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Press Release

Update on the 2021 Mid-Term Population and Housing Census

Stats SL acknowledges the initial challenges across the districts which unfortunately resulted from an overwhelming desire by trained Sierra Leoneans to go to the field.

Training for all censuses is usually done for more than the required number of field staff to have a buffer of those who could be asked to replace enumerators should there be any need.

Irrespective of the above challenges, Stats SL is delighted to report that payment to enumerators progressed very well in many districts and will complete today in the few outstanding districts.

Stats SL also wishes to inform that counting commenced across the districts and field data are being successfully synced on our servers at HQ.

There is no need to educate the Sierra Leonean public which has participated in several censuses, that since it is the enumerators who will visit peoples' homes unlike election and registration events, there will be no visible queues in the streets for the census.

The official counting will go on until 23rd December 2021. There will be time for mopping up until all households in the country have been counted. Hence enumerators will eventually come to your household.

Households are reminded of the census night, the night of 9th December 2021. Enumerators will count all persons who slept in your households on that night. It is hoped that details of all such persons have been prepared in readiness.

Stats SL has deployed district census coordinators, data quality monitors and district statisticians in each district. We invite members from the Census Publicity, Technical and Advisory Committees, Civil Society Organisations, Development Partners, Parliament, the Media and others to monitor the process. Stats SL is open to feedback.

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