

Training of Principal Trainers on Pilot Census

Gezira State- Medani

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Imperial Hotel

As part of its commitment to census operations, UNFPA had organized the training of Principal Trainers for the pilot census in Medani (Gezira state) during the period 11-18 March, 2007. His Excellency the Minister of Youth and Sports, on behalf of Gezira Governor addressed the opening at Gezira University. Participants were brought¹ from all over the 25 states of Sudan (north (CBS) and south (SSCCSE)), trainees were the Directors of States Statistical offices and their Deputies (50 trainees). The MOC representative had attended as an observer. The opening was at Gezira University, the training sessions were conducted at Imperial Hotel and the Advocacy Public Session was conducted at Wad Medani Youth Center.

Trainers had been:-

UNFPA Census Technical Advisors and Consultants :- Arun Singh, Deputy CTA/North and Pelad Namfua, Deputy CTA/South, Ana Carvahlo, Census Consultant, Abu Bakr Waziri, Advocacy Officer, Lucy Kwendo, Roger Hare, GIS Consultant, John Kampswa, GIS UNV/ South and John....., the DRS Scanning Company.

CBS technical staff:- Ibrahim Abbas, Census Director, Mostafa Basha, States Director/CBS and Abdelelwahab Modawi, National Consultant/CBS and ex. Census Director

SSCCSE technical staff: - Adwoke Chol, SSCCSE Census Director, and Modesto the Deputy IT Director.

The training focused on technical issues of the census, namely long and short questionnaires, training, enumerators and supervisor's manuals, households listing forms, EAs identification and advocacy. The trainers had elaborated in a very detailed manner on the completion of the census questionnaires and household listing forms, the manuals guidelines, mock interviews was adopted and questionnaires were tested in the field. Both Arabic and English were used as instruction languages, translation was done from English to Arabic.

By the end of the training, participants were provided by the pilot census materials (both training and enumerators materials) to be taken to their respective states for the purpose of training and enumeration.

¹ All travel arrangements, accommodation, venue and payments to participants had been done by UNFPA