

2010 Census Will Not Be Political

Mr Francis Yankey of the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) has assured the citizenry that the 2010 Population and Housing Census (PHC) will not be conducted on partisan political lines.

According to him, the census is a national exercise which should not be jeopardized by some unscrupulous Ghanaians who will print their own questionnaires and fill names of non-existing people just to swell the population of a city, town or village. He said that quality control measures have been put in place to ensure that credible data is captured during the exercise.

Mr Yankey gave the assurance at a two day sensitization workshop for media personnel and District Census Implementation Committees (DCICs) at the Crystal Rose Hotel, Kumasi

It was organized by the Ghana Statistical Service for participants drawn from the Eastern, Ashanti, and Brong Ahafo Regions.

“The success or reliability of a census result is determined by users who must be convinced by the media that effective quality control measures were adopted during the census processes

Successful census result for the 2010 PHC should be a major pre-occupation of both GSS and the media” he stressed.

Mr John Foster Agyaho, one of the resource persons said that the Statistical Service would ensure the confidentiality of those being counted, adding that pieces of information taken during the exercise will be treated “private and confidential”.

We at GSS are under no obligation to divulge one’s private or personal information to any other persons, he stated.

Mrs Araba Forson, Census Co-ordinator, who represented the Government Statistician, Dr Grace Badiako, called the citizens to avail themselves for the exercise when it begins.

She also advised the enumerators to be decent and honest in their work.

“Decency, honesty, comportment and good rapport are the needed ingredients in every establishment to ensure success,” she added.

Participants were taken through topics such as ‘Publicity strategy and the role of the media’, ‘Mode of enumeration and inter-viewing’, ‘Privacy and confidentiality’, and ‘General coverage and content of census’.

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