

04. Population and Social Statistics: Agenda item 3(b)

Mr. Chairperson, thank you for giving me the floor.

It is mentioned that, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) has conducted the last 'Population and Housing Census'. All the reports (community series, district series and national series) have been published and uploaded at BBS website. It is the first time, BBS has prepared 14 (fourteen) Monographs on various topics using census data.

For maximum use of census data, we have uploaded census data and REDATAM (Retrieval of Data for Small Area by Microcomputer) software at BBS website. Users can generate customize table, graph, chart by using census data with REDATAM software. BBS is going to conduct a 'Multi-modal census'. It will give the direction of appropriate methodology for conducting next census.

Under civil registration system only birth and death are covered by 'Birth and Death Registration Project' of Local Government Ministry. To strengthen the system a CRVS secretariat has been created under cabinet division. Besides, a steering committee has been formed headed by cabinet secretary and also a working group has been formed.

BBS produces vital statistics (which includes birth, death, marriage, divorce, in-migration and out-migration) through conducting sample basis. BBS has published 'Gender Statistics of Bangladesh 2012' report in 2013 using data from various secondary sources like censuses and surveys of BBS as well as data from concerned source agencies. United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) has developed a framework contains 52 indicators of which Bangladesh has been able to compile as many as 43 indicators. Now we are working on next issue where we are trying to incorporate more indicators and more disaggregated data.

Mr. Chairperson,

Most of the surveys conducted by the BBS are household based surveys. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics has taken initiatives of preparing National Household Database which will lead to National Population Register (NPR). Household surveys are an important source of socio-economic data, to address policy needs or for demand based development planning and for result based monitoring. BBS features three important household surveys namely Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES), Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) and Household based Climate Change and Disaster-related Survey with a big shift.

1. HIES 2016 is going to provide poverty and inequality estimates at the subregional (district) level for the first time. Addressing leaving no one behind [Extreme Poverty Rate (lower line of poverty) 12.9% and Poverty Rate (upper line of poverty) 23.2%].
2. QLFS 2015 is going to produce quarterly labour statistics introducing rotational panel nature for the first time to response immediate needs for labour market.
3. Bangladesh Disaster-related Statistics 2015 published to provide socio-economics characteristics of household and population in disaster prone areas as well twelves main natural disasters scenarios of Bangladesh.

Thanks again Mr. Chairperson.