

MEDIA RELEASE

(Update on 2023 Population & Housing Census)

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NSA Head Office

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UPDATE ON 2023 POPULATION & HOUSING CENSUS

1. Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) is pleased to update the Namibian nation on the progress we made towards the conducting of the 2023 Population and Housing Census; which is a national project of which NSA is the implementing agent.
2. At our last media engagement on the census, on the 1st March 2023, we announced that the NSA will be conducting the 2023 Population and Housing census following the budget allocation announcement from the Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. Iipumbu Shiimi, on 22 February 2023.
3. We are therefore delighted to inform the public that the 2023 Population and Housing Census will commence from 18 September to 03 November 2023. This time span will include the enumeration as well as the Post Enumeration Survey (PES). The Post Enumeration Survey (PES), which is a quality assurance exercise, is a critical aspect of the census as it aims to ensure that NSA disseminates quality statistics.
4. The preparations are well underway to ensure a comprehensive and accurate enumeration process takes place. This national undertaking aims to collect essential data on population size, distribution, and characteristics, as well as housing and living conditions. The information gathered will serve as a cornerstone for evidence-based planning and decision-making, policy formulation, as well as equitable resource allocation.
5. In preparation for the census, the NSA has, amongst others, done the following:
 - 5.1 Carried out census stakeholder engagements with all regional and most local authorities to brief them about the upcoming census. We engaged them on their role and clarified the support we seek from them. I am glad and appreciated that we were extremely well received and we look forward to working together to ensure the census becomes a resounding success. We are also amid engaging our other stakeholders which is proving very successful at this moment as well.

- 5.2 Yesterday, the 7th June 2023 the NSA advertised a mass recruitment of over 13,000 Census Field Staff which consists of Enumerators and Enumeration Supervisors (who are the majority), Data Clerks as well as IT Field Technicians (see ANNEXURE 1). The application will be done online through our website, www.nsa.org.na, where you go to opportunities and then create your profile so that you can apply for the positions that you are interested in.
- 5.3 This recruitment initiative is aiming to engage enthusiastic individuals from diverse backgrounds to join the census team, ensuring adequate coverage and efficient data collection across every corner of our nation. These temporary roles will provide a unique opportunity for citizens to contribute to a crucial national project while gaining valuable experience and skills. In addition to the above, NSA successfully recruited the 14 Regional Human Resources Officers who have since started with their duties at NSA head office.
- 5.4 The advertisement for 38 office-based positions such as Statisticians, Application Programmers, Junior Legal Advisors, Administrative Assistants, System Administrators, Web Developers, Publicity Officers, Payroll Administrators etc. to complement the NSA staff in carrying out the census activities has been concluded as the closing date was 16 May 2023 (ANNEXURE 1). The office is currently finalising this recruitment process in terms of selection, contracting, onboarding as well as deployment of successful candidates to their workstations.
- 5.5 The NSA recognises that accurate and reliable data is the foundation of informed decision-making. Therefore, we encourage all eligible individuals who are passionate about serving their nation to be part of this historic national project. This advertised recruitments which will close on 19 June 2023 for the Census IT related positions and 30 June 2023 for the Census Data Collection positions provides detailed information on how interested individuals can apply and contribute to this momentous undertaking. The nation should take note that the application process will take place through our website and no other links, including scams, will be used for recruitment of census staff.
6. The Census training will be taking place in four phases; namely Master training between (24 July – 04 August 2023), Training of Trainers 1 and 2 (07 August – 01 September 2023) and Enumerators training (08 – 16 September 2023).
7. I would further like to inform the nation that NSA will be sourcing transport services from private individuals for the census period. The acquiring of transport services from individuals means that the NSA will be utilising private individuals' vehicles where they will be driving their own vehicles or assign drivers to their vehicles.

This approach of providing transport services to the census project also speak to the notion of a national project as we will have participation at constituency levels as the vehicles to be used to transport the enumerators will be sourced from constituency levels. In total, 2 837 vehicles will be utilized for the entire project (census enumeration and PES).

8. We would therefore like to inform those individuals who have the vehicles that with the specifications that we require to avail them for the population and housing census for which they will be compensated for (ANNEXURE 2)
9. The 2023 Population and Housing Census, which is a national project as I have mentioned earlier, is a collective effort that demands the support and cooperation of every citizen. We urge all members of society to embrace this initiative and actively participate when enumerators visit their households. The information provided during the census will, as per the NSA norm, be treated with utmost confidentiality and will be used solely for statistical purposes. The nation can rest assured as all data is anonymised and encrypted meaning confidentiality remains guaranteed.
10. We would like to express our gratitude to all our key stakeholders for their continued support in the successful planning of the 2023 Population and Housing Census. Additionally, we extend our appreciation to the Namibian nation for their cooperation and understanding thus far as we work together to build a prosperous and inclusive future which will be informed by statistics for development.
11. To the media: we always recognise and value your significant role of spreading the messages to the entire nation. Please continue to amplify the messages of this national project to all the corners of the country.
12. For more information and updates on the 2023 Population and Housing Census, please visit our official website at www.nsa.org.na or contact our office at 061 431 3200 or email to 2023-census@nsa.org.na

I thank you.



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ANNEXURE 1

CENSUS VACANCIES

The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) was established in terms of Statistics Act No. 9 of 2011. The NSA is mandated, among others, to constitute the central statistical authority of the state and to collect, produce, analyse and disseminate official statistics in Namibia.

The NSA would like to invite suitable applicants who meet the requirements to apply for the temporary fieldwork vacancies under the 2023 Population and Housing Census and Post Enumeration Survey (PES) as indicated below.

Field Positions:

1. Position: Enumerators x 9,046 (Census = 8,738 & PES = 308)
2. Position: Team Supervisors x 3,606 (Census = 3,298 & PES = 308)
3. Position: Constituency Supervisors x 121
4. Position: Constituency Fleet Officers x 116
5. Position: Regional Security Officers x 14
6. Position: Data monitors x 35 (Census = 28 & PES = 7)
7. Position: Data Clerk Supervisors x 3 (PES only)
8. Position: Data Clerks x 42 (Census = 5 & PES = 37)
9. Position: Regional IT Field Technicians x 28 (Census = 14 & PES = 14)
10. Position: Constituency IT Field Technicians x 121
11. Position: National IT Field Technicians x 6 (Census = 4 & PES = 2)

Office Positions:

12. Position: Statistician (Field Operations) x 3
13. Position: Driver x 4
14. Position: Site Security Officer
15. Position: Site Security Officer
16. Position: Publicity Officer x 2
17. Position: Administrative Assistant x 3
18. Position: Payroll Administrator x 2
19. Position: Cashbook Clerk x 3
20. Position: Accounts Payable Clerks x 2
21. Position: Fixed Asset Clerk x2
22. Position: Junior Legal Advisor x2
23. Position: Application Programmers x2
24. Position: Database Specialist
25. Position: IT Specialist: Systems Administration x2
26. Position: IT Specialist: Network Administration x2
27. Position: IT Information Security Specialist x1
28. Position: IT Specialist: Web developer x3
29. Position: ICT Administrators x2

ANNEXURE 2

VEHICLES REQUIRED PER REGION DURING CENSUS PERIOD

Region	Total
//Karas	142
Erongo	103
Hardap	132
Kavango East	118
Kavango West	131
Khomas	69
Kunene	155
Ohangwena	407
Omaheke	159
Omusati	486
Oshana	219
Oshikoto	374
Otjozondjupa	162
Zambezi	184
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