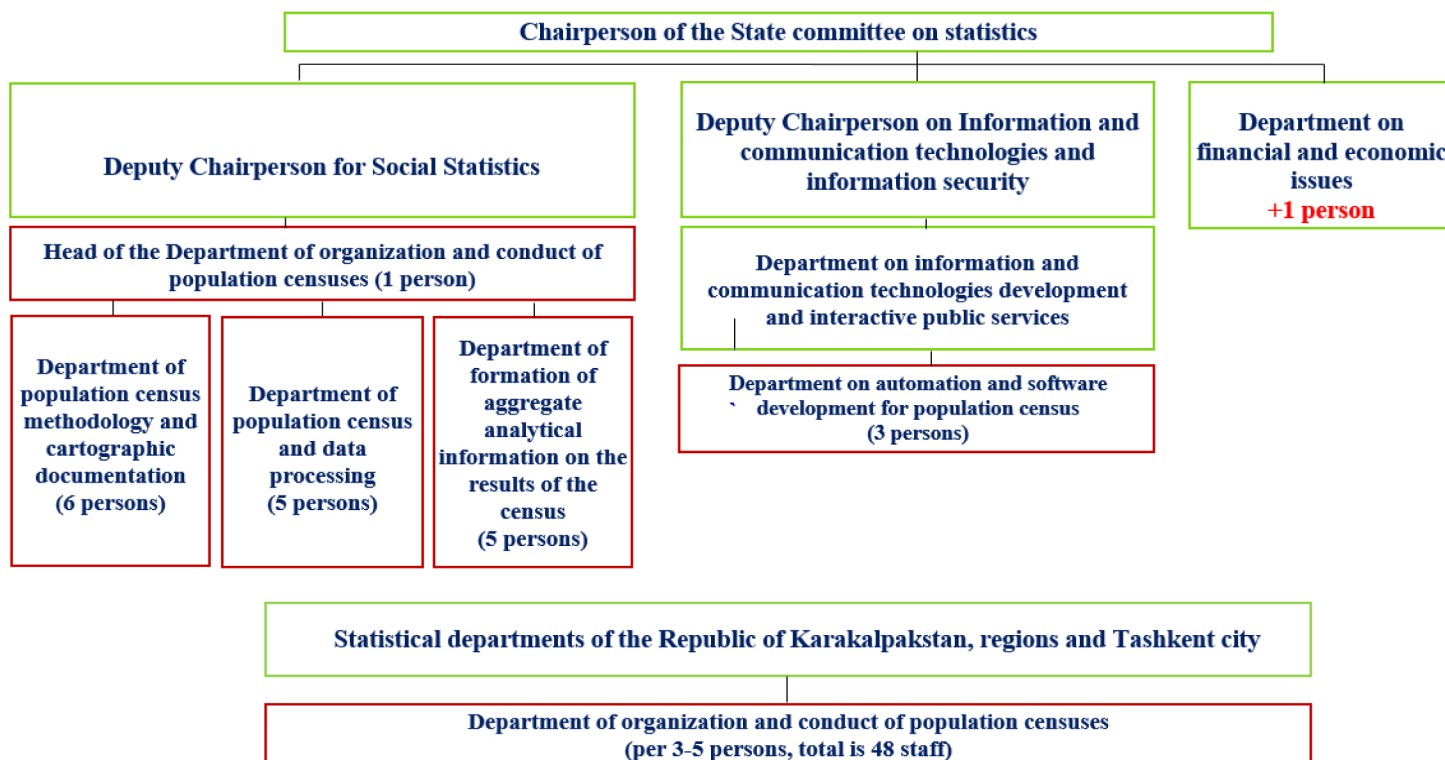


Progress to date

Presidential Decrees and Resolution:

The Decree of the President of Uzbekistan # 4796 'On measures to further improvement and development of the National statistical system of the Republic of Uzbekistan' was signed on August 3, 2020.

STRUCTURE of the Department on organization and conduct of the censuses at the State committee on statistics of the Republic of Uzbekistan



17 persona in the Committee, 48 persons in the Regions, 65 persons in total.

According to the Decree:

- The Census department in the State Committee of Statistics will be established with the central office consisting of 17 staff and census units in the 14 regions with 3 to 5 staff in each.
- The detailed structure of the census department of the central office is also approved (shown on the right).

Progress to date

The Decree also approved:

- "National Strategy for the Development of Statistics in Republic of Uzbekistan during 2020-2025" with the focus to strengthen capacities of statistical system in the field of censuses, improvement of demographic statistics, gender statistics, labour statistics, SDG statistics etc.

The Resolution of President of Uzbekistan #6061 "On measures for cardinal improvement of the system of land recording and state cadastres" of September 7, 2020 was adopted to:

- put the Agency for Cadastre under the State Tax Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan (used to be an agency under the Cabinet of Ministers);
- from January 1, 2021 all information about the type, boundaries and rights holders of land is entered into the online geoportal of the Cadastre Agency and the online geoportal is integrated with the National Geographic Information System.



Draft of the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan

"On measures to prepare and conduct the population census in the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2022" was developed by the State Statistics Committee and submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers and the President's Administration.

The document:

- sets the dates for the census for November 1-25, 2022;
- sets the dates for the pilot population census on November 1-25, 2021;
- approves the 'Roadmap' to conduct the pilot and main censuses;
- attaches the draft Census questionnaire;
- mandates that the pilot population census to be carried out in Yukorichirchik district of Tashkent region and Yashnabad district of Tashkent city
- approves methodological regulations, including how to pay temporary census staff, the procedure for involving individuals and legal entities;
- defines the number, average workload and working days of workers temporarily involved in the population census processes;
- suspends the changes to the administrative-territorial structure, renaming of geographic areas in the country from August 1, 2021 to December 1, 2022 to ensure that census operators do not have to change maps continuously.

Census methodological documents

During the third quarter UNFPA supported the State Committee on Statistics to develop census methodological documents – Procedure for involving and legal entities in population census and payment regulation. The group of local consultants works with support of international census experts: Ms. Galina Sherbakova (Russia) and Ms. Luisa Engracia (Philippines).

Official web site on PHC in Uzbekistan

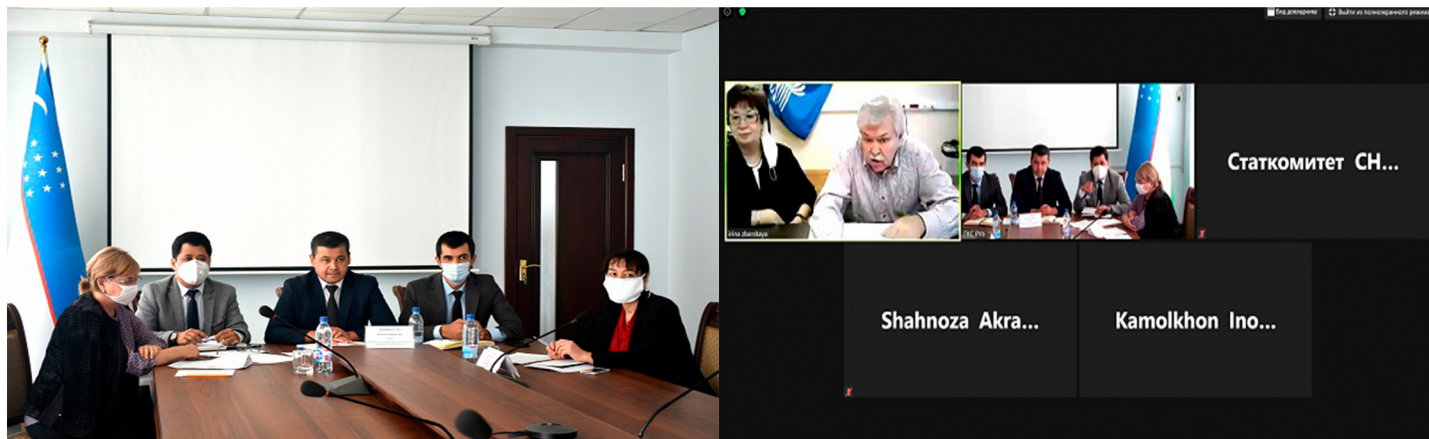
Official web site on PHC nowadays is working in test mode at the link <https://aholi.stat.uz>. It is updated with all related information on PHC in Uzbekistan: official documents, news, publications, methodological documents and instructions. The site is available in three languages (Uzbek, Russian, English).



Draft of the instruction on filling out census questionnaires discussed between State committee on statistics and CIS STAT.

The State Committee on Statistics developed the questionnaire based on samples from other countries and instruction on filling out the questionnaires and have been refining them with the help of CIS-Stat experts. The head of the CIS Statistical Committee Vladimir Sokolin and Head of department Ms. Irina Zbarskaya analyzed the draft of the questionnaire and instruction for filling it out and gave their comments and proposals.

Progress to date



State Committee on Statistics is working on improvement of questionnaires and instruction on filling out the census questionnaire during the pilot census in 2021 and population census in 2022 in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

European Union organized the webinar

On 30 June, EU Delegation in Uzbekistan organized the webinar aiming to strengthen the capacity of the State Committee on Statistics (SCS) and the State Committee on Land Resources, Geodesy, Cartography and State Cadastre in preparing and implementing the 2022 population and housing census. During the workshop, the participants acquired knowledge and skills to identify: a) key factors to be taken into account for planning in the different census areas, b) methods for data collection, IT systems and data processing phases, c) methods for evaluating the census operation in terms of census coverage and data quality, d) methods for mapping.

The webinar was conducted by the experts from Czech Republic, Estonia and Italy. The activity was funded through the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument (TAIEX), which aims to mobilize short-term technical support for public institutions in the EU partner countries.

Seminars for the staff of regional units at the State Committee on Statistics

On September 8-9, 2020 the Central office of State Committee of Statistics organized seminars for the staff of regional units dedicated to implementation of tasks set by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to further improve and development of the National statistical system of the Republic of Uzbekistan" and in particular to conduct a population census in 2022.



Experts of the State Committee of statistics gave explanations on the preparation and use of cartographic materials required for the population census, provided participants with a detailed explanation of the draft population registration questionnaires and instructions on filling them out. The workshop also included hands-on activities in groups that improved participants' ability to complete census questionnaires. These seminars continued with a number of workshops in regional census units including in Navoiy, Bukhara, Sirdarya, Surkhandarya regional and Tashkent city statistical units.



Progress to date

UNFPA is supporting the State Committee on Statistics

By procuring PCs, and printers for the Census Department and its regional units in the amount of \$60,000 and from its Covid-19 response funds, and another \$25 thousand for teleconference equipment to facilitate online connection for the central and regional offices.



Challenges and way forward

State committee of statistics is working on:

- ☑ Finalizing the instruction on filling out census questionnaire
- ☑ Continuing to prepare and finalize the main methodological materials and instructions for the census of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2022:
 - The main methodological and organizational provisions for the census in 2022 in the Republic of Uzbekistan.
 - Instructions for compiling lists of houses of settlements located in villages and cities for territorial statistical authorities for census
 - The procedure for census conducting among the special population categories.
 - The procedure for storing and in the prescribed manner and rule the destruction of census documents.
 - The process of conducting a census via the Internet.
 - The order and procedures of conducting the Pilot census
- ☑ Data management: discussing the possibility of creation of national data management system.
- ☑ Preparing a series of training for capacity building of the newly organized regional census departments staff.

Key issues to be discussed in Q4 2020

- Concept of the data management
- Census budget
- Pilot census plan
- Pilot census areas

Resource mobilization



US Census Bureau proposed support to the State Committee on Statistics within the following areas:
Pre-Enumeration Activities:

- Spatial Data Integration
- GIS and Field Mapping Operations
- PHC Planning, Managing, and Budgeting
- Census Publicity Work Study
- Development of Operational Control System
- Pilot Census Assessment Preparation