

Census 2021 User consultations on Questionnaire themes and questions



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Presentation Outline

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Background

Census is a primary source of data needed for formulation and implementation of policies and, monitoring of programmes aimed at inclusive socio economic development.

Census is the only data source that provides required statistics at lowest level of geography on a number of demographic, economic, social and living circumstances of the people at a specified time.

Background...

In South Africa, Census conducted every 10 years - 1996, 2001, 2011, 2021

and Large scale intercensal surveys conducted in 2007 & 2016

Census the only complete count of South Africa's population-
Collects data about the usual resident population, visitors, transients, homeless and those in institutions based on reference period – “Census Night”

Collects a very wide range of information at one time, allowing comparisons to be made within and across groups

Census 2021

Key aim of Census 2021 - provide accurate estimates of the population and housing characteristics at all levels of geography

Success of the census depends on the willingness of all people in South Africa to be counted

Planning underway including Census questions & data collection methodology determination and testing

Method of collection proposed:

- Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI)- Face to face enumeration
- Computer Assisted Web Interviewing (CAWI) – Self enumeration

User consultations on Census 2021 data items

Stakeholder needs assessment is an international best practice in census planning aimed at producing relevant products.

Data users play a fundamental role in providing information on questions that are required to generate specific demographic, social economic and living circumstances indicators.

In planning and selection of content for the upcoming Census, a number of platforms will be used to reach both existing and potential Census data users to solicit their inputs.

Purpose of user consultations

To solicit input on proposed Census 2021 data items

To understand user needs in terms of data required

To strengthen partnerships with users/stakeholders

To assist users in understanding what Census 2021 can and cannot provide, and alternative data sources they can utilise

Determination of Census 2021 topics

National priorities

Recommended UN and Africa core topics

Needs of data users

Lessons learnt from previous Censuses and CS

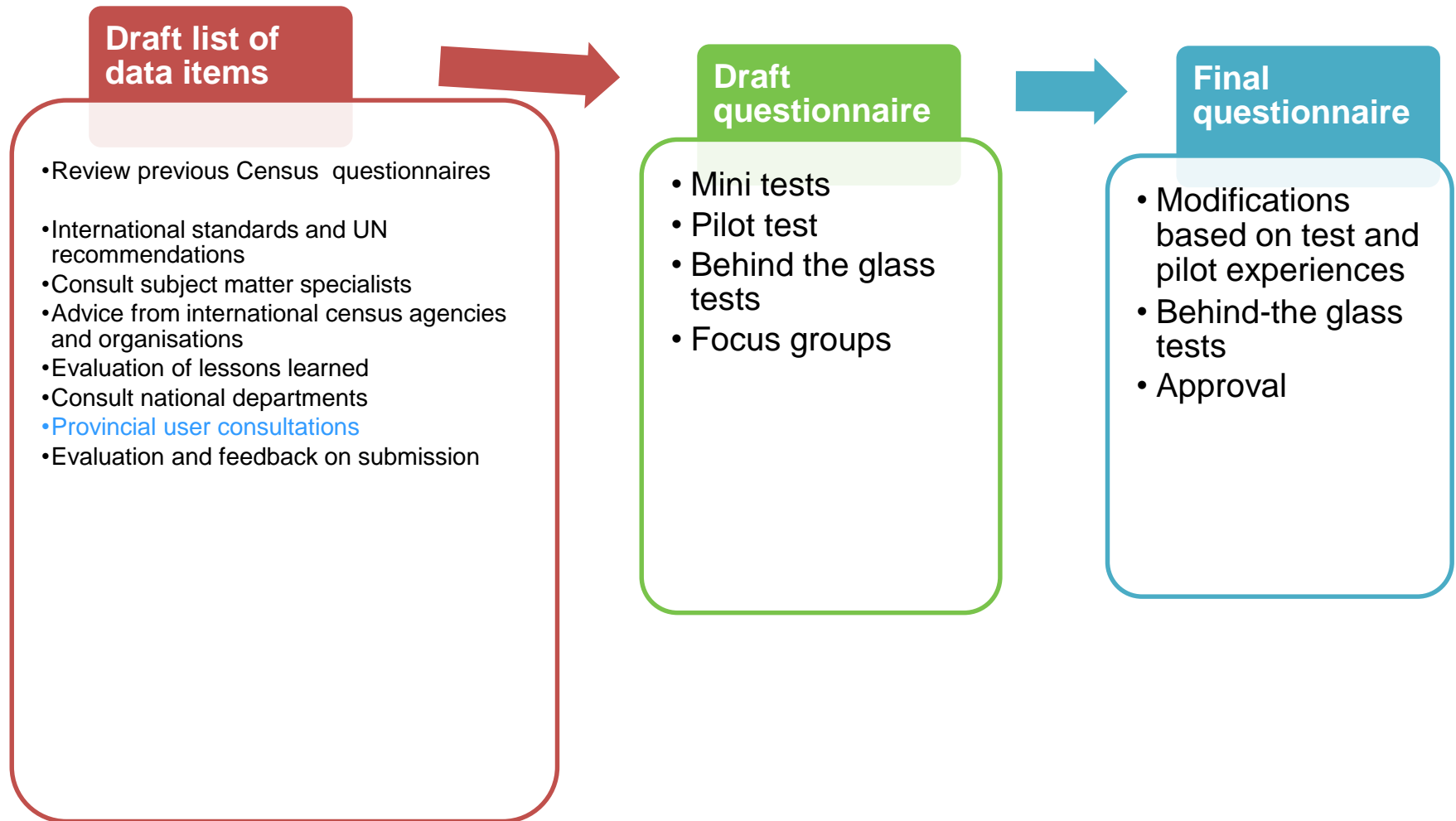
Maximum degree of international comparability

Willingness and ability of public to give adequate information on topics

Resources available for conducting the Census

Existing alternative data sources (e.g. administrative records, CRVSs, social surveys)

Questionnaire development process



Sections in questionnaire (Census 2011)

Demographics

Migration

General health & functioning

Education

Employment

Parental survival and income

Fertility

Housing, household goods and services and agricultural activities

Mortality

Demographics

Date of birth

Age in completed years

Sex

Relationship to head of household

Marital status

Population group

Language spoken in the household

Religious belief (only in CS 2016)

Christian denomination (only in CS 2016)

Migration

Province of birth

Country of birth

Year of arrival

Country of citizenship

Place of usual residence

Province, municipality & city/town of usual residence

Since 2011

Month & year moved

Province, municipality & city/town of previous residence

General health & functioning

Degree of difficulty in seeing, hearing, communicating, walking/climbing stairs, remembering/concentrating, with self-care

Use of assistive devices

Parental survival

Mother alive

Year of death of mother

Who in household is biological mother?

Father alive

Year of death of father

Who in household is biological father?

Education

School attendance (Y/N)

Educational institution type

Public/private

Highest level of education

Type of institution (TVET/university)

Field of education

Literacy

Employment

Do any work for a wage/salary/commission/payment in kind?

Run a business?

Help without being paid

Temporary absence from work

Looking for work

Liked to work

Reasons for not working

Reasons for not starting a business

Available to work

Employment...

Industry

Main goods/services

Occupation

Main task/duty

Type of sector

Income and social grants

Sources of income (only in CS 2016)

Income category

Type of social grants (only in CS 2016)

Fertility

Ever given birth

Age at first birth

Total children ever born

Total surviving

Total children no longer alive

Last child born

Sex of last child born

Last child born alive

Date of death of last child born alive

Housing, basic services & HH goods

Type of main dwelling

Construction material (only in Census)

Rooms (only in Census)

Tenure status

Total amount paid/estimated for rent (only in CS 2016)

Estimated value of property (only in Census)

Age of property (only in Census)

Is dwelling RDP? Overall quality of RDP dwelling (only in CS 2016)

Access to piped water including distance (Census) /Main source of water for drinking (CS 2016)

Access to safe drinking water (only in CS 2016)

Housing, basic services & HH goods...

Source of water (Census 2011)/Drinking water supplier (CS 2016)

Reliability of water supply

Alternative water source

Toilet facilities

Location of toilet facility (Only in CS 2016)

Is toilet shared ? (Only in CS 2016)

Maintenance of toilet (Only in CS 2016)

Access to electricity (Only in CS 2016)

Supplier of electricity (Only in CS 2016)

Reliability of electricity supply (Only in CS 2016)

Energy saving methods (Only in CS 2016)

Expenditure on energy sources (Only in CS 2016)

Energy/fuel for cooking, heating and lighting

Housing, basic services & HH goods...

Refusal disposal

Access to household goods (Refrigerator, stove, motorcar, TV, radio, telephone, cell phone, post box, mail delivery at home, DVD player, washing machine, satellite dish, vacuum cleaner, computer/tablet)

Access to internet

Mail/postal services (Only in CS 2016)

Safety & crime (Only in CS 2016)

Agricultural activities

Number of livestock

Place of agricultural activities

Food security (Only in CS 2016)

Mortality

Death occurred in household?

Number of deaths

Month and year of death

Sex of deceased

Age of deceased

Natural/unnatural death

Pregnant at time of death

Death during birth

Postnatal death

What next?

Activity	Date
Compile Census 2021 Consultation report including a list of data items	June 2019
Develop Census 2021 mini test questionnaires	June 2019
Conduct behind-the-glass tests	June 2019
Finalise the questionnaire for mini test	July 2019
Compile data editing specifications	Aug 2019
Participate in Census 2021 mini test	Oct 2019
Conduct data assessment & analysis for the mini test	Dec 2019
Reports on mini test	March 2020
Incorporate inputs in the Census pilot questionnaire	April 2020
Approved Census 2021 pilot questionnaire	May 2020
Translate pilot questionnaires	July 2020

Guide questions as you provide inputs

Is there is a clear need for the question? Every question must have a specific purpose

How was previous Census data used?

Can users' requirements be adequately met by information from other sources (GHS, LCS)

Would data collected be of sufficient quality to produce useful outputs?

Would collecting the information significantly increase the burden on respondents ?

Would collecting the information significantly increase the length of the questionnaire or costs?

Are response categories suitable?

What additional changes to the questionnaires would you recommend?