

PREFACE

The wealth of information that is generally collected in a Census of Population, provides an unparalleled opportunity to understand the various socio-economic and demographic changes that has occurred in the country during the intervening period of the two censuses. Hence, this analytical report of the 2001 census of population in Nepal, presented in two volumes contain indepth analyses of twenty one different topics related to the population of the country by eminent persons dealing with such issues in their daily work. The topics included in this volume are : A Perspective on Census 2001; Population Growth, age and sex structure; Caste, Ethnicity and Religion; Mother Tongue and Second Language; Household Composition and Family Structure; Literacy and Educational Attainment; Nuptiality; Conceptual Framework for the Measurement of Economic Activity of the Population in the Census; Age-Sex Pattern of Economic Activity of the Population; Urbanization and Development. Whereas, population policy and issues related with the policy are included in the second volume. The topics included in the second volume are : Fertility; Mortality; Internal Migration; Citizenship and International Migration; Population Policy; Quality of Data in Census 2001; Population and Environment; Ageing of the Population; Gender Status and Changes in the Population; Status of Children and Adolescents and Youth in the Population. The rationale for dividing these highly interrelated topics is simply the ease of handling these analysis in the form of a book, that is, their size, rather than anything else.

On behalf of the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) and on my own behalf, I am grateful to all those authors who have contributed a chapter in these volumes. One of our contributor of the topics on Mortality, Dr. Gokarna Regmi, passed away even before completing his assignment. This topic was supplemented by Mr. B.D.S. Dongol with whom late Dr. Regmi had frequent exchanges of views as well as relevant data while Mr. Dongol and Dr. P.L. Joshi were working for the preparation of Population Projection. It is with profound sorrow, we wish to place on record, our appreciation of the work rendered by Dr. Regmi in writing the chapter.

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