

MULTIPLE INDICATORS CLUSTER SURVEY
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
8TH NOVEMBER, 2019

Technical Committee meeting on Sindh Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), 2018-19 preliminary results held on Friday, November 8th, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Committee Room of Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh. Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Economist, Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh chaired the meeting.

The list of participants is annexed.

The Agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Introduction to Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey
2. Sindh MICS, 2018-19 implementation and monitoring mechanism
3. Survey Findings

Proceedings:

The Chief Economist (Planning & Development Department) welcomed all participants and invited Director General, Bureau of Statistics to say few words regarding the meeting agenda being presented.

The Director General (BOS) thanked to all participants for their presence and highlighted the need and importance of data synchronization with respect to SDG's targets and indicators, thereafter Chairman invited Mr. Muhammad Kazim Jafri, Survey Coordinator (MICS) for presentation of Sindh implementation and survey findings

Discussion:

In the start of presentation, Sindh MICS, 2018-19, its objectives and links with SDGs are familiarized then he briefed about the implementation and monitoring mechanism of Sindh MICS, 2018-19. The salient features of Sindh MICS, 2018-19 are:

Year	No. of Indicators	Global MICS methodology used	Clusters	Households
2018-19	171	MICS6	1,027	20,540

Ms. Sarwat Sultana, Chief (Social Sector/ Health), Planning and Development Department inquired about the Sampling Methodology. She was informed that, two stage stratified sampling is used in MICS and sample is calculated and provided by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad which is sole custodian of sampling frame in Pakistan. Further in response of question raised by the Chief Health, the Chairman informed the forum sampling, survey tools and monitoring checks were approved by the Steering Committee (MICS) at the start of survey and the survey is implemented as per global MICS protocols, SOPs and things were decided in the steering committee.

During the presentation, the Survey Coordinator (MICS) presented survey findings and informed the participants that overall response rate of survey is 99.1%. Some housing characteristics indicators such as *having motor bike, access of internet at household and use of tobacco products* are improved. Reproduction and maternal health indicators like fertility, institutional deliveries, skill birth attendant are improved. Most of Child Health, Nutrition indicators are improved as compare with last Sindh MICS like *immunization coverage, breastfeeding practices, underweight, wasting, consumption of iodized salt*.

Few educations related indicators, *middle & secondary net attendance ratio, gender parity and availability of books at home* are improved. More specifically *Birth registration* increased and *Child labour* is decreased with the comparison of last Sindh MICS, 2014 and water sanitation indicators *Improved drinking and sanitation facility* are also increased.

Some indicators are showing stagnant or unimproved position such as availability of *electricity, finished floor, roof and walls, ownership of mobile phone, dwellings* as housing characteristics. Some reproduction health indicators *Antenatal Care, Contraception, PNC and HIV/ AID Knowledge* are decreased in comparison with last Sindh MICS.

Child Health, Nutrition and Development indicators such as *reliance on clean fuel for cooking, early child development index and stunting* are remained unimproved. Some education indicators like *net attendance ration (primary), out of school children and completion rate* are also unimproved and *ecoli contamination in drinking water* has increased.

Dr. Fawad Shaikh, Member (Social Sector), Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh suggested that comparative figures of key indicators with last MICS (i.e. Sindh MICS, 2014) may also be informed to the meeting participants in steering committee.

During the discussion on education results, Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Shaikh, Chief (Education), Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh suggested that all the indicators in presentation may be presented with Urban/ Rural figures which will give more understanding to the participants.

After detail discussions the following decisions were made:

- More indicators will be added in the presentation along with existing indicators.
- Comparative figures of key indicators with last MICS (i.e. Sindh MICS, 2014) and whereas possible also with PDHS or recent suitable data set will be prepared.
- Urban/ Rural figures will be presented for each indicator.
- MICS, 2018-19 findings will be presented in the Steering Committee for approval.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Annexure - A

List of Participants

1. Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Economist, P &D Department, Government of Sindh.
(Chairman)
2. Dr. Fawad Shaikh, Member (Social Sector), P & D Board, Government of Sindh.
3. Mr. Pervaiz Ahmed Chandio, Director General, Bureau of Statistics, P &D
Department, Government of Sindh.
4. Mr. Muhammad Kazim Jafri, Survey Coordinator (MICS), Bureau of Statistics, P &D
Department, Government of Sindh.
5. Mr. Faateh Uddin, PME Officer (National MICS Coordinator), UNICEF, CO,
Islamabad.
6. Dr. Umar Khan, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF, FO, Karachi.
7. Mr. Ayub, UMC, UNICEF, FO, Karachi.
8. Ms. Surwat Sultana, Chief (Social Sector/ Health), P &D Department, Government of
Sindh.
9. Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Shaikh, Chief (Education), P &D Department, Government
of Sindh.
10. Mr. Muneer Hussain Qureshi, Programmer, Bureau of Statistics, P&D Department,
Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
11. Ms. Rukhsana Aziz, Statistical Officer, Bureau of Statistics, P&D Department, Govt.
of Sindh, Karachi.
12. Mr. Obaid Khan, Social Sector Advisor, R&T Wing, P &D Department, Government
of Sindh.
13. Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed Malik, Section Officer, Finance Department, Govt. of Sindh.
14. Ms. Mehwish Solangi, Planning Officer (Social Protection & Poverty Reduction), P
&D Department, Government of Sindh.
15. Ms. Hafsa Shaikh, Planning Officer (F. Aid), P &D Department, Government of
Sindh.
16. Mr. Adnan Ali, Planning Officer (EPR), P &D Department, Government of Sindh.
17. Mr. Sajid Ali Shah, Planning Officer (EPR), P &D Department, Government of
Sindh.