Overview on the informational contents for the pilot survey on social exclusion

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The Armenian starting point

ILCS has a large questionnaire with huge and high quality information on:

consumption poverty, employment, education, health, housing conditions, own production, subjective estimation of the living standard, child needs, etc

Limitate need for integrating new informational contents: material deprivation & some child-related questions

Material Deprivation in Europe (EU-SILC)

Current situation (until 2015): 9 variables

New indicator (from 2016): 13 variables (6 out of 9 from the old one)

Enforced lack of washing machine, television and telephone are proposed to be dropped from the current 9 items.

The Proposal was:

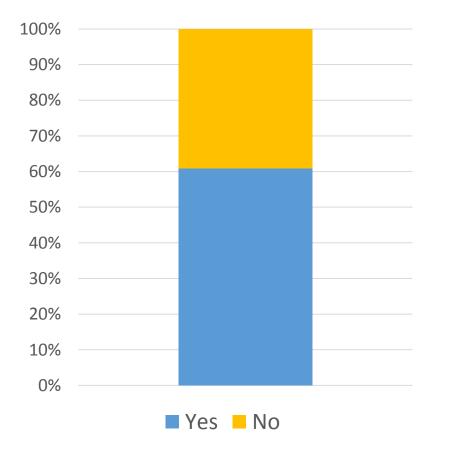
- The entire list of 13 items could be put in the pilot for testing results, in order to make it possible the "new" Material Deprivation indicator.
- [The formulation has followed EU-SILC target variables' one]
- Considering also the opportunity to estimate the "old"- current- version of the indicator
- The list of the new questions for the pilot included child-specific material deprivation items, in addition to those already collected through Child needs questionnaire

Quality checks on pilot data

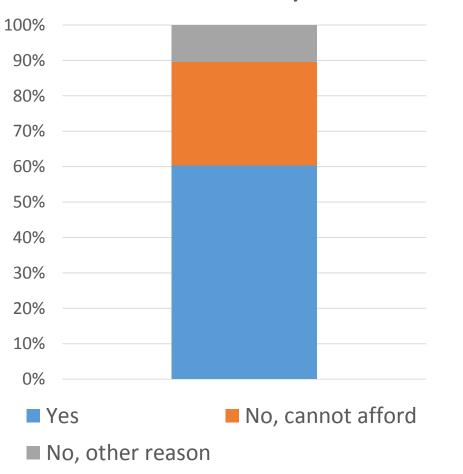
- Data were checked against:
- Similar questions in the main ILC survey
 - Possession of telephone, computer, internet connection, car, heating
 - Very good coherence
- Data on EU countries (EU-SILC) for same variables
 - Particularly comparisons with low-income countries (BG, RO, LT, LV, HU)
 - Results on Armenia seem plausible in this context, few questions should be reviewed

Household has a computer

ILC survey

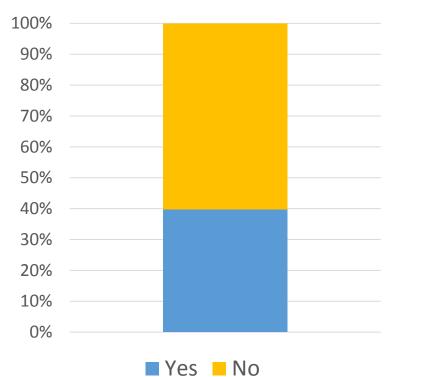


Pilot survey

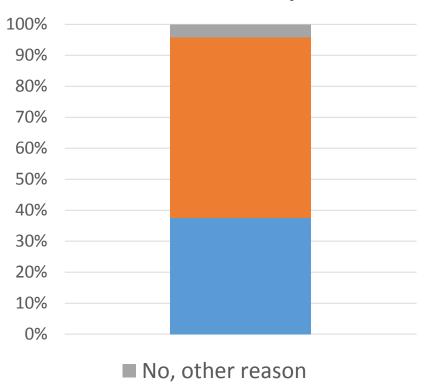


Household has a car

ILC survey



Pilot survey



No, cannot afford

Yes

Main aim for the current mission

- Review of collected pilot data
- Analysis of quality of data
- Finalisation of the module for 2016 and proposal for changes in ILCS questionnaire
- Plan for full integration of the questionnaire in ILCS 2017

Conclusions about the pilot survey

- The topics are relevant and the pilot survey produced coherent and plausible results
- Details on the questionnaire wording and definitions for few selected variables may need to be revised
- Section on material deprivation of children could be integrated into the Child needs questionnaire and questions asked for every child rather than at the household level