Group Discussion

Benefits and Challenges of Adoption of Electronic data collection Technologies in Population and Housing Censuses

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Gambia, Iran, Indonesia, Uganda, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Turkey and Albania



Together, everyone archives more pieces of the puzzle.

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Benefits

- 1. Easy to monitor field work
- 2. Collects paradata
- 3. Improve data quality (skips, validations, verifications, etc.)
 - Provides making consistency checks during field work, real time editing and supervision
- 4. Time saving (one-time data capture, entry, Pre-entered values)
- 5. Integration with GPS and GIS
- 6. Improved security and data confidentiality (user authorization, encryption, etc.)
- 7. Trouble shooting will be handled easier
- 8. Provides data collection regardless of online or offline collection
- 9. Reduced data processing requirements,
- 10. Faster dissemination / release of results

Challenges

- Cost considerations of investment (tablets, technical expertise, software etc.)
- 2. Need qualified human resources
- 3. Limitations depending on technological problems
- 4. Risk of system failure (energy, hacking, etc.)
- 5. More time needed in the preparatory stage
- 6. Editing rules must be well tested before application
- Need for sustainable power supply and capable broadband network coverage
- 8. Theft, damage, loss of equipment
- 9. Internet attacks to web application
- 10. Data integration from multi mode sources
- 11. Change and project management