

MICS: Data for Monitoring Progress towards the SDGs



Agenda 2030 as a key ambition

Developed and supported by UNICEF, MICS (Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey) is one of the largest international household surveys. It is designed to collect estimates of key indicators to assess the situation of children and women. Since the inception of MICS in the 1990s, **over 300 surveys** have been carried out in **more than 100 countries**. MICS played an important role in creating evidence for monitoring progress towards **Millennium Development Goals**. In Belarus MICS was conducted in 2005 and 2012 by the National Statistical Committee (Belstat). As part of the global effort to further develop national capacities to generate and analyse high quality and disaggregated data UNICEF launched the sixth round of MICS in October 2016 – specifically designed to meet policy-makers' needs in the **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)** era. MICS 6 will be conducted in 2018 within UNICEF and Belstat joint project “Assistance in strengthening national statistical capacity in the production and dissemination of information on the situation of children, women and persons with disabilities to monitor the implementation of the SDGs by the Republic of Belarus” with the support of the World Bank.

MICS 6 questionnaires and methodology

The MICS questionnaires have undergone rigorous methodological and validation work to broaden the scope of tools and include new topics that reflect SDG indicators and emerging issues in the 2030 Agenda, including: rapid water quality testing, social transfers, foundational learning skills (children age 7-14), child and adult functioning, migration status, use of clean fuels and technology and victimisation. Covering **half of all SDG indicators** that can be collected through household surveys, MICS includes **seven questionnaires** that can be customized to fit the data needs of a country.



SDG indicators in MICS 6

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is consist of 17 goals with 232 unique indicators. **Among all SDG indicators, 50 were recognised as child related**. UNICEF identified on a global level as a **custodian for 17 indicators** (for 7 of them together with other agencies). MICS6 covers **33 SDG indicators**, part of them are monitored **for other custodian agencies**. The commitment of 2030 Agenda to “leave no one behind”, results in need to disaggregate SDG indicators data by: **sex, age, income, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability, geographic location**. All these types of disaggregation are provided by MICS6.

SDG Indicators in focus of UNICEF Country Programme

The focus of the country programme is on the most disadvantaged among adolescents, CWD (especially young children), children deprived of parental care, juveniles in conflict and in contact with the law, and children and women survivors of violence. As defined in the national SDG metadata, MICS serves as a source for many indicators such as Proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions (1.2.2), Proportion of children under 5 years who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being (4.2.1), Proportion of children aged 1-17 years who experienced any physical punishment and/or psychological aggression by caregivers in the past month (16.2.1).

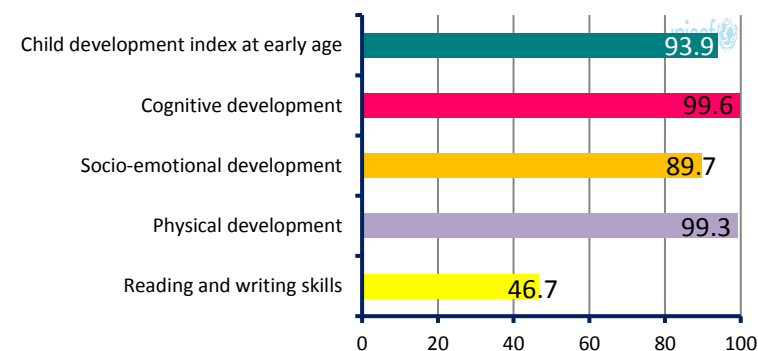


- **MICS6 includes indicators under 11 different goals**
- Ongoing work to assess the inclusion of **Goal 11 “Sustainable cities and communities”** indicators in MICS

232 Global SDG indicators

Around **70 %** cannot be generated by household surveys

Out of all household survey based SDG indicators **48 % (33 SDG indicators)** are covered by MICS in its entirety or partially



Proportion of children under 5 years of age who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being (SDG 4.2.1)

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INDIVIDUAL WOMEN AGE 15-49 YEARS

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INDIVIDUAL MEN AGE 15-49 YEARS

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CHILDREN AGE 5-17 YEARS

For one randomly selected child age 5-17 years in each household

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

List of Household Members
Education [3+]
Household Characteristics
Social Transfers
Household Energy Use
Water and Sanitation
Handwashing
Salt Iodization

Woman's Background
Mass Media and ICT
Fertility / Birth History
Desire for Last Birth
Maternal and New born Health
Post-natal Health Checks
Contraception
Unmet Need
Attitudes toward Domestic Violence
Victimization
Marriage/Union
Adult Functioning [18-49]
Sexual Behaviour
HIV/AIDS
Maternal Mortality
Tobacco and Alcohol Use
Life Satisfaction

Man's Background
Mass Media and ICT
Fertility
Attitudes toward Domestic Violence
Victimization
Marriage/Union
Adult Functioning [18-49]
Sexual Behaviour
HIV/AIDS
Circumcision
Tobacco and Alcohol Use
Life Satisfaction

Child's Background
Child Labour
Child Discipline [5-14]
Child Functioning
Parental Involvement [7-14]
Foundational Learning Skills [7-14]

Under-Five's Background
Birth Registration
Early Childhood Development
Child Discipline [1-4]
Child Functioning [2-4]
Breastfeeding and Dietary Intake [0-2]
Immunization [0-2]
Care of Illness

WATER QUALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

GPS DATA COLLECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

QUESTIONNAIRE FORM FOR VACCINATION RECORDS AT HEALTH FACILITY

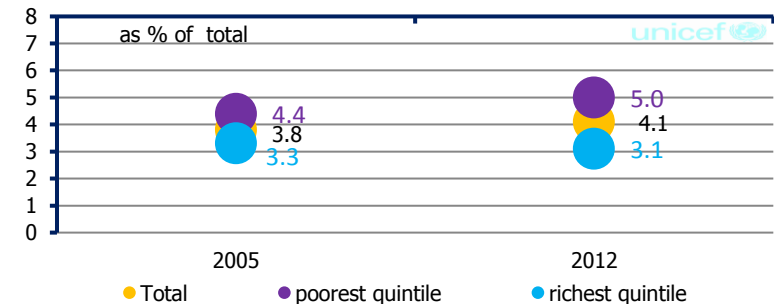
For countries where all the immunizations records are kept in health facilities



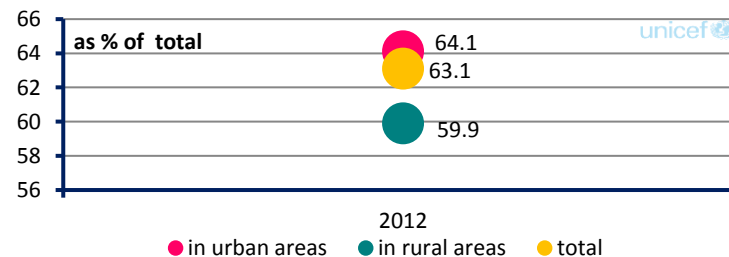
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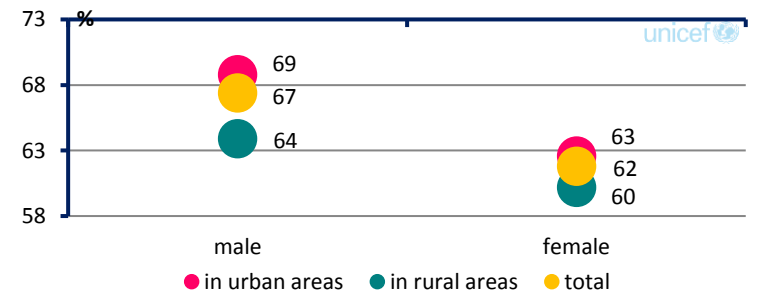
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Proportion of infants having a low birth weight (less than 2500 g) for the poorest and richest quintiles, % (SDG 3.7.1)



Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods (SDG 3.7.1)



Proportion of children aged 2-14 years who are disciplined by any violent method in 2012 (SDG 16.2.1)