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## **Press Release**

### **2021 Mid-Term Census Winding Down Starts**

Stats SL wishes to inform the public that the **Mop-Up Exercise** which started on 30th December 2021 ends on Sunday 13th February 2022. Following that, a winding down period starts throughout the country. The Mop Up exercise has enabled Stats SL to intensify enumeration in outstanding communities where for a number of reasons enumeration has been either slow or not carried out yet. As we wind down the People's Census, we will leave no willing household behind!

#### **What happened during the Mop-Up Exercise**

Stats SL has used the mop-up exercise to redeploy enumerators and supervisors in all areas where there have been refusals or enumerators have not reached for other reasons.

We are however delighted to note that irrespective of challenges reported during the implementation of the mid-term census, our field staff have now covered a significant landscape of the entire country.

The public would be thrilled to hear that in the past few weeks, a growing number of people have visited Stats SL HQ and our district offices and requested to be counted. This is gratifying because in some of the communities they come from, our enumerators were not initially welcomed.

#### **What will happen during the Winding Down phase?**

Stats SL will go district by district during this period to systematically embark on the following:

- Verify completeness of coverage in all districts;
- Sync all data on remaining tablets;
- Collect all electronic tablets and power banks;
- Conclude payment of all field staff; and

- Conclude the census process and thank the communities for their cooperation.

#### Payments of field staff via Bank Accounts

We are pleased to inform the public and our field staff that to address the challenges faced by the banks making payments to thousands of field staff, the remaining 70% allowance to field staff will be paid via bank accounts. Field staff are therefore requested to submit their bank account details to the District Statisticians in the District Offices and to the Census Programme Manager at HQ. Field staff who have their work certified as complete will be paid first.

#### Reaching us on Toll Free Line - 881

Please note that the **881** Toll Free Line is still active and we continue to receive your calls so that we can come to your door steps.



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