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Use of Geospatial Information Technologies in support of the Census

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Outline

Main census mapping activities to be carried out all long the census process

Use of Geospatial Information Technologies at all the stages of the Census

Use of Mobile Technology/Handheld Devices

Integration of CAPI with GIS

Conclusions/Recommendations

Geography at the Core of a Census



Use of Geospatial Information Technologies at the 3 Stages of a Census التخطيط واستخدام نظم المعلومات الجغرافية في مراحل التعداد المختلفة

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- 2. Supporting data collection and helping monitoring Census activities for the **enumeration phase**;
- Contribution on statistical analyses and dissemination for the post- enumeration phase

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- Supporting and implementing geospatial activities that ensure coverage and facilitate Census planning process for the pre-enumeration phase:
 - a. Census geography Mapping infrastructure
 - b. Enumeration areas design/EA maps
 - c. Use of Imagery Integrating Fieldwork Using GPS and Remotely-Sensed Data
 - d. GIS and EA-based Geographic Database
 - e. Data quality/Metadata
 - f. Use of CAPI Method/ Hand-held Devices (?) التحول للتعداد الإلكتروني
 - g. Preparation of geospatial data for the Pilot Census
 - h. Manuals, guidelines and training
- Supporting data collection and helping monitoring Census activities for the enumeration phase;
- 3. Contribution on statistical analyses and dissemination for the postenumeration phase

We recommend these main census mapping activities to be carried out all long the census process:

- (1) Plan and prepare the map activities Inventory of Existing Geospatial Data and Needs Assessment;
- (2) Map updating and revision of EA boundaries;
- (3) Demarcation/Re-demarcation of EAs and geocoding;
- (4) Building the EA-based Geographic database;
- (5) Quality assurance, quality checks;
- (6) Support of trainings, manuals and guidelines on Census mapping;
- (7) Supporting the infrastructure for geospatial activities;
- (8) Selection (or Development) of a computer application for field management, monitoring and tracking system;
- (9) Digital mapping and uploading into tablets;
- (10) Prepare a strategy for the dissemination of the spatial data
- an Census geographic products.

Activity 1: Diagnosis of the existing and identification of needs تشخيص الموجود وتحديد الاحتياجات

- Inventory of existing geospatial data (An early key action is the inventory of the sources of the geographic data required, inter alia, to construct the census enumeration areas for data collection)
- Collect the information about the characteristics, achievements and limitations of the current GIS solution;
- Examine the layers of spatial information included in the existing GIS database;
- Examine the IT environment and GIS architecture set up;
- Analyze the needs of internal stakeholders in geographic and statistical information to be collected during the next censor mapping and other possible operations (PHC, economic census...);
- Prepare an Assessment Report on the state of the current GIS/Geospatial Infrastructure and define the expected needs. تقرير التقييم

Activity 2: Proposal of an integrated mobile and GIS solution and definition of the mechanisms of its implementation ? المحمول ونظم المعلومات الجغرافية وتحديد آليات تنفيذها

- Define and describe the technical and functional components of the integrated GIS solution (mobile and web?) to be adopted while meeting the needs identified in consultation with the relevant NSO's departments and capitalizing on the achievements of the GIS products already in place;
- Identify a list of hardware, software and data security protocol (GIS and computer) required to implement the proposed solution;
- Identify technical activities to outsource.
- Develop a detailed report on this activity.

Use of GIS at all the stages of the Census



Phase	Activity	Procedures
I. Supporting and implementing geospatial	1. Delineation of EAs The statistical unit for the agricultural	1. The first step: initial office demarcation or re-demarcation phase which consists to demarcate new and re-demarcate existing EAs through on-screen digitizing, editing and GIS functionality superimposing the vector data such as administrative boundaries, roads, water bodies, place names, cadastral/parcel boundaries, and other point-based features (dwellings/buildings, schools, health facilities, landmarks, etc.) on top of recent imagery as a backdrop (Imagery at high resolution obtained within a year of census).
activities for the pre-enumeration phase	census, the agricultural holding , remains the same as used in previous	2. Field verification: it entails the process by which the data and maps prepared and created in the office are verified, corrected and updated in the field. Based on criteria, we proceed to splits or merges
	programmes.	3 . The third step, following the field verification, consists of an office work to capture the verified data in the field, and thus create the final Enumeration Area/Supervisory Area maps to be used for the actual enumeration.



Phase	Activity	Procedures
<section-header></section-header>	3. Building or Updating the GIS/EA- based Census Geographic Database	This is the process of building a geographic database which is the foundational core of any GIS. A Census GIS database at the EA level (or point-based level), as it is advised to build a comprehensive GIS-based census database that has at its foundation the smallest statistical unit for data collection, be it an enumeration area, a dwelling or housing unit, or an address. The census GIS database can be designed on an evolving basis. For example, beside the EAs, we capture the geographic location of the building, dwelling and/or household unit for further spatial analysis. (Will elaborate on this)

Phase	Activity	Procedures
 geospatial activities for the pre- enumeration phase	<section-header></section-header>	 The integration of CAPI with GIS-based EA maps is the crux of the matters; it requires: Selection or development by an IT team of a CAPI app; Use of mobile GIS-based EA maps; Use of Interactive GIS online or offline Maps uploaded in the office; Admninistration of Tests before embarking on the actual use of the handheld devices in the census data collection; Need for training prior to the deployment of mobile devices.

Phase	Activity	Procedures
geospatial activities for the pre- enumeration phase	<section-header></section-header>	 The Pilot GIS mapping exercise include the following steps: In preparation of geospatial data for the Pilot, pilot areas need to be selected to represent the diversity of socio-economic and geographical conditions of the population in the country to observe the management and supervision of the field operation in real situations; Preparation by the GIS team and provision of each pilot EA map at the EA/Building level with its related coding system and with the format required by the CAPI app; Testing the integration of GIS with CAPI. The results of the Pilot GIS mapping exercise need to be carefully analyzed by the NSO to determine the potential modifications for the successful conduct of the actual Census, including the appropriate CAPI app to be selected and its integration with GIS.
	6. Other planning activities with GIS	Additional activities taking benefit of the Use of GIS: for optimizing the EAs in using spatial analysis, optimizing site placement of field offices, and asset distribution



ENUMERATION AREA CENSUS MAP

Population and Housing Census 2011





















055 TOTAL NO OF BUILDINGS

Phase	Activity	Procedures
II. Supporting and implementin g data collection and helping monitoring Census activities for the enumeration phase	1. Mobile GIS for field data collection	 This is about the use of handheld devices for the field data collection, where, in support of the CAPI enumeration process. We upload the GIS-based Enumeration Area (EA) maps onto the device, and combine them with satellite or aerial images as backdrop. This allows the enumerators to visualize the EA maps, helping them in their field orientation finding the correct housing units within their assigned enumeration areas. Using the EA maps and the electronic questionnaires filled out by enumerators, along with GPS points collected on the device allows the NSO to verify the data collected, and whether the EAs were fully covered. Ideally, once the data is transmitted to the NSO's central data center, the data including geocodes would be entered into the GIS census database, providing information about the progress of the census coverage Software: For example, in the Open source side, there is Survey Solutions developed under the auspices of the World Bank, and in the commercial side, there are Esri's CAPI tools: Survey123 for ArcGIS and Collector.

Phase	Activity	Procedures
Census activities for the enumeratio n phase	2. Monitoring census activities	 Using GIS on mobile devices to support field operations management in streamlining and automating field operations: (i) Monitoring the workflow of timely information to and from the field allowing the census mangers to be informed of the progress of the data collection while providing enumerators with updates; (ii) Track the location of the enumerators; (iii) Optimizing the workload assignment as well as optimizing routes (in providing the enumerators where to go and the best route to take); and particularly monitoring the progress of
		reere to take, and particulary monitoring the progress of

census operations, including identifying trouble spots.

Supervisor Dashboard

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(source: Esri book)



Operational dashboards can be used to provide a view of geographic information that helps you monitor events or activities. Dashboards are designed to display multiple visualizations that work together on a single screen. From a dynamic dashboard, supervisors can view the activities and key performance indicators most vital to meeting objectives.

Phase	Activity	Procedures
<text></text>	3. Updating EA maps/ Update Geographic Database	 Using GIS/GPS and imagery during the field work of the enumeration phase for a final update of the EAs as there may still be some updates and corrections to the enumeration areas, that have to be brought to the master database. Editing and Updates captured in this manner can be simply verified and then incorporated into the database in a much more streamlined fashion. Updating the GIS census database would serve for post-enumeration and inter-census activities.

Phase	Activity	Procedures
	1. Interactive Maps/Atlases/	GIS has been initially used for the dissemination of geographic products, mainly through maps. NSO can use it for:
III. Contributin	GeoPortals	1. Thematic maps and Interactive Atlases: Thematic maps in an (electronic) interactive atlas can present census data and many
g to statistical	2. Web Mapping/Story	indicators at all levels. (Geo-)Portals as they are a cost-effective mechanism for a diverse user base,
analyses and	Maps/Smart Maps	2. Web Mapping/WebGIS/Story Maps/Smart Maps: Web mapping is more than traditional mapping, as it is more a service by which users can choose and customize what the map will show.
disseminati on for the	3. Web GIS	3. Web GIS is indeed being done through Web mapping which is the process of using the maps delivered by geographic information
post-	4. Spatial Analysis	consumed.
n phase		4. Spatial Analysis : With the building of a geospatial census database at the EA level, GIS provides powerful tools to proceed with spatial
	5. Supporting Surveys and	analysis,
	Sampling Frame	5. Geospatial information instrumental for other statistical activities, such as the creation of a geo-referenced national dwelling frame, business frame for use in an economic census,these frames which are required for use as a basis for the statistical sampling frame for inter-censal surveys and future censuses.

Establishing the Foundation – The Geodatabase

Building a Geospatial Database at the level of data collection unit level.

The basic elements of the census database would include the following:

- Administrative or census units/enumeration areas
- Entity type / Relations
- Boundary database
- Geographic attribute tables
- Census data tables
- "Agricultural censuses are mainly concerned with data on the basic organizational structure of agricultural holdings, such as size of holding, land tenure, land use, crop area, irrigation, livestock numbers, labour, use of machinery and other agricultural inputs."

Geography and Statistical Data Are Foundational

An Integrated Data Model is Essential



esri ^{THENCE} An ArcGIS[®] Census Data Model

This diagram illustrates a geodatabase data model that can be leveraged by census organizations across the globe. A key feature of this design is the creation and maintenance of topologically nested polygon feature classes from line feature classes containing common boundaries. Census organizations can easily modify the design to reflect the nested feature classes that are pertinent to their country. Also, specific census demographic information can be readily added.

Census Feature Dataset	Province -	Feature Class			
	Shape Type	Polygon	Alias Name	Prov	ince
Province - Feature Class	Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Nullable
	GlobalID	Global ID	Global ID		false
District - Feature Class	ProvinceID	Province ID/Code	String	25	true
	ProvinceName	Province Name	String	50	true
Municipality - Feature Class	District - Fe	eature Class	×		
Enumeration_Area - Feature Class	Shape Type	Polygon	Alias Name	Dis	strict
	Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Nullable
GeoLocation - Feature Class	GlobalID	Global ID	Global ID		false
	DistrictID	District ID/Code	String	25	true
	DistrictName	District Name	String	50	true
Electoral_District - Feature Class	ProvinceID	Province ID/Code	String	25	true
Census_Topology - Topology			-		

Stand-Alone Feature Classes

Facility - Feature Class

Landform - Feature Class

Railroad - Feature Class

Road - Feature Class

Site - Feature Class

Waterbody - Feature Class

Waterline - Feature Class

Polygon Point

Shape Type

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Municipality	/ - Feature Cla	SS		
Shape Type	Polygon	Alias Name	Mun	icipality
Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Nullabi
GlobalID	Global ID	Global ID		false
MunicipalityID	Municipality ID/ Code	String	25	true
MunicipalityName	Municipality Name	String	50	true
DistrictID	District ID/Code	String	25	true

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Shape Type	Polygon	Alias Name	Enum	eration Ar
Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Nullable
GlobalID	Global ID	Global ID		false
Enumeration ArealD	Enumeration Area ID/Code	String	25	true
Enumeration AreaName	Enumeration Area Name	String	50	true
MunicipalityID	Municipality ID/ Code	String	25	true

Shape Type	Point	Alias Name	Geol	Location
Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Nullab
GlobalID	Global ID	Global ID		false
Latitude	Latitude	Double		true
Longitude	Longitude	Double		true
Enumeration AreaGlobalID	Enumeration Area Global ID	GUID		true



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Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Nullable	
GlobalID	Global ID	Global ID		false	
ElectoralDistrictID	Electoral District ID/Code	String	25	true	
ElectoralDistrict Name	Electoral District Name	String	50	true	

The Electoral_District feature class is included in the feature dataset because electoral districts are often relevant in the context of a census. Although it is not part of the administrative division hierarchy that appears to the left, it does participate in the feature dataset's topology due to its spatial relationship with District.

Census_Topol	ogy - Topology	
Feature Classes		
Province		
Municipality		
GeoLocation		
Enumeration_Area		
Electoral_District		
District		
Origin Class	Rule	Destination Class
District	Must Not Overlap	District
Enumeration Area	Must Not Overlap	Enumeration Area
Municipality	Must Not Overlap	Municipality
rovince	Must Not Overlap	Province
Enumeration Area	Must Be Covered By	Municipality
Municipality	Must Be Covered By	District
District	Must Be Covered By	Province
Enumeration Area	Must Cover Each Other	Municipality
Municipality	Must Cover Each Other	District
District	Must Cover Each Other	Province
SeoLocation	Must Be Properly Inside	Enumeration Area
ectoral District	Must Not Overlap	Electoral District
Electoral District	Must Be Covered By	District
ectoral District	Must Cover Each Other	District

Relationship Classes							
Relationship Class	Cardinality	Origin Class	Origin Primary Key	Destination Class	Destination Foreign Key		
ProvinceToDistrict	1 - M	Province	ProvinceID	District	ProvinceID		
DistrictToMunicipality	1 - M	District	DistrictID	Municipality	DistrictID		
MunicipalityTo EnumerationArea	1 - M	Municipality	Municipal- ityID	Enumeration- Area	MunicipalityID		
EnumerationAreaTo GeoLocation	1 - M	Enumeration Area	GlobalID	GeoLocation	Enumeration- AreaGlobalID		

Facility - Feature Class								
Shape Type	Point	Ali	as Name	Facility				
Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Default Value	Nullable			
FacilityID	Facility ID/Code	String	25		true			
FacilityName	Facility Name	String	50		true			
FacilityDescription	Facility Description	String	250		true			
FacilityCategory	Facility Category	Small Integer		1	true			
FacilityType	Facility Type	Small Integer			true			
Subtype Code	Subtype Name		Default Domain for FacilityType					
1	Residential		ResidentialFacilityType					
2	Commercial		CommercialFacilityType					
3	Educational		EducationalFacilityType					
4	Landmark		LandmarkFacilityType					
5	Medical		MedicalFacilityType					
6	Transportation		TransportationFacilityType					

Landform - Feature Class						
Shape Type	Polygon	Alia	is Name	Landform		
Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Domain	Nullable	
LandformName	Landform Name	String	50		true	
LandformType	Landform Type	Small Integer		LandformType	true	

Railroad - Feature Class						
Shape Type Line		Alias	Name	Railroad		
Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Domain	Nullable	
RailroadID	Railroad ID/Code	String	25		true	
RailroadName	Railroad Name	String	50		true	
RailroadNumber	Railroad Number/Code	String	25		true	
RailroadType	Railroad Type	Small Integer		RailroadType	true	

Road - Fea	ture Class		Alias Name Road		
Shape Type	Line	Alia	as Name	Road	
Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Domain	Nullable
RoadID	Road ID/Code	String	25		true
RoadName	Road Name	String	50		true
RoadNumber	Road Number/ Code	String	25		true
RoadClass	Road Class	Small Integer		RoadClass	true

Site - Feature Class							
Shape Type Polygon		Ali	Alias Name		Site Category		
Field	Alias	Туре		Length	Default Value	Nullable	
SiteID	Site ID/Code	String		25		true	
SiteName	Site Name	String		50		true	
SiteDescription	Site Description	String		250		true	
SiteCategory	Site Category	Small Integer			1	true	
SiteType	Site Type	Small Integer				true	
Subtype Code	Subtype Name		Default Domain for SiteType				
1	Residential		ResidentialFacilityType				
2	Commercial		CommercialFacilityType				
3	Educational		EducationalFacilityType				
4	Landmark		LandmarkFacilityType				
5	Medical		MedicalFacilityType				
6	Transportation		TransportationFacilityType				

Waterbody - Feature Class							
Shape Type	Polygon	Alia	s Name	Waterbody	/		
Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Domain	Nullable		
WaterbodyID	Waterbody ID/ Code	String	25		true		
WaterbodyName	Waterbody Name	String	50		true		
WaterbodyType	Waterbody Type	Small Integer		WaterbodyType	true		

Waterline -	Feature Class	Alias Name Waterline			
Shape Type	Line	Ali	as Name	Waterline	
Field	Alias	Туре	Length	Domain	Nullable
WaterlineID	Waterline ID/Code	String	25		true
WaterlineName	Waterline Name	String	50		true
WaterlineType	Waterline Type	Small Integer		WaterlineType	true



Example of a generic enumeration area coding scheme

An EA code of 1503001250024 means that enumeration area number 24 is located in province 15, district 30 and locality 125.



Enumeration Area Census Map



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Total Number of Buildings: 110

Municipality: DURRËS Admin Unit: DURRËS







Spatial Analysis Techniques

Spatial Analysis Techniques include:

- **Queries**
 - Distance measurements
- **B**uffering
- □ Linear interpolation
- **Point pattern analysis**
- Cartograms, etc.

The main use of spatial analysis is for census products and services

Need for CAPI: Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing

- Traditional paper-based methods of census data collection have proven to be tedious, time consuming, costly and often prone to errors.
- To overcome these problems, Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) methods are increasingly replacing pen-andpaper methods as a viable alternative for census data collection.
- * "CAPI is the face-to-face interviewing mode in which a computer displays the questions onscreen, the interviewer reads then to the respondent, and enters the respondent's answers into the computer".

CAPI/Tablet: Way of Collecting (Census) Data

- Electronic questionnaire Contents of the census form are stored onto the Tablet so that the questions appear sequentially on the screen
- Data are entered into a hand-held computer instead of onto a paper census form, allowing:
 - Immediate evaluation at the moment of data collection, allowing the correction of information at the moment of the interview;
 - The filling out of all the compulsory questions, avoiding the lack of answers due to forgetfulness or mistake by the enumerator;
 - Optimization of the filling out of data through automatic skips in the questionnaire, avoiding covering several items about which, sometimes, there would be no reply;
 - Optimize time used by the enumerator and the head of household.

Data Transmission

- Data are then electronically transmitted to an Central Data Center for further processing:
 - Offline or online depending upon the availability of connectivity options: WiFi, CDMA / GSM Radio
 - For example, if work is done in a remote area with no connectivity, the data would be stored in the device itself, but when we reach an area with connectivity the data would be automatically transferred to the Data Center

Other characteristics:

- Ease of use
- Multi-lingual capability



Data security

- Data at rest-stored on the tablet PC storage media
 - Login password protection (OS and enumeration system)
 - Basic user privileges for census officers
 - Use of the enumeration software system
 - Data synchronization
 - File system level encryption of the local database files
 - Census officers do not have access to the decryption key
 - USB flash drives disabled

Data in transit- during synchronization

- From tablet PC to work branch
 - ▶ Wi-Fi 802.11n WPA2
 - IPsec/L2TP VPN using digital certificates
- From work branch to HQ
 - Private network infrastructure
 - IPsec VPN tunneling

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Dell Rugged Tablet



The suitable for census data collection would range from 7 to 10 inches, due to the optimized size and weight, brightness, and for being held with one hand, all this suitable for field work.

And rugged tablets needed for the tough field environment, and to avoid breaking and dissuade theft.

Handheld devices with In-built GPS

The device can be enabled with GPS/GNSS to:

- Access to coordinates of the units visited during data collection;
- Use of coordinates obtained during data collection to track the location of the place from where the data was entered which would allow the department to check cases of fraudulent data entry; and
- Tracking could be undertaken to assist the enumerator in understanding their current location and also capture the geographical location of where the census data was captured.



Figure 15 - Satellite image on PDA screen.

Significant costs (Time and money)

For implementation of both Tablet or hand-held GPS, the following needs to be considered

□ Purchase of hardware (Tablet ~ \$100 Each)

Technical Training for enumerators

Cost of Pre/Post Census mapping exercise

□ Software development

Logistical costs

Considering/Planning for the deployment of the massive number of devices

The integration of CAPI with GIS-based EA maps:

The integration requires:

Selection or development by an IT team of a CAPI app;

- Preparation of mobile GIS-based EA maps;
- Uploading the EA maps on the handheld devices (mobile map packages to be used online or offline);

Need for administrating tests with regard to the integration of electronic questionnaire, EAs maps, GPS, transmission of data functionalities, battery, etc., before embarking on the actual use of the handheld devices in the census data collection;

Proceeding with a training prior to the deployment of mobile devices.



Integration of CAPI App and GIS
CAPI and GIS-based EA maps
Satellite imagery as backdrop
Integration may need programming
Examples:

Survey Solutions (World Bank)

□ Survey123 and Collector



Suvery123 for ArcGIS on a handheld device

Some Implementation/Organizational Aspects

✤ Need to Build Partnership with:

• Application development partner

(IT Cie with expertise in mobile forms and hosting data centers)

Device Manufacturer

(To provide the devices as per specification)

Connectivity provider

(To provide connectivity for the device so that the data can be transferred seamlessly to the data center)

Capacity building supporter

(Training on using not only the forms and the entire process of data collection but also on the basics of the device and what to do for trouble shooting).

* Nodal Agency:

Operationalize the whole process

Lessons Learned-Good Practices

- Learn about some practices/experiences: the qualitative as well as quantitative benefits of handheld devices have been proven in field in many countries (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, Oman, Jordan, Cape Verde, etc...)
- Various Options are available for selecting handheld devices
- Clear identification of objective is required for selecting best device
- Important to have extensive training prior to deployment
- Build a solid partnership: Integrator
- Post implementation support technical as well as hardware support ensures project success

A Reference Book: GIS and the 2020 Census – Modernizing Official Statistics

Why this book?

GIS

AND 2020

CENSUS

Modernizing Official Statistics

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1. A personal reason: account of my journey almost 17-years working with two global communities, the geospatial and statistical communities, who share many in common. Just to give to look about how they represent their data in hand: statisticians use, not to say swear only by tables and matrices, while that same data can be represented by GIS people through maps!

2. The context was favorable to respond to the needs of countries: there are two major global drivers that push for the use of geospatial information and its integration with statistical information: the 2030 SD Agenda and the 2020 Round of Censuses!



THANK YOU !!

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