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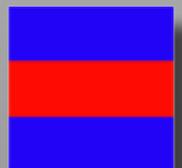
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Foreword

The 2014 Myanmar Population and Housing Census (2014 MPHC) was conducted from 29th March to 10th April 2014 on a *de facto* basis. The successful planning and implementation of the census activities, followed by the timely release of the provisional results in August 2014 and now the main results in May 2015, is a clear testimony of the Government's resolve to publish all information collected from respondents in accordance with the Population and Housing Census Law No. 19 of 2013. It is my hope that the main census results will be interpreted correctly and will effectively inform the planning and decision-making processes in our quest for national development.

The census structures put in place, including the Central Census Commission, Census Committees and Offices at all administrative levels and the International Technical Advisory Board (ITAB), a group of 15 experts from different countries and institutions involved in censuses and statistics internationally, provided the requisite administrative and technical inputs for the implementation of the census. The technical support from UNFPA and our strong desire to follow international standards affirmed our commitment to strict adherence to the United Nations guidelines and recommendations, which form part of international best practices for census taking.

This Main Census Report - Union (Census Report Volume 2) - is the second in a series of publications to be released from the 2014 MPHC. It contains detailed information on demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population and households at the Union and State/Region level. The initial analysis indicates that the 2014 MPHC data are complete and accurate. However, census enumeration did not cover some population groups in the northern parts of Rakhine State and in a few areas in Kachin State. In parts of Hpa Pun Township in Kayin State, only the total number of households and population by sex were submitted to the Census Office. The Government, with support from UNFPA, minimised the impact of these situations as much as possible and estimated the population missed in these areas. The estimates and the methodology used for estimation of the population not counted in these areas are provided in section 1.3 of this report.

As the Census is a massive statistical operation and an important national exercise, the Government ensured that its implementation incorporated the participation of all stakeholders, either directly or indirectly, through various census committees, continuous consultations and sensitisation workshops, as well as through the dissemination of information through print and electronic media. An effective communication campaign was mounted to create public awareness and mobilise national support for the Census.

On behalf of the Government, I express our gratitude to UNFPA and our development partners, namely Australia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America for their generous contributions. Their financial, technical and logistical support was critical to the success of our census. They provided useful advice and contributed immensely to various activities, including technical assistance, equipment and materials, printing of questionnaires, training of trainers and enumerators/supervisors, publicity materials, scanning of questionnaires, analysis of data and printing of the census publications, amongst other activities.

We are greatly indebted to the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, H.E. U Thein Sein, and the Patron of the Central Census Commission, the Vice President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, H.E. Dr. Sai Mauk Kham, for their valuable guidance in the census process. Also to be acknowledged are the members of the Central Census Commission and Census Committees at every administrative level

for working tirelessly to support the census process. Our gratitude also goes to the technical teams at the Ministry of Immigration and Population and UNFPA who worked around the clock to ensure that the census was implemented according to the planned timeline, and that all the reports and guidelines were produced and delivered on time. Special appreciation goes to the enumerators, supervisors and trainers, who were mainly from the Ministry of Education, as well as those from self-administered regions and from other institutions.

Finally, I would like to thank all Myanmar people for their support to the census process in general, and cooperation during the enumeration in particular. I would like to reiterate our promise that the completed census questionnaires are strictly confidential and are being handled with the utmost care, and that they will be used for the purposes of statistical compilation only.



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