

## RULES FOR COLLECTION OF STATISTICAL DATA IN THE MALDIVES

### Census procedure

1. Census is a statistical data collection operation carried out as a complete enumeration and gathering of related statistics. A census commonly refers to the complete enumeration of the local population at a given time. However, in order to distinguish a population census from other censuses, it is necessary to specify in detail the type of census.
2. Population and housing census of the Maldives is conducted in accordance with the internationally recommended principles of census taking. One such principle refers to defacto enumeration. The other principle is dejure enumeration.
3. All other censuses shall be carried out under generally established international principles.
4. Census information shall be collected using a structured questionnaire specifically designed for that census.
5. Census information shall be collected in the Maldives, either in Dhivehi or the English language.

### Survey procedure

6. A survey is a data collection operation carried out using a representative sample of the population.
7. A survey shall be conducted through direct or telephone interviews with the respondent or through mail-out questionnaires or by observation.
8. Generally information on a survey shall be in Dhivehi or the English language. However, a survey may be conducted in any other language with the approval of the Department of National Planning.
9. A public announcement of the survey should be made 1 (one) week prior to the commencement of the survey.

### Permission to conduct surveys

10. The authorization to conduct surveys shall be given by the Department of National Planning. The request for approval shall be submitted using the survey or pre-test approval form issued by the Department of National Planning.
11. A full application for approval must be submitted to the Department of National Planning, 4 (four) weeks prior to the commencement of the survey.
12. Permission shall be given within 1 (one) week of the submission of the completed survey or pre-test approval form.
13. Permission shall be given in accordance with clauses 7 and 8 of the Statistical Regulation of the Republic of Maldives.