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## PRESS RELEASE

### **PILOT CENSUS for the 2021 MID-TERM CENSUS starts on 19TH OCTOBER 2021**

The public is hereby informed that the **Pilot Census for the 2021 Mid-Term Census** starts on Tuesday 19th October 2021 and will last fourteen days.

Accordingly, Monday 18th OCTOBER 2021 (**Prophet Mohammed's birthday - a public holiday**) is declared the PILOT CENSUS NIGHT. **This night of the public holiday**, will be the reference point for enumeration.

**Please note that** between the Pilot Census night and the time when enumerators reach your household, the composition of the household may change. **Therefore, please remember that our enumerators will ask about persons who slept in a household only on Prophet Mohammed's birthday 18th October 2021.**

For the Pilot Census, **1%** of the total number of enumeration areas was selected across the country. **Only households in these EAs will be counted during the next fourteen days.**

**The Pilot Census is conducted** to test all aspects of the main Mid-Term census which will follow. **These will include technical, logistical and communication issues.**

**Authorised Stats SL field staff with ID Cards and other branded materials, will go to the selected households** in the country to count the total number of people in those households and also ask questions relating to the Socio-Economic and Demographic indicators of those households.

The enumerators will talk to the **head of the household or his/her designated representative** to give information relating to those who slept in the household on 18th October 2021.

There will also be institutional questionnaires to be administered for people **who slept on** the PILOT CENSUS Night in places like Hotels, Hospitals, Police Stations, Prisons etc and also floating population questionnaire to capture the floating population on pilot census night.

**Please remember that this is an exercise that is meant only to test our systems for the main census, therefore not every area or household will be covered.**

The cooperation of the general public is hereby solicited **to allow Stats SL's enumerators to move** around and carry out their work unhindered as enshrined in Section 8 of the Census Act of 2002.

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