

Legal framework

Census 2011 was conducted according to provisions of the Statistics Act No. 38 of 2000. The underlying procedures are given in Sections 5, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 15 of the Act.

The regulations for the Housing Census, prescribing the particulars and information to be collected, were prepared and approved by the Minister of Finance and Economic Development in October 2010. The regulations were published as Government Notice No. 212 of 2010.

The National Assembly approved at its sitting on 22 March 2011 that the census be taken between 19 June and 01 August 2011, in respect of all persons alive at midnight on 3 July 2011.

In April 2011, the President made an order to the effect that a census of the population be taken between 19 June and 01 August 2011 in respect of all persons alive at midnight on 3 July 2011. The Order was gazetted and published as Government Notice No. 61 of 2011.