

Field Report
Caldwell and Central Monrovia

December 11, 2007 – January 15, 2008

National Establishment Census - NEC

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INTRODUCTION

Every country relies on the use of an up to date statistical data for policies and development purposes. The Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS) is the Government institution established and charged with the responsibility of conducting censuses and surveys aimed at providing basic information needed for policies and developmental purposes. In line with its responsibility, LISGIS in collaboration with NIMAC, NRC and UNHCR conducted the National Establishment Census (NEC). This was in fulfillment of the Statistics Act approved July 22, 2004 which requests that a census of establishments be conducted every five years to serve as a master sample frame for coordinating of national statistical and geo-information system. The census is the first since the end of the crisis in Liberia.

This report contains a detail account of our stewardship as supervisor of team seven (7). We were assigned in Caldwell and later reassigned in central Monrovia after completion of previous task. The report covers the period December 11, 2007 to January 15, 2008. It is hoped that it provides a detail explanation of our achievements and challenges.

Thanks to the development partners of our country who provided the needed resources for the conduct of this census.

OBJECTIVES

Liberia haven been affected by years of civil unrest has very little or no data to rely on for use in preparing policy and development documents. As part of efforts to revive the system, the government and development partners conducted the National Establishment Census with the objective of providing benchmark information which is essential for sound development planning, making administrative policy decisions and research. It also provides a frame for national accounts.

Narrative of Field Report

We began work in our assigned area on December 10, 2007, a day before the official signing of contracts on the 11th of December, 2007. We started work in upper Caldwell (Cassava Hill and Samukai Town). Though very large an area, we walked the distance and completed the areas the same day. This was also due to the fact that there were few establishments in the area.

In the Central area of Caldwell, we had Coffee farm, La-joy, Caldwell central market, and Thumbs-up. With the help of Sis Vishti Goe, our coordinator, vehicle was provided for our transportation to Dixville. Like upper Caldwell, we also took a day to complete the area. The challenge of our work was in the central and lower parts of Caldwell where there is much activities couple with distances. In lower Caldwell, New Georgia road north, Waterside, and 1603 were amongst communities we covered during the census. Amidst the distances and other challenges, we completed our assignment in Caldwell on January 7, 2008 and returned to the office for reassignment. We successfully completed one hundred ninety seven (197) establishments in the Caldwell area.

Constraint

- ❖ Owing to the sparse human population in other parts of Caldwell, there were few establishments which are some good distance away from each other.

On the ninth of January, 2008, we were assigned in Central Monrovia and given the area covering Ashmun, Gurley, Fount, Johnson and Water streets. We successfully completed our new assignment within the given period of our contract. We successfully completed one hundred thirty six (136) establishments in the Central Monrovia area.

Constraint

- ❖ Increased call backs in the Central Monrovia posed a challenge to time.
- ❖ Ignorance to the process posed fear and resistance by individuals that the process was for tax purpose.

Summery

Number of Establishments in Caldwell	197
Number of Establishments covered in central Monrovia	136
Total number of Establishments covered	333
Active number of establishments	313
Inactive number of establishments	20
❖ Temporarily closed	10
❖ Permanently closed	6
❖ Under construction	3
❖ Refusal	1

Conclusion

The national establishment census is vital to the growth and development of our country Liberia. It provides a complete data base on business institutions, NGOs, Government entities, diplomatic missions, etc. it also provides information for national accounts.

Recommendation

It is hereby recommended that for better reporting purpose,

- ❖ That a Clare reporting format be provided for all those to make report and an improved questionnaire data sheet with reflecting operating, temporarily closed, permanently closed, under construction, and refusal be provided for all field supervisors.

Respectful Submitted;

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