Group 3 -Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica

Full Agriculture Census Module for a linked Population and Housing and Agriculture Censuses

Approach most relevant

- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC separate censuses with a few agriculture questions on the housing questionnaire (did this in 2010)
- HAITI separate censuses with a few agriculture questions on the housing questionnaire (did this in 2013)
- JAMAICA separate censuses with a few agriculture questions on the housing questionnaire

Items in Annex 1 to be considered

Supplementary Questionnaire:

- Q1 include
- Q2 include total area of parcels
- Q3 include
- Q4 decide main temporary crops total of 6 to 10 dependent on country situation
- Q5 include
- Q6 decide main fruit trees or other permanent crops total of 6 to 10 dependent on country situation

Items in Annex 1 to be considered

- Q7 Q11 not included
- Q12 include
- Questions related to livestock Q13 21 are relevant country determines the type of livestock (make one question like a table)
- Q 22 Question could be restructured and moved to the start of the questionnaire
- Q23 24 include

Other Key Agricultural Items to be added

Aquaculture (all countries)

Horticulture (for Jamaica)

Fertilizer (for Haiti)

Is the Questionnaire too much of a burden?

YES it is a burden to include a full agriculture census module

Instead – only ask the Minimum Core Questionnaire (5 questions) as a set of questions on the Household Questionnaire

Will information from farmers be reliable?

Probably not as the farmer will be asked so many questions – Housing questionnaire, Individual questionnaire and then questions related to the agricultural holding

In Dom Rep, usually the female (wife) who answers questions on behalf of the entire household and she may not know the accurate data as it relates to the agricultural holding

Practical Issues to be Addressed

General Issues

- Training time would have to be longer (more concepts and definitions to be learnt)
- Supervisors with experience in agriculture
- There will be a need to check the coverage of both the population and the number of farms/holdings
- Publicity would need to explain that two censuses would be done at the same time

Practical Issues to be Addressed

Need to have a collaboration and cooperation between the national statistical office and the ministry of agriculture if the two censuses are to be integrated

What would prohibit including a full agri census

Jamaica – already has a long history of an established system of conducting the censuses separately and both funded by the government Agricultural Censuses – 1969, 1979, 1996, 2007 Population Census – 1970, 1982, 1991, 2001, 2011

Cost – although conducting censuses together would be more cost–effective in the long run it would be costly at the outset.

What would prohibit including a full agri census

Haiti and Dominican Republic - Ministry of Agriculture would want a great deal of detail to be included and this would pose a problem if the two censuses were integrated