

NAURU POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS LAUNCH

NAURU WORKSHOP AND ENGAGEMENT ON THE USE OF 2021 CENSUS DATA FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, POLICY AND RESEARCH

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REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Concept Note

Background

The 2021 Nauru Census provides essential information for development planning, policy formulation and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. As stated by Ramrakha Detenamo, Acting Government Statistician of Nauru: “The most important driver behind the success of this census is to ensure any person in a position of care about someone or some people makes informed decisions for the common good of the people.”

The Census data includes changes in population size, growth, distribution and geographic location. The census also provides data related to Nauru’s population and housing that can be disaggregated by small geographical areas, population groups as well as by demographic and social characteristics such as sex, age, education, migration, labour force, and disabilities.

This data can be used in many areas, such as to inform the formulation of public policies and plans, and development of sectoral plans for education, health, housing, employment, gender and elderly issues, youth and people with disabilities. The Nauru Census data can also be used to conduct research and studies on social and economic issues such as family composition, housing conditions, marriage, divorce, aging, youth and migration at the country level or at the small geographical area. It is vital to make use of the data provided by the Nauru Census to produce country-specific sustainable development indicators, for planning and for evidence-based decision making to support the wellbeing of the people of Nauru.

Following the launch of the 2021 Nauru Population and Housing Census, the Statistics for Development Division (SDD) of the SPC, in collaboration with the Nauru Bureau of Statistics (NBS) is organising a national stakeholder workshop and engagement to support the use of census data for development planning, policy and research, in Nauru from 29 August to 1 September 2023. This is part of the Pacific Community’s (SPC) regional system leadership and support for statistical literacy and data use and in response to the request of NBOS.

Objectives

The Nauru national workshop and engagement aims to increase the statistical capacity of participants and to enhance understanding of the uses of census data for planning and policy purposes and for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Specific objectives are to achieve the following:

- To build the awareness and capacity of Nauru government and community leaders and officials for use of Nauru Census Data and other statistics for planning, policy and research.
- To highlight the role of population and housing censuses in providing indicators for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.
- To share experiences and ideas on how data producers and users can collectively work together to strengthen Nauru data for planning, developing strategies and formulating policies.

Expected Outcomes

- Achieve a shared and better understanding of the results of the population and housing census.
- Raise awareness of the importance of communicating and using the data and outputs of a population and housing census.
- Share country experiences and challenges in the use of census data for evidence-based policy and decision making and achieving the SDG 2030 Agenda.
- The practical skills acquired from such training workshop is a national capacity building initiative that supports addressing capacity issues and emphasises the need for data use for evidenced policy and planning.
- Information collected from the workshop and one-on-one stakeholder engagements to assist with the development of the regional Capacity Development Framework.

Target Audience

The workshop will bring together leaders and staff from the Nauru Bureau of Statistics, key government ministries and experts in the areas of planning, education, health, gender, migration etc including those with experiences and interests in census data utilisation. Private sector stakeholders and community organisations will also participate in the workshop and be part of the stakeholder engagements.

Main Areas of Discussions

The workshop consists of the following topics related to the dissemination and use of Nauru Census Data:

- Key findings of the 2021 Nauru Census
- Uses of Nauru Census Findings for Development Planning and Policy Formulation
- Uses of Census data for research and studies on social and economic issues
- How data supports sustainable development indicators

Further Information

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