WHAT IS CENSUS@SCHOOL?

- Census@School is an international educational project focusing on data handling in which learners gather basic information about themselves.
- In South Africa, the Census@School project was initiated for the first time in 2001 by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) in collaboration with the Department of Education (DOE)

OBJECTIVES

- To promote statistical literacy
- To promote the 2011 Population Census
- To promote statistics as a career option



WHAT IS STATISTICS?

 Statistics is the mathematical science pertaining to collection, analysis, interpretation or explanation and presentation of data.

WHAT IS STATS SA?

- Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is the national statistical agency of South Africa.
- It was established after the Statistics Act, No.6 of 1999, was passed by the South African Parliament.
- Stats SA was established with the goal of producing timely, accurate and accessible official statistics in order to advance economic growth, development and democracy.

POPULATION CENSUS

• The population census is the most important and largest project that Stats SA is mandated to conduct by the South African government.

• South Africa conducted its first all-inclusive, democratic census in 1996, followed by another one in 2001.

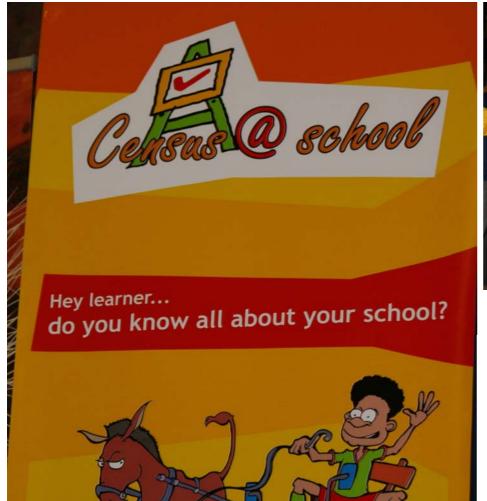
• The next census was suppose to be conducted in 2006, but because of the enormity of conducting such large scale projects, cabinet decided to change census taking from a 5-year to a 10-year period.



POPULATION CENSUS

 This necessitated the need for a large scale household survey in-between censuses to provide accurate statistics in the short and medium term. This resulted in the Community Survey 2007.

- The next population census will be conducted in October 2011.
- Census 2011 is the third democratic census and is envisaged to surpass all the previous censuses in terms of coverage, accuracy of the data collection and proper organisation of all its phases.
- The complete coverage and accuracy of this census depends on the cooperation of respondents.







Learners filled with excitement at the Census@School launch



Learners waiting in anticipation for Minister Manuel's address



Statistician-General, Pali Lehohla (left) and Deputy Director-General of Corporate Relations, Risenga Maluleke (right) were a hit with the learners, gaining more than a few laughs and engaging participation









Johann Güldenpfenning, principal at Pro Arte Alphen Park School with some of the learners depicted on the side





Minister Manuel greeting the senior learners at Pro Arte Alphen Park School



Enthusiastic learners reach out to touch Minister Manuel as he enters the Pro Arte Alphen Park School hall



Minister Manuel handing over a token of appreciation to Pro Arte Alphen Park School



Minister Manuel with the 'brave' learners who were willing to ask him questions



The Statistician-General being interviewed by the media



Deputy Director-General of Population and Social Statistics, Kefiloe Masiteng hands out gifts to the learners



The Statistician-General, Pali Lehohla, with his newly found fans







The winners of the Census@School drawing competition describing what Census@School means to them as learners



From left to right: The Chairperson of the Statistics Council, Howard Gabriels, the principal of Lorato Primary School, Mrs Lebethe, winners of the Census@School drawing competition, Deputy Director-General Kefiloe Masiteng, and the Statistician-General



Deputy Director-General Kefiloe Masiteng addresses Lorato Primary School



Chairperson of the Statistics Council, Howard Gabriels, adds his voice of support to the Census@School project



The principal of Lorato Primary School, Mrs Lebethe



Learners performing at Lorato Primary School in Hebron



The Census@School industrial theatre group performing at Lorato Primary School



The Stats SA choir entertains the guests



The Statistician-General handing over a token of appreciation to Lorato Primary School

