



**UGANDA BUREAU OF STATISTICS**



## **THE CENSUS MAPPING EXERCISE - 2022**



**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
(FAQs)**

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## PREAMBLE: About UBOS

The Uganda Bureau of Statistics was established by the UBOS Act - 1998 with its core mandate as the production, coordination and dissemination of official statistics for evidence based planning and decision making. It fulfils this mandate by undertaking surveys and censuses from which data is collected, analysed and disseminated to the intended users in a timely and user friendly manner. In addition, the Bureau superintends over the development and maintenance of a National Statistical System (NSS) to ensure collection, analysis and publication of integrated, relevant, reliable and timely statistical information.

The Bureau is also responsible for:

- Providing high quality central statistics information services.
- Promoting standardisation in the collection, analysis and publication of statistics to ensure uniformity in quality, adequacy of coverage and reliability of statistics information.
- Providing guidance, training and other assistance as may be required to other users and providers of statistics.
- Promoting cooperation, coordination and rationalization among users and providers of statistics at national and local levels so as to avoid duplication of effort and ensure optimal utilization of scarce resources.
- Promoting and being the focal point of cooperation with statistics users and providers at regional and international levels.

### Vision



A World Class National Statistics Office (NSO).

### Mission



To Coordinate the National Statistical System and provide quality statistics and statistical services that support development processes.

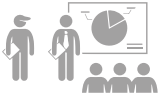
### Culture



Evidence Based.

## 1. What is the background of the Census Mapping Exercise?

- UBOS is planning to undertake the National Population and Housing Census (NPHC) in 2023. The NPHC is normally carried out after every 10 years. In Uganda, the last NPHC was carried out in 2014.
- The mapping exercise is one of the **KEY** preparatory activities undertaken prior to the actual counting of people.
- The last Census mapping was undertaken by UBOS in 2012/13 in preparation for the 2014 National Population and Housing Census



## 2. What is Census Mapping?

- Census Mapping is an exercise carried out to update boundaries, facilities, features and Households for purposes of establishing Enumeration Areas for the conduct of the National Population and Housing Census exercise.
- An Enumeration Area is that unit which is covered by an enumerator during the Census operation. In most cases, it is a whole LC, but in some cases, where an LC is over populated, it can be subdivided into several Enumeration Areas (EAs).
- The subdivision of the LC into several EAs does not imply creation of new administrative boundaries at LC1 level.
- Instead, it facilitates the Census enumeration exercise to be completed easily and faster, normally in a period of 10 days.



## 3. Why is UBOS undertaking the Census Mapping Exercise?

- To update the various changes that have taken place in terms of social economic development in the country. These include establishment of new cities, districts, constituencies, Town councils, Sub-counties and parishes. The mapping exercise will further establish new infrastructural developments such as schools, hospitals, roads and the available Natural resources across the whole country.
- The Census mapping exercise plays a key role in ensuring specific area coverage by identifying key boundaries throughout the country. The outcome of the Census Mapping exercise will inform



the NPHC 2023 activities, during pre-Enumeration, Enumeration, and post-Enumeration engagements.

The Census Mapping Exercise will cover all district boundaries and water sources in Uganda (as of 2019) per the map below:





#### 4. What are the Specific Objectives of the Census Mapping Exercise?

- (i) To create Enumeration Areas, which form the lowest unit for the NPHC – 2023 exercise.
- (ii) To Update the maps used in the 2014 census by including all administrative boundaries and names (district, county, sub county, parish, LCIs)
- (iii) To obtain a list of households in order to determine households that access the different facilities in each Enumeration Area
- (iv) To Record the GPS coordinates of institutions and socio economic facilities (schools, health centres, churches, mosques, markets, water sources among others)



#### 5. How often is Census Mapping undertaken?

Every after 10 years normally in the year preceding the National Population and Housing Census (NPHC) enumeration exercise.

#### 6. What is the use of Census Maps?

The Census maps generated are used by UBOS in planning for the actual Census Enumeration exercise (planned for 2023). The maps also facilitate the NPHC planning process in the following ways:

- (i) Determining the actual cost of the Census exercise
- (ii) Determining the number of enumerators to be hired
- (iii) Determining infrastructure requirements such as vehicles, computers, e.t.c



## 7. How will the Census Mapping exercise be undertaken?



- The starting point is to have a list of administrative boundaries from the Ministry of Local Government. Based on this list and the boundaries that existed in 2014 when we last carried out the Census, UBOS is undertaking this exercise to update the changes that have happened during the period.
- The Community Leaders, mainly the Local Council (LC1) Chairpersons are key players in this exercise. They are responsible for guiding the Census Mapping technical teams to obtain information on the boundaries and infrastructural changes in their respective areas. The technical teams will be asking further questions including but not limited to the extent of usage of such facilities.



## 8. How will the Census Mapping data be collected?

The Bureau has advanced in data collection and is moving away from using printed questionnaires to using the Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) system. In this system all information is directly recorded on tablet Personal Computers which also take record of the Geographic Positioning System (GPS) coordinates to ensure that the needed is corrected accurately.



## 9. How secure is the information I give to the field interviewers?

Uganda Bureau of Statistics assures the public that the information collected will be confidential and used only for the intended purpose(s) and without jeopardising the identity and particulars of any individual respondent.

## 10. So, what is expected of Ugandans?

The Bureau appeals to all Ugandans to embrace the Census Mapping activities at all levels to facilitate the efficient planning for the NPHC 2023. We encourage the public to:



- Provide correct information on administrative units, social infrastructure like schools, roads, hospitals, e.t.c
- Provide accurate number of households accessing the facilities





## SOME OTHER MAJOR CENSUS AND SURVEY ACTIVITIES ONGOING & PLANNED BY UBOS

Program	Purpose
National Population and Housing Census – 2023 (Planned)	Avail indicators on Uganda's demographic characteristics.
Uganda Business Inquiry	Data on main Economic Indicators from Business Establishment's including Value Added, Gross output, Gross Fixed capital Formation
Parish Development Model (PDM) Baseline Data Collection	Availing indicators for the implementation and tracking of the PDM across the country.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uganda Harmonized Integrated Surveys- Panel</li> <li>Uganda Harmonized Integrated Surveys- Agricultural</li> </ul>	Provide high quality and up-to-date indicators on agricultural, social and other key outcomes
7 <sup>th</sup> Uganda Demographic and Health Survey (UDHS)	UDHS collects information on fertility levels, marriage, sexual activity, fertility preferences, breastfeeding practices, awareness and use of family planning methods
Baseline Education Census (BEC)	Detailed information on Education including among others enrollment, staffing etc.
Gender Based Violence Surveys	Gender disaggregated data and related violence incidences against women and girls in the communities.
Informal Cross Border Trade	Indicators on the contribution of informal trade to total international merchandise trade and growth trends overtime.





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