



REMARKS

BY NIYI OJUOLAPE, UNFPA GHANA REPRESENTATIVE
AT THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE 2020 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS
ON FRI. 14 AUG. 2020 VIA ZOOM (VIRTUAL MEETING)

Protocol Observed:

- **Honourable Minister,**
- **Distinguished Participants.**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen.**

Mr. Chair, I am happy to be here for this steering committee meeting today. Among what is expected from the steering committee members and the institutions that they represent are those to:

- Provide technical, political, financial, cultural and institutional support for the implementation of the 2020 PHC.
- Help mobilize resources for the census; and
- Serve as Ambassadors for the 2020 census, leading in advocacy and publicity.

As the Government of Ghana addresses COVID-19 issues while pursuing the Ghana 2020 Population and Housing implementation, UNFPA Ghana in line with its mandate to support the census activities as much as possible with the circumstances. As the lead agency on data especially census data, we also represent the UN system in Ghana and indeed the other



development partners. We continued to provide technical guidance and census capacity strengthening, and advocate for the importance of census for development, and for pandemic preparedness and response. It has not been easy, but we have finally been able to provide a Census Technical Adviser to support all technical aspects of the census. We have an additional experienced person on census taking who has been working closely in providing support.

I must congratulate the Ghana Statistical Service and the Government of Ghana for coming this far with the census despite the unprecedented obstacles of the pandemic, an economic crisis, and a most difficult socio-cultural challenge. We in UNFPA and the UN are optimistic that with the new date set, all outstanding activities will fall in place ensure the enumeration is undertaken.

After the enumeration UNFPA will still be at hand with support for critical activities such as post enumeration survey; census report; and thematic reports from census data. UNFPA will advocate and lead the preparation of monographs such as those on Women; Maternal Health; Adolescents, Family Planning; Urbanisation; Children; the Economy and others.