

## **CENSUS PERSONNEL BACKGROUNDS CHECKED**

The National Census Secretariat has assured Ghanaian that enumerators employed for the ongoing nationwide census have no criminal backgrounds.

David Kombat, Head of Field Operation of the National Census Secretariat, speaking in an interview with the *times*, said that due to the high security involved, there was the need to ensure people being sent out to various homes to collect various information had no criminal background to forestall any criminal acts.

Mr. Kombat said that apart from their educational background and language requirement, each enumerator was required to provide a police clearance report to ensure that they posed no security threats to property and people they would be enumerating.

Responding to security protection for enumerators, Mr. Kombat stated that the census secretariat had arranged with the Ghana Police Service to offer quick respond to the enumerators in times of emergency.

The secretariat had also secured a full group insurance for all the enumerators to cover them from any calamity that might befall them in their line of duty, he said.

He further advised the public not to be hostile to enumerators, but instead be hospitable to them to allow the census to go on smoothly.

About 50,000 enumerators have been employed by the National Census Secretariat for the ongoing Population and Housing Census which ends on October 10.

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