Population data innovations: collection, analysis, and use

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ICPD – PoA – Relevant more than ever!

Valid

Reliable

Timely

Culturally relevant

Internationally comparable

Data form the basis for programme development, implementation, and M&E

Context

- The world faces a polycrisis

- Accurate, timely demographic data with foresight analysis is critical

- Only 70% global population was covered in the 2020 round census

- International funding support for population data collection is evaporating

- Technology and Innovation offer hope

Experience

- Doubling of countries that use register-based/combined census (2010 vs 20)

- Population estimates in hard-to-reach locations now possible

- Greater geographic and temporal granularity, (near-) & real-time availability

- Persistent gaps in the availability, quality, and use of gender data continue to undermine progress

- New challenges have risen (ethics, privacy, data governance & data quality)

Way forward

- Accelerate transition to integrated population data systems

- Develop a rights-based data governance architecture

- Expand financing for data and statistics

- Address inequalities in statistical capacity and data use

- Demonstrate urgency in closing the gender data gaps