

Census Preparation Activities to Date

-  Census project document developed
-  Government commitment to adhere to International Standards on Census received through the exchange of Official Framing Letters with the UN
-  Census Mapping and Cartography technical assistance provided
-  Technical support provided for Data Capture and Processing
-  Census equipment and software procured
-  Study Tour to Thailand conducted on use of modern technology in Census
-  Support provided to update Census Law
-  A Plan developed for Census Advocacy, Communication and Publicity
-  Technical assistance provided for development of Census Questionnaire
-  Technical assistance provided for the development of Census Instruction Manuals
-  Ongoing support provided by Chief Technical Advisor on Population Census



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EVERYONE COUNTS
REQUIRES
COUNTING EVERYONE**

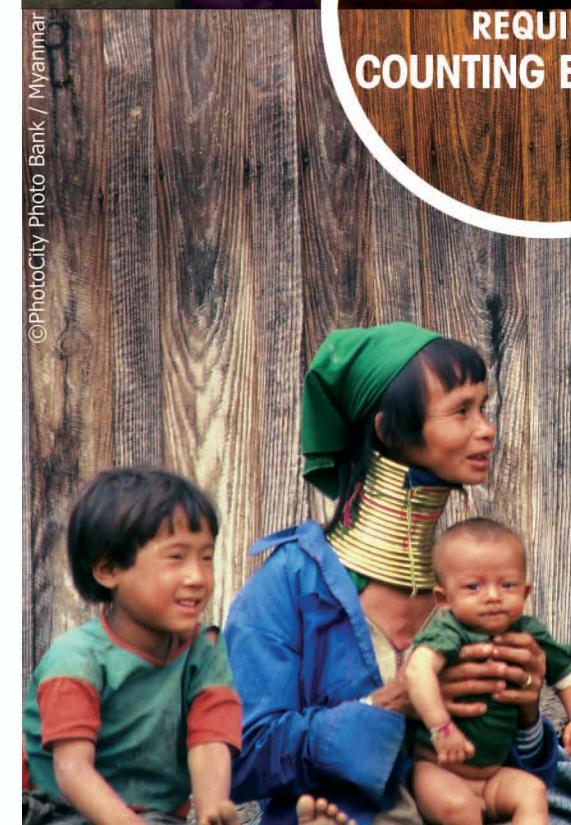
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UNFPA Special Initiative on Census

UNFPA's Special Initiative on Census seeks to ensure that no country fails to carry out a Population and Housing Census during the 2010 census round (2006-2015) either due to financial constraints or lack of technical capacity. Supporting countries in the collection, analysis and dissemination of data for development is a critical component of UNFPA's mandate

The Special Initiative facilitates access to technical resources and training opportunities in preparation for the census and encourages South-South cooperation across countries and regions.

It also seeks to ensure that data generated from the census are widely disseminated and extensively used for the preparation of development plans and programmes, as well as for their monitoring and evaluation.





Benefits

No census has been undertaken in Myanmar since 1983. Without up-to-date data, it is difficult for planners, policy makers and programme managers to formulate, implement, monitor and evaluate development programmes in the country. The census will enhance Myanmar's contribution to:

- (a) Poverty reduction - by helping to identify groups needing special attention
- (b) The empowerment of local communities - through enhanced access to local social and demographic data
- (c) Increased participation in local decision-making - by increasing the knowledge of local needs and demographic trends.

Challenges

The success of a census will depend on a number of factors including national commitment, donor commitment, capacity building and quality assurance. There are, however, a number of challenges and potential risks that need to be taken into account as the census is implemented. These include the need to:

- (a) Mobilize adequate financial resources in a timely manner
- (b) Continue to strengthen technical capacity in census-taking
- (c) Facilitate access of enumerators to conflict and hard to reach areas
- (d) Ensure the support and cooperation of various ethnic groups for the census

The Government is aware of all these challenges and risk-mitigation measures have been identified to address them.

Costs

The total cost of the 2014 Population and Housing Census is estimated at US\$58.5 million.

UNFPA's has planned to contribute US\$5 million to the 2014 Census while the Government has committed US\$15 million. This leaves a funding gap of US\$38.5 million.



How you can help

To show how your financial contributions can directly impact the success of the 2014 Census, please see the table below, which outlines the census activities requiring your assistance:

Budget Summary by Major Activity

No.	Activities	US\$
1.	Mapping	1,507,060
2.	Printing and distribution	2,797,600
3.	Stationery	100,000
4.	Computer equipment	4,552,915
5.	Printer toners	144,000
6.	Furniture	449,032
7.	Publicity and advocacy	712,500
8.	Site preparation	6,230,313
9.	Transportation	3,030,000
10.	Pilot census	194,607
11.	Census field work	26,683,875
12.	Petrol and maintenance	4,019,250
13.	Publications	224,750
14.	International technical assistance	972,000
15.	Study Tours	160,000
16.	In-house training and books	80,000
17.	Meetings and workshops	1,536,500
18.	10% Contingency	5,323,917.4
TOTAL		58,563,087

Myanmar 2014 Census

A population census is the total process of collecting, compiling, evaluating and analyzing as well as publishing and disseminating demographic, economic and social data pertaining, at a specific time, to all the persons in a country.

The planning and management stage of the Myanmar 2014 census has already started; it is expected that the process will be finalized by the end of 2016. The census enumeration will take place during the period 30 March to 10 April 2014. Provisional results are expected to be ready by July 2014 and the definitive results released in early 2015.

UNFPA's Support

In keeping with the goal of the UNFPA Special Initiative on Census, UNFPA is currently providing technical assistance on census preparation activities including the recruitment of a Chief Technical Advisor for Census and the dispatch of short-term technical advisors to each of the areas of census operation such as mapping and cartography, questionnaire design, data capturing and processing, advocacy and publicity as well as data analysis. Currently, UNFPA is providing training to government agencies on data collection. Additionally, UNFPA will support the conduct of the pilot census scheduled to take place in 2013 in 20 townships to allow for the testing of census-related tools including the census questionnaire.

UNFPA facilitates the sharing of experiences, the transfer of knowledge and expertise and the development of robust monitoring, evaluation and quality control systems to ensure reliability of the census. UNFPA has formed an International Technical Advisory Board consisting of prominent experts to advise the Government throughout the census operation.