

Historical outline

Uganda participated in 1950 to the World Census of Agriculture Programme. Between 1963 and 1965, Uganda Government conducted an Agricultural Census with technical assistance from the United Kingdom Government and the FAO. After the Census, two follow-up annual agricultural surveys were carried out. In 1986/87 a Livestock Sector Survey was conducted. A National Census of Agriculture and Livestock (NCAL) was conducted during 1990/91, with funding from UN Development Programme (UNDP) and technical assistance from FAO, followed by two annual agricultural sample surveys. Data here presented refer to the Agricultural Module developed during the Population and Housing Census conducted in 2002 (PHC 2002).

Organization

The PHC 2002, including the Agricultural Module, was organized and conducted by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS). Over 45 000 Enumerators visited and interviewed all households in the 56 Districts of the Country during the enumeration period.

Enumeration period

The data on Agricultural Module (AM) of the PHC 2002 were collected between 13 – 20 of September 2002 (census week).

Reference date/period

Livestock numbers refer to animals on the holding at the time of enumeration. For poultry keeping, the average number of poultry reared per month in the last three months was requested. Reference period for crop growing was the season from January to June 2002.

Definition

- **Agricultural household** is defined as a household registered in the AM confirming that one or more of household members were engaged in agricultural activity, like crop growing, livestock rearing, poultry keeping or fish farming. No minimum size of land was required.
- **Parcel** is a piece of land entirely surrounded by other land, water, roads, etc. not forming part of the holding.
- **Crop plot** is a piece of land within the holding on which a specific crop or crop mixture is cultivated.

Coverage

Geographically, the Agricultural Module (AM) of the 2002 PHC covered the entire country. The AM of the 2002 PHC was administered on a universal basis and therefore covered all households engaged in agriculture in Uganda. Private Large Scale and Institutional Farm Sector were not investigated.

Frame

The AM was designed as an attachment to the main questionnaire of the PHC 2002. Thus the agriculture census relied on the mapping and description of enumeration areas prepared for the Population Census. Main purpose of the AM of the PHC 2002 was to provide appropriate sampling frames for a detailed Uganda Census of Agriculture and Livestock (UCAL) and other agricultural surveys.

Method

The AM was piggy-backed onto the PHC 2002. When a household with agriculture activities was detected, a very brief questionnaire (compared to those designed for conventional agricultural censuses and surveys) was used to collect data on key variables about household-based agricultural activities. The AM provided the first complete enumeration of household-based agricultural activity ever taken in the country.

Data source

Report on the Agricultural Module, Piggy-Backed onto the Population and Housing Census (PHC), 2002 – September 2004. Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS)

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