Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) and MICS Plus

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Outline

Overview of MICS
MICS during COVID-19 pandemic
MICS Plus
Looking forward: HH Surveys
Overview

MICS started during the early 1990’s to monitor the World Summit for Children Goals

Global coverage
- 115+ countries
- 340+ surveys

Asia and the Pacific
- 36 countries - any MICS
- 24 countries – MICS6

Current MICS6 tools covers 41% of the HH survey based SDG indicators - the highest among all international HH surveys

MICs position

All activities that involve field visit/travel suspended – safety and health of all those involved in surveys is our top priority

Speed up the data analysis and finalization of reports of countries that completed data collection

Upcoming surveys – provide remote support to finalize sample design, questionnaires, etc.
MICS Plus

Telephone survey
Pilot tested in Belize
Representative sub-sample of MICS households with a telephone and consent
Or Sub-sample from other household surveys that collected telephone numbers
Telephone calls are made to sampled respondents from a call center or interviewers home, using a smart data/call management system

MICS Plus

Periodic data collection – monthly, fortnightly
Short questionnaire – 10-15 mins
Flexibility in including topics/questions for the following purposes:
• Longitudinal data
• Specific program indicators
• Opinion polling
• Crisis monitoring
Near-real time reporting through dashboards
Preparations underway to implement MICS Plus in Mongolia and discussions ongoing with other countries
Looking forward: MICS

Post-COVID module

Modifications in other modules (e.g.)
- Capturing education data
- Disruptions and access to services

Measuring height of children without physical contact - using AI

Using mixed methods and approaches of data collection – data integration
- Face-to-face
- Telephone
- On-line

Leveraging the potential of MICS Link

Thanks

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