Harmonized module in migration and remittances

revised version

Objectives of the module

- Regular measurement of international migration

- Distinguishing between temporary and permanent migration

- Expanding the category of 'a migrant household'

- Standartisation of questions about remittances spending structure (using COICOP - Classification of individual consumption by purpose)

Design of the harmonized module

1. MIGRATION	
DESTINATION COUNTRY 1. Duration of stay 2. Country of origin 3. Purpose of entry 4. Current occupation *Country of citizenship?*	ORIGIN COUNTRY 1. Duration of absence 2. Country of destination 3. Purpose of departure 4. Current occupation
2. Remittances	
DESTINATION COUNTRY 6 questions	ORIGIN COUNTRY 7 questions
Total : 10 questions	11 questions

Distinguishing between temporary and permanent migration

DESTINATION COUNTRY	ORIGIN COUNTRY
M1. How long have you been living in this country? *Asked from all hh members aged 15+*	M1. How long {NAME} has been absent? *Asked from a hh head about all absent hh members aged 15+*
1. Less than 3 months 2. more than 3 months but less than one year 3. One year and longer 4. Since birth -> end of interview	1. Less than 3 months 2. more than 3 months but less than one year 3. One year and longer

Permanent migration - one year and longer. Extended block of questions PE2, PE3, PE4, PE5*, PE6. Shortened block of questions - M2, M3, M4.

Interviewing temporary and permanent migrants

TEMPORARY MIGRATION (LESS THAN 1 YEAR)	PERMANENT MIGRATION (MORE THAN 1 YEAR)
Block "MIGRATION"	BLOCK ''MIGRATION'' OR block PERMANENT EMIGRANTS' (PE)
M2. What country did you arrive from?	PE2. Since what time {NAME} has been permanently living abroad?
M3. What was the purpose of your arrival?	PE3. What was his/her main purpose of departure?
M4. What is your current occupation here?	PE4. What country {NAME} is currently residing in?
	PE5*. Does {NAME} have citizenship of that country?
	PE6. What is his/her current occupation there?
Total: 4 questions	Total: 5 questions, including one optional question

"Permanent emigrants' block

Question	Answers
PE1. Among those who used to live with you, for the last 5 years, is there anybody who went abroad and is permanently living there (one year and longer, including those who come with occasional visits)? *Put down the names and indicate the relationship to the household head*	1. Yes 2. NO (end of interview)
PE2. Since what time {NAME} has been residing abroad?	Indicate month…….year……………

'Return migrants' block

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
RM1. Have you ever left to live abroad for several months or years (at least 3 months) in the last 5 years?	1. Yes 2. No (end of interview)
RM2. When did you last leave this country, excluding for the purpose of vacation?	Indicate the country, date of departure and date of return (year…month.. –year…month..)
RM3. What was the main purpose of your departure?	1. Work 2. Study 3. Family reasons 4. Emigration 5. other purpose (indicate)
RM4. Did you work while being abroad?	1. yes 2. No, but looked for job 3. No, I didn't work.
RM5. What was the main reason of your return?	1. End of work contract 2. Graduation 3. other reason (indicate)
RM6. Do you plan to go abroad for 3 months and longer in the nearest year?	1. Yes (indicate the country) 2. No 3. I do not know.

"Remittances' block

- The development impact of remittances is generally assessed based on the answer to the question about remittances spending asked from receiving households.

- In migration research, two types of spending are usually compared – consumption and investment.

- Long-term development impact of remittances is linked to investment-oriented financial behavior of households, including investment into human capital.

- Development of a standardized approach to remittances spending measurement is considered a most important objective of the "remittances' block of the harmonized questionnaire.

Questions on the purpose of remittance transfers and remittances spending

DESTINATION COUNTRY	ORIGIN COUNTRY
RS6. What for did you/or members of your household send money abroad?	*RR6. On what did your household mainly spend the money received in the last 12 months?*
1. A gift for birthday, wedding, or other personal celebration 2. Regular financial support of family members in the country of origin 3. Ad-hoc financial assistance to family members in the country of origin 4. Savings	1. Food and drinks 2. Clothing and footwear 3. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels. 4. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance 5. Medical services 6. Educational services 7. Other

Classification of individual consumption by purpose

Non-durable goods	Semi-durable goods	Durable goods	Services
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Clothing and footwear	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco			Health
			Educational services
			Communications
			Transport
			Hotels and restaurants
			Recreation and culture

Using COICOP for standartisation of remittance spending measurement

- Classification of consumption by purpose when applied for studying remittances spending, allows for formulation of the single set of answers and therefore contributes for greater comparability of the collected data. Moreover, it also allows for obtaining more detailed data on financial behavior of migrant- and non-migrants households, as well households with and without remittances from abroad.

- Analysis of the questionnaires of the HBS-type surveys conducted in EECCA region showed that 9 out of 11 countries use COICOP(Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Uzbekistan, Ukraine). The differences in countries' classifications (listing of selected goods and services, etc.) do not create incomparability risks.

Thank you for you attention!

Questions?