

Bangladesh - Preliminary Report on Agriculture Census 2008

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ABSTRACT

Bangladesh is an agriculture-based country where agriculture sector plays a vital role in accelerating the economic growth. It is therefore important to have an effective, sustainable and environment-friendly agricultural system in order to make our country self-sufficient in food production. The Government of Bangladesh is determined to develop the overall agriculture sector keeping in view of the goals set out in the 7th Five Year Plan and Sustainable Development Goals 2030. As leading agency for tracking SDG indicators, Statistics and Informatics Division (SID) is taking initiatives in data capturing concerned to various SDG indicators. Agriculture Census 2008 is such initiative for monitoring indicators related to agricultural SDGs.

We trust that the census data will provide valuable information on the number of agriculture holdings, their area, tenancy, irrigation status, size of holdings, land ownership, land use, agriculture labour, number of poultry birds, livestock and many others. I believe that policy makers, planners, researchers and all other users will be benefitted from this document. At this stage I am grateful to BBS for bringing out this preliminary report containing basic information to serve the initial demand of our users. I am eagerly waiting to see the detailed report following the processing of the data within the shortest possible time.

Agriculture Census is the source of benchmark information of Agriculture sector of a country. It contributes around 14% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and provides employment for around 40% of the total labour force of the country. The direct as well as indirect share of agriculture export earnings is also significant. Most importantly, food security of the country's huge population is critically dependent on agriculture. Therefore, the development of agriculture sector is virtually synonymous with the development of our country. Timely and realistic statistics on agriculture sector is pre-requisite for sound agriculture development planning. Agriculture Census, one of the largest statistical operations undertaken by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, is the basic source of information relating to the structure and nature of agricultural activities in the country.

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Census/enumeration data [cen]

Scope

NOTES

Agriculture Census 2008 was a household based and stand - alone country-wide census. Under the purview of this census, the target population was all dwelling households of the country. The Agriculture Census 2008 was a complete count of all agricultural holdings managed by dwelling households. Agricultural holding is a production unit which has a single management, both technically and economically, and engaged in agricultural activities. The scope of this census with reference period to agricultural holding was restricted to the agricultural holdings held and/or operated by the dwelling households at the time of census taking.

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Questionnaires

Overview

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Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2008-02-06	2008-02-16	N/A

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

Data Collection Notes

Data collection at the field level is the most important part of a census because quality of data collection determines the success of any census and surveys. The following methods and technique were pursued for quality data collection at the field level:

- Educated unemployed youths were hired for collecting data at the field level. They were intensively and adequately trained on the goal and objectives of the census, methodology and the census instruments.
- Officials from BBS were deployed to supervise data collection at the field level.
- Enumerators conducted face to face interview using structured and pre-coded questionnaire.

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