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### Press Release

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## Census first tier training starts this week.

THE 1st -Tier training for the Provincial census coordinators began in Port Moresby yesterday. The training started on the 14th to 24th of May 2024.

The Master trainers of National Statistical Office (NSO) will train the provincial trainers. 130 participants from the 22 provinces including some State Agencies representatives are attending.

The purpose of conducting Census training is to ensure the census is conducted with accuracy, is consistent, all procedures are understood and undertaken similarly. There is communication amongst all and if there are any challenges that might arise in the field.

The National Statistician John Igitoi has opened the training in Port Moresby and welcome all participants to learn as much as they can to ensure census is conducted efficiently and accurately with quality results.

“National population census is a very important exercise sanctioned by the government and tasked the National Statistical Office as the mandated statistical provider for the country.” He said.

“NSO undertakes the census exercise every ten years.”

“The last Census was taken 13 years ago, some of the information that was captured that time is quite obsolete.”

“We need to do this year census properly, so we get the actual numbers on the ground.” He said.

“The national population is the common denominator for any other development plan for PNG.”

Mr. Igitoi said the statistic and population figures provided will be used by the national Government to do its development plan for the country.

“Every decision, policies and Acts are about people; therefore, we must have proper records of our people living in PNG.” He said.

“We have allot of government policies to do with assisting the people of Papua New Guinea.”

“We must know the exact number of people living in the rural and urban areas so our government can procure correct number of drugs, build hospitals, schools and road infrastructure in Papua New Guinea.” He said.

Afte this training we must have a similar communication to the people when we are doing the enumeration.

Mr. Igitoi said the enumeration strategies will be the same across the country. The Provincial trainers will then train the Local Level Government (LLG) trainers who will train the enumerators in the filed.

“It’s a very important Government exercise and we must take ownership, when our Prime Minister launches the Census on the 27th of March, he has asked all State Agencies to give your support to ensure this year’s census is successful.” He said.

Mr. Igitoi said every Papua New Guineas needs to be counted to be included into the development picture. That will help the government to make effective policies for the people.

“This training is very important for all participant to learn and understand what is taught to them so that they will go back and train others back in their respective provinces and agencies.” He said.

The participants will learn the concepts, definition of census, supervisor training, how to use the tablet and field practise to understand the fundamental of the training requirement to conduct an efficient census using the online facilities.

There are four different types of training. In zero tier, the NSO team of Master trainer are trained to conduct the next level of training. In the first tier which starts this week, are Provincial and State Agencies participants. There will be intensive training exercise that they will learn through the content.

Mr. Igitoi also acknowledged other State Agencies who are participating in the training. They are Department of Labor and Industrial relations, PNG Civil Registry, Department of Community Development and Religion, UPNG, Department of Higher Education. Research, Science and Technology, Department of national Planning and Monitoring, Department of Prime Minister and NEC, Department of Implementation and Rural Development, Health Department, National research Institute, Department of Justice and Attorney General.

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**Photo caption: National Statistician John Igitoi welcoming the participants for the first-tier training in Port Moresby yesterday.**



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