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On the preparations for the population and housing census round 2020. The Kyrgyz Republic

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A legislative base, facilities, and resources have been created for the preparation and conduct of the population census:

• The Government Decree of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the preparation and conduct of a population and housing census in the Kyrgyz Republic in 2020" (No. 690 of October 23, 2017).

• According to the Government Decree, a general population and housing census is planned to start in March 2020 (more than 6 million people); a pilot population and housing census - in March 2019. (Tokmok city and Chui district of Chui Province, about 100 thousand people).


• The budget of the population and housing census of 2020 has been approved. Funding is provided at the expense of the national budget and the project of the United Nations Population Fund with the support of the Russian Federation.
The 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme and methodology:

The draft Census Programme is available in 5 Questionnaires:

Form 1 "Census form - List of Residents";

Form 2 "Census form - Population";

Form 3 "Census form - Housing";

Form 4 "Census form - Long-term (1 year or more) absentees from their place of residence within Kyrgyz Republic";

Form 5 "Temporarily staying (residing) in Kyrgyz Republic within the collective living quarters".

Forms 1, 2 and 3 were used for the 1999 and 2009 censuses while forms 4 and 5 are the new ones.

Processing of the information contained in form 4 "Census form - Long-term (1 year or more) absentees from their place of residence within Kyrgyz Republic" will provide information on long-term absentees (migrants). This information will not be included in total population (the 2009 census included information on 100 thousand long-term absentees (migrants).

With the help of form 5 "Census form - Temporarily staying (residing) in Kyrgyz Republic within the collective living quarters", people temporarily residing in the republic will be interviewed, with the purpose of their arrival specified.

The population survey will be carried out by completing the Questionnaires prepared only in paper form (PAPI).
For the first time, Census Programme includes disability issues (5 questions out of 6 recommended by the Washington Group).

In addition, the Census Programme includes other issues of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is the use of solar panels, the use of Biogas - to Goal 7 "Providing access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy sources for all."

Use of Mobile, Internet, and Computers to Goal 9, "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation", and to Goal 17, "Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development".

The program of the forthcoming census reflects all the issues on the measurement of migration and labor. The exception was the issue of persons engaged in the production of goods for their own use, which, according to the latest recommendations of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES), should not be classified as a working population and will not be included in the labor force.

In addition, for the first time, all the recommendations for measuring migration have been adopted, in particular, on the continuity of residence in a given locality (which cases of the relocation violate, and which do not violate the continuity of residence in a given locality).

Before the pilot census of 2019, the Questionnaires have been tested by the Central Office of the National Statistical Committee specialists. As a result of the testing, the draft of the Instruction on completing the Questionnaires was finalized.
Ongoing and planned activities for the preparation and observance of a pilot population census round 2019:

• The Calendar Plan of the Ongoing and planned activities for the preparation and observance of a pilot population census round 2019, as well as the General Population and Housing Census round 2020 has been approved.

• To assess the preparations for the census, the consultation was held with two international experts: Ms. Galina Sheverdova, State Statistical Committee of the Russian Federation, an expert from the World Bank (17-20.10.2017) and Mr. Ian White, member of the UNECE Steering Group on Population Censuses and housing, an expert from the United Nations Population Fund (17-20.04.2018). Taking into account the opinion of international experts, the plans for preparing and observance of the census have been changed.

• The first meeting of the Republican Commission (11.07.2018) was held with the agenda: "Information on the preparations for the population and housing census round 2020." As a result of the meeting, the calendar of events for ministries and departments was approved.

• The preparation of handbooks for the coding of census materials is in progress.

• The report on the description of the stages of preparation of the population census has been put into production.
Ongoing and planned activities for the preparation and observance of a pilot population census round 2019 (end):

• For the first time, the data from the electronic address register, as well as the electronic register of real estate of the State Registration Service, were used for the preparation of registrar sites in the pilot census areas. Electronic maps of Tokmok and Chui district with registrar sites (49 registrar sites) have been prepared.

• Registrar sites automatically obtained lists of residential premises (special form-report for registrars).

• Regional seminar was held for register clerks: "Preparation and implementation of a pilot (trial) population and housing census in Chui district and Tokmok city of Chui Province" (Tokmok city, 3-4.07.2018).

• Electronic map-based census districts are being prepared.

• Public awareness-raising campaigns are being developed.

• It is planned to use modern methods of disseminating the results of the population census.

• It is planned to study the methodology of the post-enumeration survey to assess the quality of the population census of the 2020 round. To carry out this survey, it is necessary to find donor funds.

• It is planned to prepare an archive of the population and housing census data for 2020 in paper and electronic versions (in the format of the State Registration Service, which includes the State Archives).
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