

MULTIPLE INDICATORS CLUSTER SURVEY

1ST MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE

18TH OCTOBER, 2017

The 1st meeting of the Steering Committee for Sindh Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey was held on Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the committee room of Planning & Development Department, Tughlaq House Karachi. This meeting was co-chaired by Secretary Planning and Chief Economist (Planning & Development Department) on behalf of the honourable Chairman, Planning & Development Board. The list of participants is annexed at Annexure – A.

Agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Introduction to Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey
2. MICS 2017-18 Progress review
3. Sindh MICS 2017-18 Indicators List
4. Sindh MICS 2017-18 Questionnaires
5. Survey Timelines
6. Submission for Approval

Proceedings:

The Chief Economist (Planning & Development Department) welcomed all participants and invited Director General, Bureau of Statistics to say few words regarding the meeting agenda being presented.

Dr. Nasim ul Ghani Sahito; Director General (BOS) thanked to all participants for their presence and highlighted the need and importance of data synchronization with respect to SDG's targets and indicators and informed the forum that Sindh MICS is an integral part of National Coordinated MICS. He further informed that, Sindh MICS Operational Group has been formulated in Sindh Bureau of Statistics which will implement this survey.

The Director General (BOS) then invited Mr. Muhammad Kazim Jafri, Deputy Director for brief presentation of Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey. The presentation covered the following outlines:

- Introduction to MICS and background
- Objectives of the Sindh MICS
- MICS Governance Structure
- Survey Methodology
- MICS 2017-18 Progress Review
- List of Indicators
- MICS Questionnaires
- Feedback on Indicators List and Questionnaires
- MICS 2017-18 timelines

The presentation started with MICS history and comparison between current and previous MICS rounds. Mr. Jafri informed the forum that 6th round of MICS was launched by UNICEF in 2016 globally. Sindh MICS Team has reviewed and customized the standard List of Indicators, Questionnaires and Survey Plan in the context of Sindh and PC-II and budget of MICS6 have also been drafted. According to customization 195 indicators have been proposed for Sindh MICS and following questionnaires will be used in the field.

- Household Questionnaire
- Questionnaire for Women 15-49 years of age
- Questionnaire from Children <5 years of age
- Questionnaire for Children 5-17 year of age
- Questionnaire for Men 15-49 year of age
- Water Quality Testing

As per Survey Plan district wise data collection teams will be formulated with following composition:

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| 1. Supervisor | 01 |
| 2. Enumerator (Female) | 03 |

3. Enumerator (Male) 01
4. Measurer 01

MICS6 will provide data on 34 SDGs indicators and will address partially 1st to 8th, 10th, 16th and 17th Goals of SDGs.

Discussion and Question/ Answers

Commenting on the module of Nutrition Dr. Zahoor Baloch, Programme Manager, Nutrition Support Programme, Health Department inquired about inclusion of questions regarding nutritional status of women. Mr. Faateh ud Din, PME Officer, UNICEF replied that questions related to nutritional status of women are not the part of MICS standard questionnaires.

During the discussion Director General (BOS) explained that, this is first time in history of BOS that the Bureau will collect data electronically with technology of CAPI (Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing).

For the further elaboration of electronic data collection, Director General (BOS) invited Mr. Muneer Qureshi, Data Processing Supervisor (MICS). He explained that data processing application CSPro (Census and Survey Processing System) will be used and standard programmed questionnaires will be installed in data collection devices and customized in the context of Sindh.

While discussing indicators list, Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Economist, P&DD raised a query, whether “*Household vector Control*” or “*Drinking water source*” related indicators will be computed at Household level or Community level. In response Mr. Faateh ud Din, PME Officer UNICEF informed that this is a household survey and all the indicators in this survey will be computed at household level.

Mr. Jafri, Deputy Director (BOS) informed the forum in response of query raised by Chief Economist, P&DD that expenditure related questions like “expenditure on child’s education, on electricity and etc.” are not asked in MICS, however this information may be obtained from HIES (Household Integrated Economic Survey) which is the regular feature of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

During the discussion on module of *Social Transfer*, Dr. Shereen Mustafa, Secretary (Planning), P&DD suggested that the duration of receiving social transfers and benefits should increase from 3 months to 1 year so the indicator “14.1 - Population covered by social transfers” may be calculated on annual basis. In response, Director General (BOS) endorsed her suggestion and advised to MICS technical team to change the indicator according to suggestion.

Mr. Raja Masroor, Assistant Chief, Foreign Aid, Planning and Development Department inquired about the Sampling Methodology. He was informed that, two stage stratified sampling will be used in MICS and sample will be calculated and given by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics which is sole custodian of sampling frame in Pakistan.

Dr. Zahoor Baloch, Programme Manager, Nutrition Support Programme, Health Department informed the forum, in last MICS 21 days comprehensive training was conducted by Sindh Bureau of Statistics and different subject experts from Government and UNICEF sides were invited for lectures. He asked that, what will be the training strategy in upcoming MICS. Mr. Jafri replied, according to Sindh MICS 2017-18 Survey Plan twenty four days comprehensive enumerators’ trainings will be conducted at three different stations Sukkur, Hyderabad and Karachi and 200 trainees will be trained in overall Sindh. In response of query related to lectures of expert during training, Mr. Muhammad Asim Khan, PMER Specialist, UNICEF replied, at this time again UNICEF and BOS are planning to invite sectors’ specialist for lecture during training.

Dr. Zakir Ali, Programme Manager, PPHI suggested to include indicators of the Institutional Deliveries, Birth Asphyxia, Still Birth and Uses of Uterotonics, In the repose of his query, Director General (BOS) informed that indicator of Institutional Deliveries is available in list of indicators, however other indicators are out of scope of MICS6.

Mr. Faateh ud Din, PME Officer, UNICEF informed about the procedure to conduct *E.coli* testing in response a query raised by Mr. Faheem Junejo, Director (PM&ES) about *E.coli* testing procedure. He informed that household drinking water will be tested for bacterial contamination using imported (1 ml) test kits which is recommended by Global MICS team and WASH experts.

During the presentation Mr. Jafri informed that standard MICS6 questionnaires were sent to 34 different stakeholders for their feedback and following Departments provided their inputs before the Steering Committee meeting.

1. Foreign Aid Section, P&D Department
2. Education Section, P&D Department
3. EPR Section, P&D Department
4. HIV/AIDS Control Program, Health Department
5. RSU, School Education & Literacy Department
6. Information Science & Technology Department

Director General (BOS) advised all the remaining stakeholders to submit their feedback within one week. After this meeting following seven more Departments/ Programmes sent their feedback on MICS questionnaires.

1. Special Education Department, Government of Sindh
2. Health Department, Government of Sindh
3. Water Sector Improvement Project (WSIP), Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh.
4. PPHI Sindh.
5. Nutrition Support Programme, Health Department, Government of Sindh.
6. MNCH Sindh
7. Population Welfare Department, Government of Sindh.

Summary of Questionnaires' feedback is annexed at Annexure – B.

The committee members and other participants were informed by Director General (BOS) that final MICS questionnaires and list of indicators will be uploaded on the website of Sindh BOS which can be easily accessed.

Concluding Remarks and Decisions

The Chief Economist invited Ms. Janette Shaheen Hussain, Chief PMER/ OIC CFO Sindh, UNICEF to say few words regarding the meeting. She presented compliments to the

Government of Sindh on this important initiative and ensured that UNICEF is available for technical assistance in this survey. Further she appreciated Sindh Bureau of Statistics on so far progress of current MICS and focused that this survey should also be conducted as per protocol of Global MICS.

Thereafter the Chief Economist invited Dr. Shereen Mustafa, Secretary (Planning) for concluding remarks. She appreciated the efforts of Director General (BOS) and his team on the launch of MICS6 and their initial working and she also thanked UNICEF for their technical support. She advised Bureau of Statistics to submit PC-II of MICS6.

After detail deliberations the following decisions were made:

- Committee approved the List of Indicators and Survey Plan Sindh MICS 2017-18.
- Questionnaires will be customized according to feedback received from different stakeholders.
- Questionnaires will be used for Pre-test and Main Field after incorporation changes proposed in feedback summary.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Chair.

Annexure - A

List of Participants

1. Dr. Sheeren Mustafa, Secretary (Planning), Planning and Development Department, Government of Sindh.
2. Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Economist, Planning and Development Department, Government of Sindh.
3. Dr. Nasim Ul Ghani Sahito; Director General, Bureau of Statistics, P &D Department, Government of Sindh.
4. Ms. Alia Shahid, Secretary, Social Welfare, Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
5. Mr. Ali Ahmed Channa, Director, Bureau of Statistics, P &D Department, Government of Sindh.
6. Dr. Iqbal Hussain, Project Director, MNCH, Karachi.
7. Ms. Shaheen Hussain, Chief PMER/ OIC Chief Field Office, Sindh, Karachi.
8. Mr. Muhammad Saleem Jalbani, Chief EPR, Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh.
9. Mr. Javed Akhtar Memon, Chief Health, P & D Deptt, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
10. Ms. Sarwat Sultana, Chief Education, P & D Deptt, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
11. Mr. Faisal Ahmed Uqaili, CPM, RSU, Secondary Education & Literacy Department, Govt. of Sindh.
12. Mr. Abdul Waheed Shaikh, Additional Secretary, Special Education, Education & Literacy Department, Govt. of Sindh.
13. Mr. Faheem Junejo, Director, PM&EC, Local Govt. Department, Govt. of Sindh.
14. Dr. Zahoor Baloch, Programme Manager, Nutrition Support Programmed, Health Department, Govt. of Sindh.
15. Dr. Zakir Ali, Programme Manager, DHIS, PPHI Sindh.
16. Mr. Mohsin A Shiekh, Additional Director (Dev.), Health Department, Govt. of Sindh.
17. Ms. Rafia Halim, Additional Secretary, Public Health Engineering & Rural Development Department, Govt. of Sindh.
18. Ms. Abdia Lodhi, Additional Secretary, Women Development Department, Govt. of Sindh.
19. Mr. Faateh-ud-din, PMER, UNICEF, Islamabad.
20. Mr. Muhammad Asim Khan, PME Specialist, UNICEF, Sindh.

21. Mr. Muhammad Kazim Jafri, Deputy Director, Bureau of Statistics, P&D Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
22. Mr. Raja Masroor, Assitant Chief, Planning & Development Department, Govt. of Sindh.
23. Mr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, Labour & HR Department, Govt. of Sindh.
24. Dr. Sohail Shaikh, Deputy Programme Manager, Nutrition Support Programme, Health Department, Govt. of Sindh.
25. Dr. Sohail Bin Saeed, Deputy Director, EPI Cell Sindh, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
26. Dr. Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director (Dev.), Health Department, Govt. of Sindh.
27. Mr. Athar Hussain, Deputy Director, Information Science & Technology Department, Govt. of Sindh.
28. Mr. Muhammad Nasir Khan, Statistical Officer, Planning & Development Department, Govt. of Sindh.
29. Mr. Raees Ahmed, Focal Person (Development), Special Education Department, Govt. of Sindh.
30. Mr. Ghulam Akbar Malik, Technical Specialist, WISP, Planning & Development Department, Govt. of Sindh.
31. Dr. Ghulam Murtaza, Epidemiologist, Health Department, Govt. of Sindh.
32. Dr. Aftab Ahmad, M & E/ P.O Officer, Sindh Aids Control Program, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
33. Mr. Ghulam Ali Soomro, C.O.O, PPHI Sindh.
34. Ms. Sidra-tul- Muntaha, Statistical Officer, Bureau of Statistics, P&D Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
35. Mr. Muneer Hussain Qureshi, Programmer, Bureau of Statistics, P&D Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
36. Ms. Hafsa Sheikh, Planning Officer, P &D Department, Government of Sindh.
37. Ms. Rukhsana Aziz, Statistical Officer, Bureau of Statistics, P&D Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.