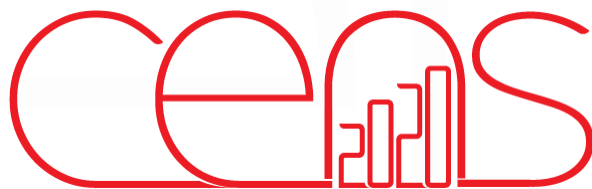


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The Census 2020 Newsletter reflects the main activities that the National Institute of Statistics of Albania (INSTAT) has undertaken and will undertake until the end of this project. This newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis. The fifth edition of the newsletter will offer insights into the activities that have been carried out from July to September 2019 and what is expected to happen the following months.

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 questionnaires being filled by enumerators, using new techniques for the collection of data.

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Opening Conference for Population and Housing Census 2020



On 20 September 2019, INSTAT in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union to Albania organized the Opening Conference on Population and Housing Census 2020. The purpose of this Conference was to inform the public and raise awareness on Population and Housing Census 2020, as well as to launch the Pilot Census which will take place between October-November 2019. This Conference was attended by all stakeholders involved in the implementation of this project.

[Opening Conference for Population and Housing Census 2020](#)

First meeting of the Steering Committee (SCM)

On August 29, 2019 was held the first meeting of the Steering Committee (SCM). The purpose of this meeting was to present the progress of Census activities. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Delegation of the European Union, the Ministry of Finance and Economy and donor representatives regarding the Census 2020 Project.

On August 9, 2019 the Inception Report was prepared by Technical Assistance. This Inception Report aims to assess the current situation of INSTAT, and to adapt the proposed activities to INSTAT's current needs. This Report contains concrete activities that are planned to be implemented during the implementation of Census 2020. Following its approval by the Steering Committee, this document will be the main reference for the project and implementation of activities.

Finalization of informative materials



During July - September 2019, INSTAT prepared and finalized the informative materials for the Pilot Census.

In this context, leaflets, badges, bags and pins with INSTAT and Census 2020 logos have been prepared and will be distributed in the pilot areas.

A presentation was also prepared for the training of supervisors, controllers, enumerators on the Code of Ethics, Protection of Personal Data and Statistical Confidentiality.

CAPI application for data collection

During July - September 2019, INSTAT in collaboration with IPA MB 2015 ad-hoc experts developed the CAPI application for data collection through the platform Survey Solution. Survey Solution is a platform built by the World Bank to develop data collection applications.

The same platform was used for the monitoring application for the controller that was developed in September. This application consists of several reporting forms:

- The report that monitors the progress of the interviewers
- The report to analyze the quality of the interviews. If the interview is completed correctly, the controller approves it. In contrary, the controller returns the interview to the interviewer for the necessary corrections.
- The report on the length of the interviews and
- The report on the number of interviews per day.

CAPI application test

During September a Pre-test was also conducted. Among the main objectives of this test was to identify improvements in the applications and to avoid errors in data collection that could lead to implications in data processing and analyzing.

The CAPI app for interviewers was tested on functionality (data collection, logical controls), usage (navigation and content), layout (e.g. make sure error messages are displayed correctly), performance (how the app works when the tablet or the application itself crashes), on security (identifying interviewers). The testing identified gaps which were reflected in further versions.

Pre-test of the questionnaire in CAPI application

During July-September 2019, missions related to the development of the questionnaire application were followed and the updated versions of the application were continuously tested to ensure a logical progression. In this context, the mission of Editing Rules was followed to review the data collection application and reflect recent changes if necessary.

The mission with the Tabulation expert was also followed, where the first draft of the Tabulation Plan was prepared.

Staff recruited for Census 2020

In the framework of the Census 2020 project preparation work, from July to September 2019, the necessary staff such as surveyors, controllers, supervisors, network IT specialist, IT specialist programmers, human resources specialist were employed. These positions were also published on the Duapuna.com portal. During August 2019, candidates were selected and the staff recruited according to the required criteria, were trained for the Census 2020 Pre-Test, in September 2019.

Map updating of the pilot enumeration areas

During July – September 2019, in implementation of the work plan and preparations for Pilot Census 2020, 100 pilot enumeration areas are updated, controlled in the field, checked in the office, cleaned and are ready to be uploaded in the census enumerator's tablet.

Map updating activities, in general are following the schedule and by the end of September approximately 73% of 12 thousand EAs are already updated and municipalities that are completed are in the process of office-control by GIS operators.

Manuals for enumerators

For the Pilot Census 2020, during July – September 2019, the manuals are being prepared for the census enumerator (GIS part) and GIS Controller.

The GIS Controlled manual is a separate manual with instructions for engaged controllers in the field during the Pilot Census and Census in support of enumerators and updating the EAs with most recent information.

Also, Power Point presentations for supervisors, controllers, enumerators and GIS controllers were prepared.

Forthcoming activities for the period October - December 2019

During the fourth trimester 2019, the following activities will be conducted:

- Starting the Census Pilot. The Census pilot will take place on 21 October 2019 and will be conducted 10 selected municipalities as specific areas, which are Durrës, Himarë, Kolonjë, Malësi e Madhe, Kukës, Maliq, Pustec, Shkodër, Tiranë and Vlorë.
 - Training of supervisors and enumerators for the Pilot Census and providing them with basic informative materials.
 - Implementation of activities in support of the communication campaign, which will include organizing roundtables, TV and Radio interviews, informing users via social networks, distributing informative leaflets, bags and pins with the INSTAT and Census logos.
 - In INSTAT will be developed the meeting with the fourth experts mission
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