Measuring migration and remittances in household surveys
Summary of questionnaires

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About ECASTAT 2017-2020

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- **Module 4 of ECASTAT Project for 2017-2020**: Enhancing Coherence and Integration of Economic and Social Statistics in Support of the Implementation of 2008 SNA

- **Expected accomplishments**
  - Improved capacity to measure informal activities.
  - Improved methodology and tools for harmonised data collection on international migration and remittances through household surveys in EECCA countries.
  - Improved statistics on international migration and remittances, particularly in the countries that implement the survey module.
• Importance of reliable and disaggregated statistics on migration and remittances

• Limitations of data from the balance of payments:
  • total figures by country and time period
  • do not include the remittances transferred through informal channels or in-kind
  • cannot be disaggregated by characteristics of remitters and recipients

Remittances received as % of GDP

Overview of current status

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+ Differences in content and definitions

Many surveys have been conducted and there is a lot of experience in the region but there are still no regularly produced comparable data
Handbook recommendations on the use of sample surveys to measure international migration

- Adapt existing surveys to include basic questions on migration
- Increase frequency of data collection in a sustainable way
- Increase harmonization and comparability throughout CIS countries

Standardized survey module on migration and remittances
## Regular household surveys

### Which surveys collected data on remittances?

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Countries that conducted specialized migration surveys:
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Specialized migration surveys
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Further analysis

• Analysis of migration and remittances related surveys conducted in EECCA countries over the last ten years:
  • Scope and formulation of relevant questions
  • Differences in concepts and definitions
  • Sampling methodology and periodicity of past surveys
  • Suitability of existing or planned surveys as a vehicle for a standardized survey module on migration and remittances

• Will feed into the development of the standardized module

Thank you very much for sharing with us the questionnaires of relevant surveys
Thank you for your attention!

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