INTRODUCTION
In order to improve the social well-being of the people and allocate resources better in the community, the Government of Rwanda requires to know the exact number of population, their living conditions, as well as the housing.

The Population and Housing Census is the only one that provides accurate statistics on the population size, population density, the rate of population growth, and their socio-economic conditions in general. And it’s taking place this 2022!

WHAT IS POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS?
The Population and Housing Census is an activity aimed to collect data that provide accurate statistics on population growth, social and economic situation in general.

WHEN WILL THE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2022 TAKE PLACE?
The Population and Housing Census 2022 will have the following three (3) phases:
- **10-14 August, 2022**: Listing.
- **16-30 August, 2022**: Enumeration.
- **16-30 September, 2022**: Post Enumeration Survey (PES)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2022?
- To know the exact number of people residing in Rwanda across Provinces, Districts, Sectors, Cells, and Villages,
- To analyze the social and economic situations in households,
- To identify the number of people in special categories: women, children, youth, elderly, people with disabilities
- To indicate the rate of fertility, mortality, and population growth in general,
- To identify the migration rate and future Rwandan residents,
- To revise and update maps from the village level for future enumeration purposes.

WHO IS CONCERNED WITH RWANDA POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2022?
The concerned are all Rwandan residents including foreigners and visitors who will have spent the Census night in Rwanda (the night of August 15-16, 2022).

WHAT IS THE CENSUS NIGHT AND WHEN WILL IT BE?
- The Census Night is the night preceding the first day of the main Census.
- The census night will be the night of the 15th to the 16th of August, 2022.
- All response to Census questions will be based on this census night.

We wish we could enumerate every Rwanda resident on this census night.
But because it is not possible, all the information that will be collected throughout the Census will be based on the Census night.

WHAT DO WE REQUEST A RWANDAN RESIDENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL RWANDA POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2022?
During the implementation of Rwanda Population and Housing Census, a Rwandan resident is requested to:
- Welcome Census enumerators,
- Be present as per enumerator’s appointment,
- Correctly respond to Census questions.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED DURING THE RWANDA POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS?
The Census questions that will be asked to all households fall in 4 main categories:

1. Household location
   Province, district, sector, cell, and village.

2. Characteristics of each household member
   The questions that will be asked for each household member and visitors are:
   - Questions related to marital status for household members aged 12 and above,
   - Questions related to disability for household members aged 5 and above,
   - Questions related to parents’ survival to be asked to household members aged below 18,
   - Questions related to identity document to be asked to all household members aged 18 and above,
   - Questions related to education for all household members,
   - Questions related to literacy for household members aged 10 and above,
Questions related to language, internet use, and ownership of telephone,
Questions related to occupation to be asked to household members aged 16 and above.

3. Health
Fatalities occurred in 12 months preceding the Census night,
Questions related to fertility for female household members aged 10 and above.

4. Housing and Farming
Materials that make the walls, pavement, and ceiling, number of rooms, durable materials owned by the household, hygiene and sanitation, and questions related to farming.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE PRIOR TO THE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2022?
Prior to the Population and Housing Census 2022 there will be the listing of all houses and households.

WHAT WILL LISTING HELP IN THE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2022?
Listing every house and household will help the Census enumerator:
- To know the number of households to be enumerated,
- To neither leave a household unenumerated nor enumerating a household more than once,
- To know the total enumerated and remaining households on a daily basis.

Note: It is important to maintain the listing codes throughout the duration of the Census.

WHAT ARE OTHER POPULATION HOUSING AND CENSUSES CONDUCTED IN RWANDA, AND WHAT ARE THEIR FINDINGS?

August 1978
1st
- Total population: 4,831,527
- Urban population: 222,727 (4.6%)
- Rural population: 4,608,800 (95.4%)
183

August 1991
2nd
- Total population: 7,157,551
- Urban population: 391,194 (5.5%)
- Rural population: 6,766,357 (94.5%)
271

August 2002
3rd
- Total population: 8,128,553
- Urban population: 1,372,604 (16.9%)
- Rural population: 6,755,949 (83.1%)
308

August 2012
4th
- Total population: 10,515,973
- Urban population: 1,737,684 (16.5%)
- Rural population: 8,778,289 (83.5%)
415

Further information and reports of previous censuses can be found the URL and QR code below:

Population Density (number of people per square kilometer)