

## TEACHERS RECRUITED FOR CENSUS EXERCISE

The Ghana Education Service (GES) has agreed to release teachers to help in the conduct of the National Population and Housing Census which starts on the night of September 26.

This followed an application by the Census Secretariat to the GES for the use of teachers as enumerators. David Kombat, Head of Publicity and Education Unit of the Census Secretariat, told the Times yesterday that teachers were the most preferred personnel for the exercise because they were widespread nationwide and also familiar with the local conditions.

He said the GES could not release all teachers because schools would be in session during the period of the census but the secretariat was making efforts to recruit products of the polytechnics and the universities to assist in the exercise.

He said about 50,000 people would be recruited, trained as enumerators and deployed for the exercise aimed at generating data on the number of people residing in the country and the national housing stock for development planning.

He encouraged people to consider the exercise as a civic responsibility and be available to provide all the necessary information for the success of the exercises.

Giving reasons why the census was shifted to September, instead of March, as was done in previous exercise when the population is relatively stable and weather dry, Mr. Kombat explained that September was the next conducive period when it was also equally dry across the country.

He added that the secretariat had made provisions logistics that would be required by the enumerators to withstand the vagaries of the weather and work efficiently.

Mr. Kombat said the night of September 26 has been declared as the census night" during which the floating population found around lorry parks and other places would be enumerated first to be followed by the general population at their residences in the morning of September 27 to continue for two weeks.

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