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CENSUS WORKING GROUP

General Guidelines for the Capture of Census Data

Progress report

Objectives

- **General objective**

- Prepare a document with general guidelines on the capture of census data for Latin America and the Caribbean.

- **Specific objectives**

- a. Systematize the most pertinent experiences in Latin America and the Caribbean for the capture of census data.
- b. Contribute to the adaptation of the United Nations recommendations on the capture of census data for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Progress on final document

Chapter	Contents
Background information on data capture in Latin America and the Caribbean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Survey, previous two-year period • Methods of capture by country, previous and current rounds
Considerations for planning related to census data capture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for the testing phase • Considerations for IT management • Preparation time
Methods of capture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual data entry • Optical readers • DMC • Web • Mixed
Decision matrix for choosing a method of capture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matrix that guides countries in choosing a method of capture for their census
Monitoring of data capture during census collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation model of a demographic monitoring room

Main obstacles encountered

- Defining the scope of the document, particularly with respect to methods of electronic capture.
- Implications of the method of capture on statistical quality.
- The workload of the coordinating teams has delayed the drafting of the document more than expected.

Best practices implemented

- Incorporation of countries of the group in the systematization of their experiences. Country fact sheets and presentation sessions were conducted through videoconferences.
 - 1 session Optical Readers (Ecuador and Chile);
 - 2 sessions DMC (Venezuela, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica)
 - 2 sessions WEB (Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil)
- Meetings with CELADE to define the scope and joint drafting of the document.

Next steps

- Adjustments to the Draft by INE-Chile and CELADE (April-May)
- Review with countries of the group and with countries that shared their experiences (June-July)
- Post-review adjustments with countries (August)
- Preparation of Final Document (September-October)
- Delivery of Final Document (November)
- Continuation of meetings with CELADE (April-November)