

## **2010 Census to create 45,000 jobs**

The 2010 Population and Housing Census will create more than 45,000 temporary jobs for the enumerators and supervisors in 36,000 areas across the country.

The project is expected to document vital data on the population and housing census in Ghana.

Mr Frances Kojo Yankey, a member of the Census Implementation Team, who address three-day workshop for 25 journalists in Ho at the weekend said propertory works had bee carried in all the 36,000 enumeration areas (EA). The workshop was organized by the Media and communication Advocacy Network and sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund to build the capacity of the media towards a successful census next year.

The last time a census was held in Ghana was in the year 2000 and the United Nations Statistical Division recommends that a census is held every ten years to update data on a country's population, which is crucial for development planning.

Mr Yankey said when recruitment was recently opened at the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) for a pilot census to precede the actual one on the AMA were inundated with more than 2,000 applications.

Inorder to ensure that the right people with right backgrounds were recruited, Mr Yankey said an elaborate application forms had been designed to collect enough data from applicants in order to check their backgrounds before engaging their services.

This is to forestall any situation where individuals with alterior intensions may apply to serve as an enumerator under the project.

Also as a precaution against past events when enumerators had astand-off with the Ghana Statistical Service over allowances which threatened derail the census project, he said application will be made to sign agreements before they were engaged.

Mr Yankey also said that for the pilot census which has been slated on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009, six districts whose characteristics were representative of the country, has been selected, demarcation has been done, recruimets of staff was in progress, and that three level of training for trainers, supervisors and enumerators were to be completed by the end of October.

For his part, Mr Foster K Adzaho a member of the Census Implementation committee, urged the Media to help dispel such deep seated prejudices that the general public hold with regard to censuses.

He further appealed

to chiefs and opinion leaders to help the Ghana Statistical service achieve accurate and total coverage in the next year's census.

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