

Director of Ceremonies

The National Census Coordinator , Ms Malebogo Kerekang

DSGs, Directors and Managers here present

The entire SB team, I greet you all this afternoon

Let me first congratulate you for the effective meaningful action oriented outcome of the evaluation workshop. The workshop marks an important step /milestone in preparing for the upcoming PHC.

On behalf of the census management, my appreciation goes to the dedicated SB team – the CTCs, CTOs, CITO, and Supervisors for rallying together in unison to deliver this important milestone, the pilot census.

I have noted the in-depth discussions in the plenary, the reality of what brings us to together. The PHC is part of an integrated national statistical system and a huge resource of demographic, social and economic characteristics of a population information. We should reflect on the experiences today and let us build on the Pilot success. Allow me to thank all of you, distinguished SB delegates, for the hard work and active participation in the deliberations. Experiences have been shared on what transpired during training, enumeration up until

wrapping up of field work, in the plenary. We have a lot to say about the processes, the CAPI system, and publicity just to name a few.

According to the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Census – Revision 3 - Such large-scale test should be designed and managed to thoroughly test the entire census infrastructure. - The fundamental changes in census methods or use of new technologies are being considered. The testing of various aspects of a census plan prior to the enumeration is of critical importance

Essential features of a pilot census are coverage of one or more sizeable administrative divisions and encompassment of the preparatory, enumeration and processing stages of a census, which tests the adequacy of the entire census plan and of the census organization.

It is essential that we continue with the same dedication, the zeal of wanting to achieve our objective as we had during the Pilot. The milestone schedule has been drawn and is yet to be approved by our leadership of which will be shared with yourselves. However let me indicate that from here we shall be meeting with the entire District Partners – The DCs, DCOs, and CITOs to share the findings of the pilot and map the forward on issues that were raised.

At this juncture, let me thank our NCC Madam Malebogo Kerekang for able leadership and engagement which have proved instrumental to a positive progress that we have noted so far in our

preparation for the census and its pilot. I wish to thank Directors, DSGs who put their work on hold, whose leadership was witnessed today, experience and perseverance made this Pilot possible.

As the Census Office, I affirm our commitment to continue to be your partner in the full achievement of the Upcoming Population and Housing Census

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