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2021 Pilot Population and Housing Census

Statistics Botswana will conduct a Pilot Census from **22nd to 31st October 2021** at selected areas in each district. The pilot census will test the adequacy of the entire census plan to ensure a complete count and data quality during the Population and Housing Census in August 2022.

Essential features of the pilot census are coverage of sizeable administrative divisions, enumeration areas, dwellings and households; encompassment of the preparatory activities for enumeration and processing stages of the census; and testing of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) solutions related to fieldwork, daily data transfers to the data repository, efficiency of connectivity and synchronization, editing and tabulation applications. The tests will provide important information on the adequacy of field organisation, theoretical and practical training programs for census field workers, census questionnaire, extent of respondent burden, the data processing plan and other important aspects of the census.

The pilot census is ordinarily conducted exactly one year before the planned census. This is done in order to subject the pilot census to the same conditions of climate, resources and facilities as the main census. This pilot census, however could not be conducted in August 2021 due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

The population and housing census is an enormous national exercise involving everybody in Botswana. The general public is therefore duly requested to cooperate during data collection.

Census workers will visit households from **0600 to 2000 hours**, and they can be identified by census uniforms and protective clothing carrying the census logo, official letters of appointment, National Identification Cards (OMANG) which can be checked against fieldworkers' official letter of appointment, and census branded vehicles.

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