



The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in collaboration with the Paraguay Dirección General de Estadística, Encuestas y Censos, organized and conducted the **Regional Workshop on Census Evaluation and Post Enumeration Surveys** in Asunción, Paraguay, 3-7 August 2009. The workshop was attended by 35 participants of whom 28 were from the following countries in the region: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. Australia also attended as well as representatives from UNECLAC, UNFPA and UNSD. His Excellency Ing. Carlos Sánchez León, Minister of Planning and Economic and Social Development of Paraguay, opened the Workshop and expressed the support of the Government of Paraguay to this workshop as part of the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses.

The Workshop presented an overview of the various methods of evaluating censuses with a focus on the post enumeration survey (PES) methodology. The different steps for designing and implementing a PES, as well as the statistical models for the estimation of coverage rates were presented in depth. The Workshop also offered the possibility to the participants to present and discuss the experience of their countries on different aspects of census evaluation. The discussions were rich and fruitful, and the participants emphasized the need to evaluate the coverage of the census in order to: (i) provide users with some measures of the quality of census data to help them interpret the results; (ii) identify as far as is practicable the types and sources of error in order to assist the planning of future censuses; and (iii) serve as a basis for constructing a best estimate of census aggregates, such as the total population, or to provide census results adjusted to take into account identified errors.

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