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15th Meeting of Census Monitoring Committee held on 7th June, 2023

- Census Monitoring Committee (CMC) advised PBS to conduct Post Enumeration Survey as per approval of CCI to validate the provisional data of first ever digital Census.
- CMC also advised Finance Division for immediate release the remaining census funds required to be paid to various stakeholders and service providers as well as Field Staff.
- CMC accorded approval for field operation for the digital population census in three districts of Kohistan and remaining snowbound areas from 1st to 15th July, 2023
- NADRA will ensure necessary arrangements for retrieval of tablets and allied matters as per SOPs to complete the process from 9th to 12th June, 2023 at 495 Census Support Center (CSC)
- All Census District Officers will provide completion certificate and payments to the census field staff will be made by DCs/ACs after provision of the completion certificate

A meeting of Census Monitoring Committee (CMC) was held on 7th June, 2023 at P Block Pak Secretariat, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Minister for PD&SI to review the progress of the 1st ever Digital Population and Housing Census for which the field operation has been completed except three districts of Kohistan and some snowbound areas. The successful conclusion of field work for the digital census is elation and moment of great pride for the nation as it is the largest South Asian digital census of its kind. The digital system smoothly functioned throughout the field operation successfully without any disruption and help to unearth various under-coverage pattern during the field operation for real time rectification. The overall progress of the census is very encouraging and satisfactory.

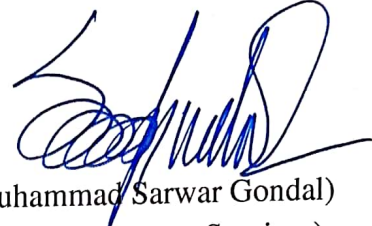
It has been decided in CMC meeting that Post Enumeration Survey (PES) for the digital population census will be conducted in the light of Council of Common Interests decision to assess the extent of over and under reporting, if any, as well as for validating the provisional data of first ever digital Census. PBS will work out on the modalities for the conduct of PES and will prepare a comprehensive plan and strategy for consideration and approval of CMC. CMC also advised Finance Division for immediate release the remaining census funds required to be paid to various stakeholders and service providers as well as field staff.

It has also been decided by CMC that NADRA will ensure necessary arrangements for retrieval of tablets and allied matters as per SOPs to complete the process during 9th to 12th June, 2023 at 495 Census Support Center (CSC). All the Census District Officers will ensure safe and secure storage of tablets at CSC till its dispatch to PBS HQ. It is pertinent to mention that all the DCs/ACs being Census District Officer will provide duly filled and signed completion certificate on the prescribed format at earliest. The payment to the field staff for census work will be made after provision of completion certificate by respective DC/AC as per decision of Census Monitoring Committee.

It is pertinent to mention that census field operation in heavily snow bound areas comprising of comprising of 129 blocks of AJK, 80 blocks of GB and 16 blocks of (Mansehra) KP and three districts of Kohistan will be conducted during 1st to 15th July, 2023.

Syed Amin UI Haque, Minister for IT&T applauded the efforts made by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and Minister for PD&SI for the successful conduct of field operation of 1st ever digital census and congratulate on accomplishment the gigantic task. PBS express profound gratitude for citizen of Pakistan who actively participated in the census to accomplish their moral and legal obligations.

The digital census will provide opportunity for the government to develop evidence based policy planning for ensuring our rights and better service delivery at our doorstep that will lead to prosperous nation.



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Some Glimpses of the meeting

