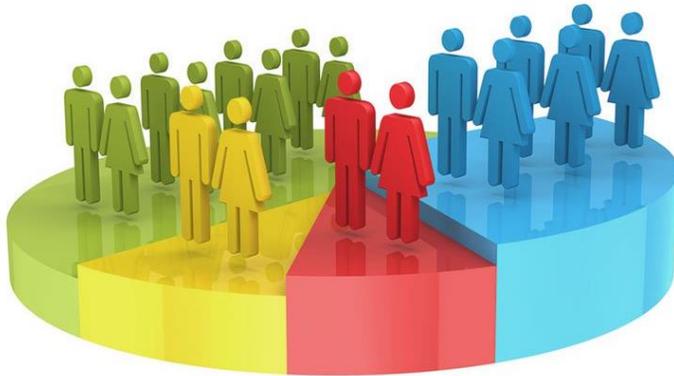


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POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2020

INSTAT has planned to conduct the next Population and Housing Census (PHC) in 2020. The 2020 Albanian PHC will follow the method of universal direct enumeration based on field operations with compilation of questionnaires by enumerators, using new methods for data collection.

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COMMUNICATION

Selecting Population and Housing Census 2020 LOGO



On 3rd of May 2019, the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) in cooperation with UNFPA organized the award ceremony for the winners of the Census 2020 logo competition. Present at this event were the Director General of INSTAT, Mrs. Delina Ibrahimaj and the United Nation Representative to Albania, Mr. Brian Williams

The winning logo will accompany the entire Population and Housing Census 2020 processes and activities. Tomas Kuka, third year student for Communication & Design, was the winner of this logo competition.

Mission on drafting Census 2020 Communication Strategy



From 10 to 13th of June 2019, there was a mission on Census 2020 Communication Strategy at INSTAT premise. The aim of this mission was to draft a communication strategy, based on current country situation assessment and the new opportunities being offered by Census 2020. During the mission, meetings were held also, with representatives of minorities and groups of interest.

At the end of the mission, the expert offered a guidance on drafting the communication strategy for Census 2020

Visibility Manual and Communication Plan for Pilot Census 2020

During the period April - June 2019, it is prepared the Visibility Manual following the guidelines of the European Commission for beneficiaries of IPA funds.

The aim of the Communication and Visibility Plan is to ensure that all communication means and procedures follows to the norms and regulations of INSTAT and the EU, and provide valuable communication on the importance of the Census, informing stakeholders and the public at large on the impact that this project will have in their lives.



The Visibility Manual is in the finalization phase and will also serve for the communication plan for the Pilot Census 2020.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Second monitoring mission from the EU Delegation for the Population and Housing Census 2020

From 3rd to 7th of June, took place the second monitoring mission with two experts contracted from the European Delegation to Albania. Its mission aims at evaluating and monitoring the preparatory work for Census 2020, as well as the engagement of all actors involved in the process, to ensure the smooth implementation of Census 2020 activities. At the mission time, meetings were held with members of each Census Working Group unit on regard of the performance of activities they cover. At the end of the mission, experts prepare monitoring reports by giving recommendations / advice on both the legal framework and the operational and technical aspects of Census` activities.

Signing of the Technical Assistance Contract for Census 2020



During June 2019, the procurement procedure for the service contract "Support for the implementation of Population and Housing Census 2020 activities" was completed. On 21st of June, 2019, the contract was signed with the winning company "GOPA Consultants". The consulting company will provide technical and capacity building assistance for the implementation of housing and population registration 2020.

First kick-off meeting in the framework of technical assistance for Census 2020



The first kick-off meeting within the framework of the project "Support for the Implementation of Population and Housing Census 2020", is organized on 3rd July 2019, at INSTAT premises. Participants to this meeting were representatives of INSTAT, The European Delegation in Albania, the General Directorate of Financing and Contracts for EU Funds, WB and other Donors (CFCU), and the group of experts contracted by the company "GOPA Consultants".

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce all the parties involved in the project, who will follow the project implementation, both operationally and contractually.

Recruitment of additional staff for Census 2020

In the framework of the Census 2020 project preparation work, from March to June 2019, additional staffs are employed i.e. GIS surveyors and specialists, operators, procurement specialist, designer, IT programmer. The Census s Project Coordinators Office is set up, with three coordinators in its structure.

INSTAT has developed the online recruitment application system and starting from 10th of May 2019, applications for vacancies in the Civil Service as well as those with temporary services will be made online at INSTAT website: <http://rekrutime.instat.gov.al>.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Finalization of the standard questionnaire and collective housing

Standard and collective housing questionnaires are finalized. Their final versions are prepared according to the format to be used for CAPI application, coupled with logical controls, which are essential for developing data collection application software. These versions will be used and tested during the data collection in Pilot Census. A draft manual for interviewers` is prepared, with reference to the final versions of the questionnaires, working with the maps, the role and the tasks to be performed by an interviewer in field and the use of data collection device.

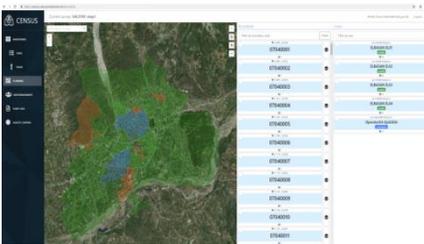
Data Collection Application for Pilot Census 2020

From April to June 2019, the IT Unit developed the CAPI application for data collection of the field interviewers. The testing phase is one of the most important stages of application development, as through improvements that can be made during this phase, can avoid mistakes that may cost further in the procedures of data processing and analysing. The CAPI application for surveyors was tested in terms of functionality (data collection, logical controls), usage (navigation and content), layout (i.e. to make sure error messages appear properly), performance (how the application works in case the tablet or application itself crashes), with the security (identification of the interviewer). The testing detected inadequacies which will be reflected in further versions.

Throughout the CENS implementation process, the quality of data collected is only one of the dimensions that are needed to be taken into account, since reliable data depend on the accuracy and reliability of all phases. In this context, a draft version of the Census 2020 Quality Assurance Strategy is prepared. The strategy outlines the key quality assurance measurements and procedures to be undertaken by INSTAT.

GEO-INFORMATIO AND LOGISTIC

Survey on map updates areas for Census 2020



In accordance with the work plan and preparations for Census 2020, in April 1st 2019 started the survey on the Census maps update. The survey is one of the main activities in the Census front stage and for the period April-June 2019 the work- flow was as scheduled, whereas about 30% of all Census areas are updated.

Along with the field work, also, GIS operators continued their check work through a special "Dashboard" application that enables distributing the workflow to each surveyor, updating status, job control, and timely field tracking work of each surveyor.

Defining the enumeration areas for pilot Census 2020

Within the framework of the pilot Census 2020, the enumeration areas (EAs) in which the pilot project will be piloting, are defined and approved, according to previous criteria defined by the methodology unit. Census pilot enumeration areas are updated, to 95% out of the total. The number of households will be approximately 12,500. In this context, the quality control for the pilot is being undertaken and will start the geospatial update (editing) for Census. The following table summarizes the distribution of pilot Census areas per each Municipality.

Qarku	Bashkia	Zona Pilot për Bashki
DURRËS	DURRËS	20
KORÇA	KOLONJA	10
KORÇA	MALIQ	8
KORÇA	PUSTEC	2
KUKËS	KUKËS	10
SHKODËR	MALËSI E MADHE	2
SHKODËR	SHKODËR	12
TIRANA	TIRANA	20
VLORA	HIMARA	2
VLORA	VLORA	14

Logistic Draft-Plan for Census 2020

During April-June 2019, a logistic draft plan for Census 2020 is prepared and it is underway the finalization of the job descriptions for Census field staff at the municipality and prefecture level. The INSTAT Regional Offices are informed on the geographical distribution of enumeration areas.

From 01.05.to 01.06. 2019, the human resources unit has finalized the job descriptions for the enumeration, controller and supervisors, that will be engaged for the implementation of pilot Census 2020 activities.

Forthcoming activities for the period July- September 2019

During the third semester 2019, the following activities will be conducted:

- Organization of the Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) for the Grant Contract "Support for Implementation of Population and Housing Census 2020 Activities in Albania" and Technical Assistance contracted in the framework of Grant.
- Third monitoring mission of experts contracted by the European Union, to monitor and evaluate pilot Census preparatory work.
- Organizing the launching Conference for the technical assistance contract funded by the European Union in the framework of CENSUS support.
- Requirment of interviewers, controller, supervisors and IT supporting officers.

- Trainings of all level of staff involved in Pilot Census, such as training of INSTAT staff, training of IT support staff and recruited GIS, training of supervisors, controllers and interviewers.
 - Start of the communication campaign, which will include: organization of roundtables; organization of TV and Radio interviews, preparation of informative leaflets and the preparation of pilot Census posters.
 - Preparation of a manuals for interviewers, controllers, supervisors, coordinators and IT support officers. As of 15 August 2019, all manuals for surveyors will be finalized.
 - Testing and monitoring of the CAPI application for controllers and supervisors. The entire process will be tested and monitored, and will start the preparation of tablets for filed data collection.
 - Inventory and storage of materials and devices needed for training sessions and the field work.
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