

## Annex to the GGS Questionnaire

This document presents a collection of technical issues related to the GGS questionnaire that are relevant for using the questionnaire in the field.

### Design and formatting issues

- The questionnaire is designed for use in a face-to-face interview using the questionnaire printed on paper and filled in by the interviewer in the process of the interview. It is foreseen that many countries will be able to implement Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI), which would allow more flexibility in situation-specific wording of questions and more efficient routing and filtering. In the current print version, several alternative sections are sometimes printed out for Rs at different life situations, to be better manageable on paper. This needs to be considered when assessing the overall amount of questions any one R needs to answer.
- The questions and introductory texts that are meant to be read out by the interviewer are in regular typeface, as well as the answer categories meant for coding.
- Interviewer instructions are in bold italic typeface, aligned with the question numbers when they contain a global instruction, and aligned with the question text when they contain a question-specific instruction (like *Show Card ...*). The same layout is used for notes, the purpose of which is to serve as a double-check or a reminder, to make sure that the interviewer has followed the occasionally complicated routing correctly.
- If routing is conditional on an answer given to a particular question, the jumps to other questions are printed in bold and italics. In such questions, the continuation to the next question is also explicitly shown, but in a regular typeface.
- Headings and sub-headings are for information only.
- The Household Grid is meant to be used as a separate sheet or a folding-out sheet, so that it would be easy for the interviewer to refer back to it during the interview. Most of the interviewer checks or instructions that require backward reference refer to the Household Grid.
- In the Household Grid, the cells that need to be referred to later in the questionnaire are slightly shaded. To facilitate referring back to Household Grid, information on R, the partner, children, and other household members is to be written in pre-determined ranges of cells, so the interviewer could see immediately, without looking at all the codes, e.g., whether there is a partner in the household.
- In the case of most show cards, the answer categories are also listed in the questionnaire so that the interview can use them for coding. The exceptions are the Satisfaction Scale that is a graphical description of a scale from 0 to 10, and the list of contraceptive methods that is used to elicit a *yes/no* answer. See p. 2 and 3 in this document.
- The questionnaire refers repeatedly to the List of Providers and Receivers, which is meant to be used for coding only. It includes a fairly comprehensive list of relatives and other potential providers and receivers of different kinds of transfers, which is too long to be helpful as a visual aid to R. See p. 2.

## Considerations for interviewer instruction

- Asking about the time of event. If R does not remember the exact month of an event, the interviewer should probe to get a closest possible estimate, possibly in the form of the season.
- In case R cannot remember the year of an event, the interviewer should probe referring to R's age at that event, or if the event it involves another person, e.g., a child, the age of that person at that event. Rs who are pregnant or whose partner is pregnant at the time of the interview, may report the order month of the current pregnancy instead, if they are able to recall this better.
- When necessary, the following special codes have to be used: 99 for *not applicable*, 98 for *refused* and 97 for *do not know*. They are not explicitly provided in the questionnaire, with the exception of situations where true uncertainty is likely.

## List of Providers and Receivers

(refers to relationship to R)

- 1 – partner/ spouse
- 2 – mother
- 3 – father
- 4 – mother of R's partner/ spouse
- 5 – father of R's partner/ spouse
  
- 6 – son
- 7 – daughter
- 8 – step-son
- 9 – step-daughter
  
- 10 – grandmother
- 11 – grandfather
  
- 12 – granddaughter
- 13 – grandson
  
- 14 – sister
- 15 – brother
  
- 16 – another relative
- 17 – friend, acquaintance, neighbour, colleague
- 18 – other person
  
- 19 – an organisation or a company

## Card 608: Contraceptive methods

(country-specificity to be considered, so that the range of available methods with commonly understandable labels in a country is covered)

condom  
pills  
intra-uterine device (coil, loop)  
diaphragm/ cervical cap  
foam/ cream/ jelly/ suppository  
injectables (e.g. Depo-Provera)  
implants (e.g. Norplant)  
Persona

