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FOREWORD

For the first three decades of its existence, UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund has played a leadership role, together with other UN partners including the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in supporting capacity building in the area of data collection and census-taking in developing countries. Many countries, across all continents, would have been unable to conduct censuses without this assistance. This ranges from support for all census costs in some countries (in the case of UNFPA), to technical aspects of capacity building, including cartography, data collection and processing, data analysis and dissemination. In many countries, these censuses have provided the only source of information on the population and its characteristics.

Countries and other development partners are committed to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which were agreed upon by world leaders through the 2000 Millennium Declaration. However, measuring progress towards the MDGs depends to a large extent on availability of census information and data. A primary source of information about the number and characteristics of a given population, a Population and Housing Census (PHC) is a necessity for achieving the MDGs and for any development planning. In addition, the unique strengths of PHCs arise from the completeness of coverage and the details they provide about the population in local areas and sub-groups. A census also provides a sampling frame, as well as a baseline for population and related functional projections that are crucial for sectoral development planning and for the comparability of basic development indicators within and among countries.

During the thirty-fifth Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (March 2004), the importance of the 2010 Round of Censuses (2005-2014) was underscored. All Member States noted that although censuses are very expensive exercises, they are indispensable, and therefore, should be undertaken.

This Report is the outcome of the International Meeting on the 2010 Round of Census which was organized in February 2005 through a joint collaboration between UNFPA and UNSD. The meeting focused on: i) a review of the problem areas experienced in the 2000 Round of Censuses, including the serious under-utilization and poor dissemination of census results at the national and sub-national levels; ii) a description of the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses; iii) a discussion of proposed strategies for the successful implementation of the 2010 Round of Censuses; and, iv) the development of an advocacy and resource mobilization plan for the 2010 Round, which identifies the resources needed to ensure successful implementation and emphasizes the value of censuses in measuring progress towards the MDGs. The Report also includes the presentations and contributions which were made by participants through statements, notes and papers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants for their valuable presentations and contributions.

We are delighted at the opportunity of this joint effort and look forward to an enhanced collaboration in this very important area. We would like to convey sincere thanks to all the participants at the meeting for their invaluable contributions. We also thank UNFPA and UNSD technical and professional staff for their tremendous efforts in organizing and coordinating the work of the meeting. Special thanks go to Francois Farah and Kourtoum Nacro, from the Population and Development Branch of UNFPA Headquarters, and Srdjan Mrkic and Yacob Zewoldi from the United Nations Statistics Division for their hard work during all the steps involved in organizing the meeting and producing the report. Special thanks also go to Soulimane Baro, Mady Biaye of UNFPA Country Technical Services Teams (CSTs); Richard Dackam-Ngatchou, formerly of CST; Rama Nott Rao and Robert Bush, UNFPA Consultants; and Sharyn Sohlberg, Secretary, for their contributions in producing this report.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACAP	African Census Analysis Project	MERCOSUR	Mercado Común del Sur (Common Market of the South)
ADRASS	Association pour le Développement de la Recherche Appliquée en Sciences Sociales	NGO	non-governmental organization
CARICOM	Caribbean Community	OMR	Optical Mark Recognition
CCA/UNDAF	Common Country Assessment/United Nations Development Assistance Framework	PARIS21	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century
CELADE	Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre	PDS	Population and Development Strategies
CST	Country Technical Services Team	PHC	Population and Housing Census
DESA	Department of Economic and Social Affairs	SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)	SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	STATCAP	Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council of the United Nations	UN	United Nations
EU	European Union	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
GIS	geographic information system	UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
GPS	Global Positioning System	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
HIPC	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries	UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development	UNSC	United Nations Statistical Commission
ICR	Intelligent Character Recognition	UNSD	United Nations Statistics Division
IPC	International Programs Center	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
IUSSP	International Union for the Scientific Study of Population	WPPHC	World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses
LSMS	Living Standard Measurement Survey		
MDG	Millennium Development Goals		
MEASURE	Monitoring and Evaluation to Assess and Use Results		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), organized an international meeting on “Advocacy and Resource Mobilization towards the Successful Implementation of the 2010 Round (2005–2014) of Population and Housing Censuses in Developing Countries” in New York on 24 and 25 February 2005.

The meeting was attended by 64 participants from various United Nations agencies and affiliates, national statistics/census offices, bilateral donors, non-governmental organizations, and academic and technical organizations. The meeting also included representatives from developing country governmental policy-making and funding organizations.

The meeting focused on: 1) a review of the problem areas experienced in the 2000 Round of Censuses, including the serious under-utilization and poor dissemination of census results at the national and sub-national levels; 2) a description of the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses; 3) a discussion of proposed strategies for the successful implementation of the 2010 Round of Censuses; and 4) the development of an advocacy and resource mobilization plan for the 2010 Round, which identifies the resources needed to ensure successful implementation of the 2010 Round and emphasizes the value of censuses in measuring progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

During the discussions, the participants reached consensus on the importance of Population and Housing Censuses; continued donor support for selected devel-

UNFPA, in collaboration with UNSD, will prepare a comprehensive Advocacy Note. The Note will be used to help mobilize resources for the 2010 Round. The Note will support the achievement of the following objectives:

- Identify and sensitize key national stakeholders, and obtain their early involvement in the census process;
- Ensure that national statistical/census offices play a pro-active role in data dissemination and make the strengthening of data users’ service centres an integral part of the national statistical framework;
- Highlight the use of census data, in combination with administrative and survey data, to provide indicators and information for development programmes including the MDGs;
- Document and share the lessons learned from the use of new technology;
- Strengthen coordination and the exchange of experience at the regional level, with emphasis on the sharing of census expertise, as well as the promotion of South/South cooperation for conducting censuses;
- Encourage donor participation by ensuring that censuses will be executed on time and cost-effectively; are processed quickly; and produce reliable results that are disseminated and used widely; and

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