

**APPENDIX 1
REPORT ON FIRST PRETEST FOR POPCEN 2006**

I. Introduction

The rationale to conduct another pretest for the 2006 Census of Population stems from the fact that there were additional and revisions in the questions, as well as changes in the format of the questionnaire to conform to the processing system currently developed.

To ensure that these matters at hand are resolved, the pretest was conducted in order to:

- Test the revised questions on functional difficulty and maternal health as well as the reformatted questionnaire;
- Measure workload standards based on these changes;
- To check the translation for the questionnaire for self-report and proxy-report respondent for the cognitive test of the Washington Group General Measure on Disability; and
- Determine problems, issues and concerns that may arise during the actual field operations.

II. Area and Date of Pretest

In consideration of the objectives of the pretest, the selection of the pretest area was based mainly on the following indicators:

- Fertility rate to test the revised questions on maternal health
- Proportion of people with functional difficulty (or disability)

Hence, the province of Bataan (around 110 to 120 kilometers from Manila) was chosen. The conduct of pretest was done in two barangays (villages) to represent rural and urban areas in the following dates:

Pretest Area	Date
Barangay Puerto Rivas, City of Balanga	January 12, 2006
Barangay Sabatan, Municipality of Orion	January 13, 2006

Barangay Puerto Rivas is an urban area with about 500 households clustered block-by-block. Barangay Sabatan, on the other hand, is a rural area with an estimated number of more than 300 households. Half of the area is an uphill where neighborhoods are scattered half a kilometer apart.

III. Participants

There were seven participants from the central office and another four from the field office who acted as enumerators and supervisors/observers. The two District Statistics Officers helped in the coordination with the local officials.

Central Office Participants:

1. Mercedita E. Tia
2. Mary Jane T. Robles
3. Ma. Solita C. Vergara
4. Guillermo M. Lipio, Jr.
5. Meiji Noreen O. Centeno
6. Ronel P. Pacanan
7. Jonas Clement V. Palangyos

Field Office Participants:

1. Marianita E. Nalundasan
2. Ma. Lourdes Camagaz
3. Francisco Corpuz
4. Allan Bruno

IV. Pretest Mechanics

A. Team Approach and Assignment

A team approach was adopted during the data collection. From the total number of participants, four teams were formed, each with an interviewer and an observer/supervisor. Participants from the central office served as observers while those from the field office acted as interviewers. Each of the team was assigned a particular segment of the barangay where households are to be enumerated.

B. Listing and Enumeration

Listing and enumeration was done simultaneously. For a household with member(s) who have functional difficulty, administration of Cognitive Test Questionnaire in Filipino was also done.

C. Briefing and Debriefing

Prior to the start of the fieldwork, a briefing was done to discuss the purpose and mechanics of the pretest as well as important concepts that needed

emphasis on certain variables specifically on ethnicity, functional difficulty and maternal health.

After the fieldwork, a debriefing was made to tackle some issues and observations. Debriefing was also done to solicit recommendations.

V. Issues/Observations and Actions Taken/Recommendations and Pretest Results

There were many issues and concerns discussed by the participants during the training and field operation. Actions taken and recommendations were also discussed. Furthermore, the results of the pretest, particularly the interview time, average output, demographic and socio-economic characteristics were also tabulated. For the functional difficulty, problems on translation were also discussed. Correction in the translation was later done.