Population rise despite Aids fears

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Zimbabwe’s population

steadily increased to 13 million,

up by 1.1 per cent from

the last count a decade ago, a

report released by the National

Statistics Agency (ZimStats)

today shows. “Detailed results

will be published in a series

of subsequent reports after

completion of data processing

and further analysis,” Mutasa

Dzinotizei, ZimStats director

general said.

Long-ruling President

Robert Mugabe blamed the

scourge of HIV and Aids

related deaths for the declining

growth after the 2002

census. Though about 13

per cent of the population is

HIV positive, Zimbabwe has

emerged as somethi