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# Guidelines for the processing, validation, and consistency of census data

Experience, good practices, and challenges for Latin American  
countries

**Biennial program of activities 2020–2021**

# Background

- Previous experience of the countries in knowledge exchange of census material that is reflected in guidelines adapted for Latin America
- Progress in the 2020 round of censuses with some countries nearing the execution phase and planning for processing
- Expansion of new collection technologies and of new processing challenges
- Coordinating country: Chile

# Objectives

## General objective

- To strengthen the technical capacities of National Statistics Offices (NSO) in the census stage of the processing, consistency, and validation of data, within the framework of the preparation of the 2020 round of censuses, as well as to promote coordination and cooperation among the countries of the region in this area.

## Specific objectives

- To draft a reference document on the processing, validation, and consistency of census data, to be discussed with the countries of the region.
- To organize a regional seminar to discuss the guidelines and methodology proposed in the reference document and to share the experiences and good practices of the census stage.
- To draft the final document on the processing, validation, and consistency of census data, including the results, recommendations, and agreements of the regional seminar.
- To present and disseminate the final document on the processing, validation and consistency of census data to all the countries of the region.

# Anticipated content and expected results

- Systematization of national experiences, general guidelines, and recommendations for data processing, validation, and consistency
- Bridging the gaps between regional and international standards on the quality, timeliness, and accessibility of census information
- Strengthening inter-institutional alliances for regional integration in the area of population and housing censuses

# Program of activities

| Intermediate activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Beginning date                                                                | Ending date                  |
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| Activity 1.1: Preparation of a reference document for discussion with the countries participating in the regional seminar “Processing census data: review of validation methodologies and consistency in view to the 2020 round”            | January 2020                                                                  | June 2020                    |
| Activity 1.2: Conducting the regional seminar: “Processing census data: review of validation methodologies and consistency in a view to the 2020 round”                                                                                     | To be determined in May 2020                                                  | To be determined in May 2020 |
| Activity 1.3: Drafting of the final document, “Guidelines for the processing, validation, and consistency of census data: experience, good practices, and challenges of the countries of the region”, including the results of the seminar. | Six months after the definition of the aspects to be included in the document |                              |
| Activity 1.4: Presentation and dissemination of the final document “Guidelines for the processing, validation, and consistency of census data: experience, good practices, and challenges of the countries of the region”                   | The month after the completion of the final document                          |                              |