WHO WILL BE COUNTED?

With the exception of diplomatic and consular personnel, the Second General Population and Housing Census will involve the enumeration of all physical persons residing, or on a temporary stay in the country during the time of the census.

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HOW WILL THE CENSUS TAKE PLACE?

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The interview will consist in answering simple questions on each member of the household.

Data will then be collected on the house occupied by the household.

All these facts shall be filled in on a questionnaire following precise instructions.

WHAT DATA WILL BE COLLECTED?

Questions will be asked on the following variables:

- Variables on the identity of houses and households (province, division, sub-division, town or village).
- Civil status (name, first name, age, sex, nationality, place of birth, etc.)
- Variables on migratory movements (place of previous residence, duration of residence, etc).
- Socio-cultural variables (level of education, certificate obtained, last class attended, etc.)
- Variables on the economic activity of the individual (job, branch of activity, status i.e. unemployed, wage-earner, employer, etc.)
- Housing variables (type of roofing, floor and wall materials; number of rooms, etc.)

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LEGAL BASIS

By decree No 85/506 of 11 April 1985, a Second Population and Housing Census (2nd GPHC) was instituted covering the entire national territory.

During this census an exhaustive inventory of human and housing resources will be carried out. This will make it possible for population figures to be determined per administrative unit.

USEFULNESS

A General Population and Housing Census constitutes a basic source of information to which reference should be made for every socio-economic programming and planning, scientific research, and for any administrative or private activity that requires data on population.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

The 2nd GPHC shall be carried out by the Ministry of Plan and Regional Development. The following organs have been set up to this effect:

- A National Board
- A Technical Committee
- A National Directorate
- Provincial, Divisional, Subdivisional and District Committees.

The National Board is the supreme organ of the 2nd Census and it lays down general guidelines and ensures the coordination and supervision of operations.

The Board is made up of Ministers and Provincial Governors.

The Technical Committee supervises the implementation of the decisions of the Board and studies all matters to be submitted to the Board.

The National Directorate shall carry out the census operations.

Regional committees shall coordinate and organize sensitization campaigns as well as the activities of other services.

TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

The 2nd GPHC will be carried out in a series of operations that can be categorized under 4 major phases:

1. - Preparatory Phase
   (conception of methods, cartography, pilot census, sensitization campaign).

2. - Field Operations
   (main enumeration, post-census survey).

3. - Processing of the Census Data

4. - Analysis and Publication of Results.

TIME TABLE OF OPERATIONS

* Preparatory work: August 1985 - March 1987
* Enumeration or census per se: April 1987

Provisional results (population figures per administrative unit) can be available as from June 1997.