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Engendering the 5th Census 2008

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Introduction:

The census is the process of a comprehensive inventory of all people in specific time, it is the most important sources of data in the world especially in developing ones. It record the indicators of demographic characteristics, social and economic.
The 5th census is the most important census which took into account the social dimension the General Directorate for Women & Family Affairs formed special technical committee of specialists from different relevant stakeholders.

The technical committee set and formulated a comprehensive proposal for many interventions at different stages, where the questionnaire was discussed form a gender perspective and meetings has been conducted with different working technical committees in all stages.

The 5th census which has been conducted in 2008 a great opportunity to provide integrated data and information.

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The census is the most importance political, economical and social development process, there should be unlimited support to secure and make sure that has been done scientifically correct.

Women's represent different sectors must make all necessary efforts at all levels to success 5th census, it is a base for development and give women and men fair opportunity to participate actively constructing Sudan unified.

Census helps policy & decision – making to translate these policies to plans and programmes leading to complete the ultimate goal of social development.

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Recommendation:

- Collection and analysis of data from a gender perspective is very crucial to reflect the women's socio-economic context.
- Gender sensitive data & information goes post disaggregated data by sex, male or female, but discusses the concept framework of which were collected from which this information.
- Reviewing the conceptual basis of data collection and the questionnaire.
- Reviewing coding and classification systems and terminologies.

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➢ Gender training for all personnel involved in data collection, including enumerators and supervisors and the development of appropriate training modules and materials for this purpose.

➢ Media campaigns to communicate specific gender messages directly to potential respondents.

➢ Reviewing and revising tabulations and data presentation and dissemination.

➢ Gone through the whole process of Census operation my recommendation towards gender issues would be to raise awareness on gender concepts and definitions through workshops and trainings.