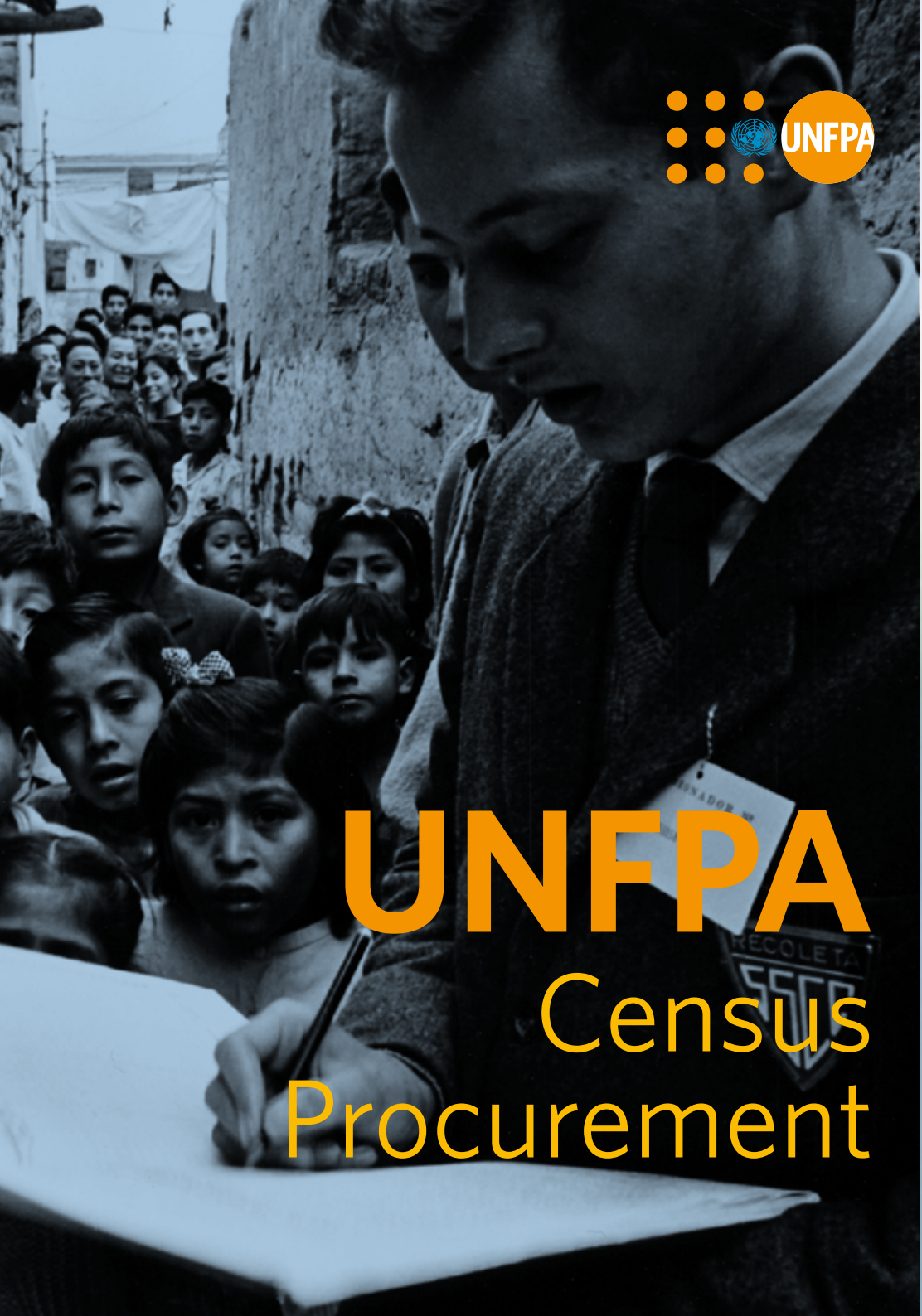




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Census Procurement



Proper procurement and logistics planning is essential for successful implementation of a census. Yet planning can be complex and require logistical coordination with multiple project activities, programs and counterparts.

UNFPA Procurement Services Branch, with years of extensive experience, is a leader in the procurement of census goods and services, and partners with governments to provide planning, procurement and logistical services that ensure a successful census operation.



UNFPA PSB conducting a Census Workshop

With our multi-lingual team of experts, UNFPA PSB provides a trusted, centralized solution for census-related procurement and logistics. UNFPA PSB staff utilizes their considerable knowledge and experience to customize services to fit the specific needs of each country census project. Services are available in English, Spanish, French, Arabic and other languages.

Our continuously updated international network of prequalified vendors and suppliers undergo a rigorous quality control and selection process according to specific technical requirements unique to census projects. Access to our network enables us to quickly react to urgent requests and cut down on response time, which is critical in the census planning process. Core areas of UNFPA's work include taking a role in supporting countries that are conducting their first census in post-conflict situations or those that required technical assistance or support for other reasons.

UNFPA PSB has been ISO 9001 certified since 2007 and adhere to quality management systems standards promoted by the International Organization for Standardization. ISO standards provide a framework for managing processes, services and products that consistently satisfy customer expectations.



Our Goals – Because everyone counts

Our objectives are to:

- Provide the most economic and efficient procurement of products and services for use in conducting censuses.
- Consistently deliver high quality service at all stages of the census procurement process.
- Be a trusted partner in helping achieve the best results for one of the most challenging projects undertaken by governments.

What We Do

UNFPA provides support to census activities in 80 programme countries.

Census activities take place because governments need to be able to gather information about population trends. They also need to track and analyze these trends in order to create and manage sound policies and generate the political will to appropriately address both current and future needs.

UNFPA assists countries in every aspect of census planning and procurement, including but not limited to:

- Identifying risks at the pre-Census planning stage
- Advising on efficient sourcing strategies to meet the technical requirements of the project
- Preparing international bids through a transparent process in order to achieve the most competitive pricing
- Supporting logistical coordination of goods, including identifying warehouse and storage facilities to store huge quantities of census items
- Carrying out market research and managing databases of potential census products suppliers
- Providing training to strengthen census procurement capabilities around the world

Here is an overview of our experience by region:

Africa: UNFPA provides technical and procurement assistance to some 20 sub-Saharan African countries for census activities, including census mapping, data processing and in-depth data analysis. In 2008, UNFPA helped Chad and Malawi prepare effective resource mobilization strategies for their censuses. UNFPA also provided assistance in 2008 for the design of census projects in Angola (its first since its independence), the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Togo; and supported the implementation of census projects in Burundi, Chad, Djibouti, Liberia and Madagascar. In 2009, UNFPA PSB provided census procurement training in Johannesburg, South Africa to governments in the Special Initiative on Census. UNFPA PSB is currently providing procurement support for the 2012 Census in Tanzania for aerial photography images, vehicles, high speed scanners and other goods.

Arab States: UNFPA has coordinated complex technical and procurement support arrangements for census activities in Sudan, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Iraq. UNFPA is also laying the groundwork for conducting a census in Somalia. In addition, UNFPA played a significant role in supporting various stages of censuses in other countries in the region, such as Jordan, Syria, Yemen, Morocco, Oman, and Saudi Arabia.

Asia and the Pacific: UNFPA supported population and housing census-related activities in Afghanistan, Cambodia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Pakistan, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. UNFPA PSB provided census procurement training to governments in 2009 as part of the Special Initiative on Census in Bangkok, Thailand.

Eastern Europe and Central Asia:

UNFPA provided technical assistance, such as the design of questionnaires and related software solutions,



Example of Stationary Kits for Census Enumerators

including GPS and data entry; training for enumerators and data processors; and analysis and dissemination of collected data for use in policy-making.

Latin America and the Caribbean: UNFPA provided technical and procurement assistance to Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. UNFPA organized an advocacy and resource mobilization workshop for this region in September 2007 in Panama City, Panama. More recently in 2010, UNFPA PSB provided census procurement training to governments in Panama City and Bridgetown Barbados in cooperation with the Special Initiative on Census.

For census activities, UNFPA PSB engages in numerous international bidding processes to procure key census materials at the best price possible. Such census materials include:

- Census questionnaires, forms, scanners and support services
- Census training manuals
- Enumeration and training items and supplies
- Motorboats and outboard engines
- Freight forwarding services
- Census ID Cards
- Satellite Imagery
- Generators
- Vehicle mounted public address (PA) systems & megaphones
- Computer hardware & software for Data Processing Centers
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) hardware, software
- Furniture, shelving, storage containers
- Fire-resistant filing cabinets
- SLR digital cameras and more.....

UNFPA in Action: 2008 Sudan Housing and Population Census

The Sudan Housing and Population census was conducted in 2008 as part of a strategy by the Government of Sudan to identify the root causes of under development, poverty and regional disparity in Sudan and address these through sound planning and informed decision making.

From a technical perspective, Sudan's immediate census objectives were twofold: 1) to produce reliable and accurate demographic, economic, social and environmental data that could be used as a benchmark for development planning; and 2) to develop Sudan's capacity to collect, process, analyze, disseminate and utilize data from censuses and surveys.

Sudan posed a number of procurement and logistical challenges. The delivery of goods from the North and South of Sudan proved to be difficult as some suppliers could only deliver to Port Sudan, and bad road conditions made inland delivery to Juba an obstacle.



UNFPA procured 15 million USD worth of goods and services for Sudan's census. Pictured above is one of the nine Antonov cargo airplanes UNFPA contracted to transport goods procured for the Sudan census.



Warehousing, packing and dispatching operations for the Sudan Census

However, UNFPA PSB was able to meet these challenges and support Sudan in implementing a successful national census by providing the following expertise:

- Pre-census planning starting in 2007
- Procurement of census materials and other goods and services
- Evaluating the characteristics of goods to verify quality and compliance to industry standards

- Identifying suitable facilities needed to receive, store and prepare the necessary census goods
- Support on customs clearance of goods
- Strengthening and developing national procurement and logistics capacities by collaborating with other UN agencies working in Sudan



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