

## **Government sector contribution for census and surveys in Sri Lanka: a case study on the Department of Census & Statistics**

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The Department of Census & Statistics has already played a significant role to furnish information on Census. Future oriented policies, plans and development programmes are provided by the Department of Census & Statistics. Moreover this institute collects demographic, social and economic information and presents them effectively for users who need raw data.

The main objective of this study is to identify functions and efficiency of the Department of Census & Statistics which provides data on economic, demographic and socio-economic fields for general public.

This study used primary and secondary data. This paper concludes that the information gathered from Census and Statistics is helpful for both private and public sectors. This information is essential for the government planning, administration and for research purposes.

The study reveals that the services of an institution which is designed to fulfill the future desires to carry out policy formulation and planning are important. The information made available is used to analyze the development trends of the country. This is co-related with analyzing the success of data related of economic wellbeing.

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