

## **MULTIPLE INDICATORS CLUSTER SURVEY**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2015**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> steering Committee meeting of Sindh Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (Sindh MICS) was held on Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 04:00 PM under the Chairmanship of the Chief Economist (Planning & Development) on behalf of Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.), Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh in the committee room of Planning & Development Department, Tughlaq House Karachi.

#### **Agenda of the Meeting:**

1. Presentation and approval of Key Finding report (KFR) of MICS 2014.
2. Presentation and approval of MICS data dissemination plan.
3. Any other issue with the approval of Chair.

#### ***List of participants Annexed***

#### **Proceedings:**

The Honorable Chief Economist (Planning & Development) started proceeding with welcoming the participants and brief introduction of Sindh MICS. Then he invited to survey's implementing partners Mr. Ali Dino Gahoti, Director General (BOS)/ Project Director (MICS), Ms. Fawzia Hoodbhoy, PMER Specialist, UNICEF Sindh, and Dr. Ghulam Murtaza, representative PCRWR to express few words regarding KFR.

DG (BOS) thanked to all participants for their presence and informed the forum that, almost 200 employees of Sindh Bureau of Statistics were engaged during MICS survey and appreciated the efforts of core team on implementation of survey and preparation of KFR. Ms. Fawzia complimented to the Government of Sindh on the finalization of KFR draft. She also informed the forum that, this report is thoroughly examined by Regional and Global office of MICS they endorsed this Draft KFR and expressed their satisfaction on implementation of MICS standard protocols in true spirit. She appreciated Quality Control & Monitoring mechanism adopted by the implementing agency. Then honourable Chairman invited to Mr. Shah Nawaz Jiskani, Additional Director/ Survey Coordinator (MICS) for KFR presentation.

Following was outline of presentation by Survey Coordinator:

- Introduction to MICS
- Survey Methodology

- Data Quality
- Key Findings of the survey Review and Endorsement
  - Household characteristics
  - Child mortality
  - Nutrition
  - Child health
  - Water and sanitation
  - Reproductive health
  - Child development
  - Education
  - Child protection
  - HIV and AIDS
  - Access to mass media and ICT
  - Tobacco use
  - Hepatitis
- Extension of Project MoU and approval of Dissemination Plan

### **Discussion and Question/ Answers**

During presentation Dr. Raj Kumar asked about the method of collection of vaccination record in response to this query Mr. Jiskani replied that we used following three methods to obtain vaccination record:

1. Vaccination Card available with mother Mothers/ Primary Caretakers
2. Mother/ Caretaker recall method
3. Nearest Vaccination Centre or Health Facility (*in case of vaccination card was not available with mother or she was not able to recall.*)

Dr. Kishor Kumar Kathri from MNCH asked about the variation in the Polio and Penta prevalence while both are provided at the same time, Mr. Jiskani replied there can be different reasons for this mismatch i.e. non-availability fo both vaccines same time, memory call bias etc. he also said the variation is statistically insignificant. Mr. P. S. Rajani, Special Secretary commented on the figure of Electricity presence in the Sindh, he suggested that this figure should be compared with other surveys. Ms. Fawzia replied and quoted figures of PDHS 2012-13 wich are quite similar to MICS findings. Dr. Kishor further raised a question about *E.coli* testing procedure; in the reponse Dr. Ghulam Murtaza from PCRWR said that we have two procedures Qualitative and Quantitative to conduct *E.coli* testing. Houshold drinking water was tested for bacterial contamination (quantitative) using imported (*1 ml*) test kits being used by other MICS countries for same purpose. We also used (*20 ml*) local test kits for qualitative testing and results of both methods are comparable.

Dr. Afshaque Ali Shah, Additional Secretary, Population Welfare asked about the denominator of TFR and service provider of family Planning. Mr. Jiskani replied that the denominator for calculation of TFR is all eligible women (15-49 years) and we did not collection information about service provider for family planning in MICS.

Ms. Shahista Jabeen from Nutrition Cell suggested that the deviation in Breastfeeding statistics may be rechecked. Ms Fawzia replied that MICS uses standard syntax for calculation of all indicators and for breastfeeding indicators standard syntax was not changed by Sindh team and same syntax is being used by all other MICS countries and findings are comparable to other surveys in Sindh.

Dr. Sahil Sheikh from Nutrition Cell asked about the Sampling Methodology, Mr. Jiskani replied two stage stratified cluster sampling was used in MICS; further detail is available on BOS website.

### **Decisions and Action Points**

Honourable Chairman, Chief Economist concluded Steering Committee meeting with congratulations to implementing partners and said that, clapping of the participants is an indication that the forum approves this report. He advised that DG (BOS) will initiate a summary for honorable worthy Chief Minister Sindh through proper channel for information as he possess portfolio fo P&DD.

Steering Committee also approved the extension of MICS agreement between BOS and UNICEF till December, 2015 to complete the following tasks:

1. Key Finding Report & Launch.
2. Final Report & Launch.
3. Thematic Charts, Flyers, Notepads (with key indicators), Sindh MICS Story - Documentary etc
4. Digital MICS Dissemination/Android/IOS application development
5. Sindh-Info (MICS dissemination, planning and analysis tool)
6. Further Analysis (Research)
  - a. Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)
  - b. Child Deprivation Index
7. Archiving and availability of Data set for research/secondary analysis

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Chair.