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QUESTIONNAIRE FOr HON Joseph Lekuton MP Laisamis  
   
A census is the procedure of systematically acquiring and recording   
information about the members of a given population. It is a regularly   
occurring and official count of a particular population.  
   
1.How important is Census information for the Government and Kenyans?

**Census is very important because it will give a comprehensive picture of our country’s numbers which will in turn be used as a tool for effective policy, planning and decision making purposes as we try to address the social and living conditions of our people.**

2. Can the information be used for business, agriculture, marketing?

**Yes, I think that the numbers in respective areas are vital for business, agriculture, and marketing. Various prospective entrepreneurs can use the populations to determine business potential in specific areas. The info can also be used to determine how much resources delivered to various areas.**   
3 .The process of hiring enumeration staff has elicited cries. Will it   
affect the process this year?

**Iam not really sure if it will affect the outcome. I believe that Kenyans are strong people who want fairness. If the process of hiring was flawed it must be corrected quickly and give people their rights.**  
   
   
4. Past Census results have been running into problems making members   
of the public feel they are doctored. Comment.

**I could understand why the citizens are jittery. We cannot accept the government of the day to manipulate the results. No single tribe should manipulate the numbers to favour them.**

5. Is it fine if enumerators ask for the tribes of people?

**This is really tricky. We want to be proud of our heritage, but at the same time we are faced by serious tribal issues in our country. It’s a decision that we have to make as Kenyans.**   
6. Do you think the Census exercise has been politicized?

**At the moment, I don’t think so. However, I am asking all the officials participating in the census to be non-partisan and deliuver an accurate figure that is fair. After the exercise we strongly ask the government not to doctor any result at ALL. Lets be Kenyans and not tribal**.

7. How will the census exercise cover those affected by conflicts like   
in Isiolo/Meru and the nomads in search of food and water?

**That is the toughest challenge. In Laisamis for example, most of our livestock are in various districts and some people displaced from their areas. The officials, should find ways to reach those people.**   
Mheshimiwa I will appreciate If you can respond fast.  
   
I am not sure if we have your photograph passpport size but you can   
attach one and send back or I ask a photographer to come take one of   
you pictures.