RAS AL KHAIMAH STATISTICS CENTER INITIATES SECOND PHASE OF GENERAL POPULATION, HOUSING, AND ESTABLISHMENTS CENSUS 2023

* *Fieldworkers to start door-to-door visits and in-depth interviews with residents from February 1st, 2023*
* *The census continues following a successful first phase during which more than 75 thousands buildings and 110 thousands real estate units, including residences and houses, were visited and listed*
* *The initiative marks a fundamental step towards achieving the goals of Ras Al Khaimah’s Vision 2030*
* *The statistical data that will be collected will enable authorities to formulate plans and policies that aim to enhance the quality of life in the Emirate*
* *Statistics Center calls on residents to provide full support to fieldworkers in this crucial phase of the census*

Ras Al Khaimah, February 1st, 2023: Today, the Ras Al Khaimah Statistics Center officially announced the launch of the second phase of the Emirate’s General Population, Housing, and Establishments Census 2023, which will see fieldworkers visiting all buildings and units listed during the first phase to collect more detailed information about each household and its members.

Dr, Abdulrahman Al Chayeb Al Naqbi, Chairman of the High Census Committee, Chairman of the Statistics Center, emphasized the importance of the census in the provision of accurate data needed to inform government-level strategies and budget allocation in the coming years, and said: “The census will generate comprehensive data on population dynamics, gender, age structure, nationality, and socio-economic characteristics for all national and non-national resident population of the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah. Data on household composition and size will provide solid grounds for short term, mid-term and long-term forecasting of future needs at the community level and for the whole population of the Emirate in addition to helping in reviewing, updating or developing new policies, as needed. It will be a central pillar in helping achieve the goals of Vision 2030."

The second phase – Population Census – which will be conducted throughout the entire month of February, will see fieldworkers returning to the units identified and listed during the first phase to collect in-depth data on all household members. Information will include basic demographic characteristics and population dynamics, as well as all related variables and social characteristics such as educational enrolment and level, marital status, age at marriage, participation in the labour force, occupation, type of economic activity as well as durable goods and assets of the household, amongst other fields.

“We would like to thank residents for their support during this crucial phase of the census and urge them to provide our fieldworkers with all the information needed to complete the data collection process,” added Dr. Naqbi .

All fieldworkers will be having Census-branded IDs containing individual QR codes that can be scanned at any time to verify the identity. All fieldworkers speak Arabic and will be supported by a team of translators. They will conduct interviews and collect the data using handheld electronic tablets, which will transmit collected data in realtime and synchronize it with a central database. Household interviews to be conducted with the heads of households or an eligible member of the household who must be over 15 years of age.

In line with the Statistics Act, data collected at all levels – individual, household and business establishment – will be confidential and not revealed under any circumstances.

Upon completion of the population census data collection process, Ras Al Khaimah Statistics Centre will share the results through official channels with government agencies. The results of the general census will also be made available to the public.

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**ABOUT CSS**

RAK Statistics Center​ is a government organization that was created under Emiri Law No. (2) of 2016, aiming to promote statistical work in Ras Al Khaimah and to provide statistical data and information accurately, transparently, and professionally in line with the best international standards and to strive to achieve the objectives and implement the competencies provided for in the law in creation thereof.

The law for the creation of the center provides that it is the sole source of official statistics on the Emirate’s level and the authorized entity to organize statistical work and surveys in this field, and that the center shall have an independent legal personality, having its own financial and administrative independence and the necessary legal capacity to carry out the activities that ensure the achievement of the objectives for which it has been created. The center is accountable to the Executive Council of Ras Al Khaimah, and it has a board of directors that was formed under the Resolution of the Executive Council No. (5) of 2016.

The objectives which the center strives to achieve according to Article (6) of the law in creation thereof are summarized in the construction of an integrated and developed statistical system, which contributes to advancing economic, social and environmental development within the Emirate by providing statistical support and the necessary data and indicators for decision makers to set out developmental policies. Furthermore, the center aims to regulate and develop statistical work in the Emirate and to provide accurate and reliable statistics for all users, and to ensure the implementation of surveys and specialized studies according to the internationally adopted scientific methodologies and methods.