

***Guide on the Use of Administrative
Sources and Sample Surveys to
Measure International Migration in
the CIS Region:
Sample Surveys***

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Background

- Developed in 2015
 - Objective: Guide statisticians and other professionals in producing and using migration data from administrative sources and household surveys
 - Drafted by experts in administrative and survey data collection methods for migration statistics
- Consultation Jan-Mar 2016
 - Responses from 7 countries
- Final version to be submitted for publication in June 2016

Structure of chapter:

Sample survey overview

- 1.1. Topics for migration studies

- 1.2. Types of sample surveys
 - Introduction
 - Border surveys
 - Household surveys with migration questions or modules (general household surveys)
 - Specialized migration surveys (household migration surveys)
 - Other migration-specialized surveys

- 1.3. Choosing the most useful surveys

Structure of chapter:

Survey design and implementation

- 2.1. The complete survey process (introduction)
- 2.2. Survey design and coverage
 - Conditions for surveying migration
 - Defining the target population for studying the determinants and consequences of migration
 - The coverage of migration of entire households
- 2.3. Questionnaire design
 - Main requirements
 - Questionnaires for border survey and general household surveys
 - Questionnaires for migration-specialized surveys
- 2.4. Sampling
 - General issues
 - Disproportionate sampling of area units and two-phase sampling of households
 - Other methods of sampling for migration surveys
- 2.5. Other key phases of survey preparation
- 2.6. Data collection
- 2.7. Data management

Structure of chapter:



Assessment of sample surveys in the CIS Region and recommendations for improvement

- 3.1. Broad assessment of relevant sample surveys in CIS countries

- 3.2. Proposals and recommendations for improvement
 - General level
 - Specific level of survey implementation

Consultation comments

- Comments received from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Germany, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation and CISStat
- No significant comments on Survey chapter
 - Several editorial changes
 - Additional text added in one case to further explain a specific online survey carried out by the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

Main Recommendations: Survey Data



- *At a general level*
 - Coordinate the use of sample surveys with comprehensive national policy strategies at the regional, national and local levels
 - Conduct more in-depth assessments of national migration data systems
 - Strengthen collaboration between international organizations, foreign countries, and research institutions
 - Continue sharing and discussing national practices through international and regional meetings and fora.
 - Improve the comparability of migration data derived from sample surveys by following international standards and recommendations.
 - Report fully on methodological procedures and provide metadata

Main Recommendations: Survey Data



- *Countries with unsatisfactory or partial measurements of yearly flows and stocks of migrants should:*
 - Adapt pre-existing national general household surveys to include basic questions to measure migration.
 - Implement or adapt border-crossing surveys to measure migration, through the addition of a few questions.
- *Countries that have recently undertaken surveys with relevant measurements of migration should:*
 - Increase the frequency and use of sample surveys to measure migration

Main Recommendations: Survey Data

- *All countries should:*
 - Increase harmonization and comparability of migration information collected on sample surveys throughout the CIS region.
 - Search for ways to carry out more migration-specialized surveys in the region.

Conclusion

- Surveys are an important and powerful way of measuring migration
 - As resources can be limited, it is important to:
 - administer surveys efficiently – including adapting of surveys already in place
 - communicate with other agencies
 - ensure that data requested are in line with international standards
- Final version of Handbook to be sent for publication in June 2016
- Way forward in implementing the recommendations of the handbook will be discussed in detail on Day Two of workshop