

PSLM 2011-12 (Provincial Level Survey)

1. Introduction

1.1 The PRSP, the MDGs and the PSLM

The Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement Survey is one of the main mechanisms for monitoring the implementation of the PRSP and MDGs indicators. It provides a set of representative, population-based estimates of social indicators and their progress under the PRSP. For Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), UN has set 18 targets for 48 indicators for its member countries to achieve by 2015. Pakistan has committed to implement 16 targets, 37 indicators out of which 13 indicators are to be monitored through PSLM Surveys. These include intermediate as well as 'output' measures, which assess what is being provided by the social sectors – enrolment rates in education, for example. These include a range of 'outcome' measures, which assess the welfare of the population – Immunisation Rate, for example.

An important objective of the PSLM Survey is to try to establish what the distributional impact of PRSP has been. Policymakers need to know, for example, whether the poor have benefited from the programme or whether increased government expenditure on the social sectors has been captured by the better off.

In the remainder of this introduction, a description of the 2011-12 PSLM survey is provided. In the following chapters, data relating Education, health, immunisation, pre and postnatal care and Population welfare is given.

1.2 Sample Design of PSLM Survey 2011-12

Objectives:

The data generated through PSLM Survey will be used to assist the government in formulating the poverty reduction strategy in the overall context of MDGs. The indicators will be developed at National/Provincial level in the following sectors.

1. Education
2. Health
3. Water Supply & Sanitation.
4. Population Welfare
5. Income & Expenditure

Universe:

The universe of this survey consists of all urban and rural areas of all four provinces. Military restricted and protected areas have been excluded from the scope of the survey.

Sampling Frame

Urban area:

FBS has developed its own urban area frame. All urban areas comprising cities/ towns have been divided into small compact areas known as enumeration blocks (E.Bs) identifiable through map. Each enumeration block comprises about 200-250 households and categorized into low, middle and high-income group, keeping in view the socio economic status of the majority of households. Urban area sampling frame consists of 26698 enumeration blocks has been updated in 2003.

Rural area:

With regard to the rural areas, the lists of villages/mouzas/dehs according to Population Census, 1998 have been used as sampling frame. In this frame, each village/mouza/deh is identifiable by its Name, Had Bast Number, Cadastral map etc. This frame is comprised of 50590 villages/mouzas.

The numbers of enumeration blocks in urban and mouzas/dehs/villages in rural areas of the country are as under:

NO. OF ENUMERATION BLOCKS AND VILLAGES AS PER SAMPLING FRAME

Province	Number of E. Blocks	Number of Villages
Punjab	14,549	25,875
Sindh	9,025	5,871
KPK	1,913	7,337
Balochistan	613	6,557
A.J.K	210	1,654
Northern Area	64	566
FATA		2,596
Islamabad	324	132
Total	26,698	50,588

Stratification Plan

Urban Areas:

Large sized cities having population five lacs and above have been treated as independent stratum. Each of these cities has further been sub-stratified into low, middle and high income groups. The remaining cities/towns within each defunct administrative division have been grouped together to constitute an independent stratum.

Rural Areas:

The entire rural domain of a district for Punjab, Sindh and KPK provinces has been considered as independent stratum, whereas in Balochistan province defunct administrative division has been treated as stratum

Sample Size and its Allocation:

To determine optimum sample size for this survey, analytical studies based on the results of Pakistan Demographic Survey, Labour Force and Pakistan Integrated Households Sample Survey were undertaken. Keeping in view the variability that exists within the population for the characteristics for which estimates are to be prepared, population distribution, level of estimates and field resources available a sample of size 17,056 households to be enumerated from 1217 PSUs (604 urban and 613 rural) has been considered sufficient to produce reliable estimates in respect of all provinces. Out of these 1217 PSUs, 59 PSUs (19 urban and 40 rural PSUs) were dropped and the remaining 1158 PSUs (585 urban and 573 rural) comprised of 15807 households were covered. The distribution plan of PSUs and SSUs by province and region is as under:-

PROFILE OF THE PSLM SAMPLE 2011-12

PROVINCE	2011-12 PSLM		
	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL
PSUs :			
Punjab	260	252	512
Sindh	108	128	236
KPK	164	145	309
Balochistan	72	88	160
Overall	604	613	1217
SSUs/Households			
Punjab	3120	4032	7152
Sindh	1296	2048	3344
KPK	1968	2320	4288
Balochistan	864	1408	2272
Overall	7248	9808	17056

PROFILE OF THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL PSLM SURVEY 2005-06, 2007-08 AND 2011-12.

PROVINCE	2005-06 PSLM			2007-08 PSLM			2011-12 PSLM		
	URBAN	RURAL	OVERALL	URBAN	RURAL	OVERALL	URBAN	RURAL	OVERALL
PSUs :									
Punjab	240	244	484	240	244	484	260	252	512
Sindh	140	132	272	140	131	271	164	144	308
KPK	88	119	207	88	118	206	108	127	235
Balochistan	63	83	146	64	88	152	53	50	103
Overall	531	578	1109	532	581	1113	585	573	1158
HOUSEHOLDS :									
Punjab	2790	3892	6682	2768	3868	6636	2949	3957	6906
Sindh	1666	2107	3773	1672	2093	3765	1898	2301	4199
KPK	1049	1901	2950	1049	1888	2937	1267	2009	3276
Balochistan	735	1313	2048	766	1408	2174	629	797	1426
Overall	6240	9213	15453	6255	9257	15512	6743	9064	15807

Sample Design:

A two-stage stratified sample design has been adopted for this survey.

Selection of primary sampling Units (PSUs):

Enumeration blocks in the urban domain and mouzas/dehs/villages in rural domain have been taken as primary sampling units (PSUs). In urban domain sample PSUs from each stratum have been selected by probability proportional to size (PPS) method of sampling scheme; using households in each block as measure of size (MOS). Similarly in rural areas, population of each village has been taken as MOS for selection of sample villages using probability proportional to size method of selection.

Selection of Secondary Sampling Units (SSUs):

Households within each sample Primary Sampling Unit (PSU) have been considered as Secondary Sampling Units (SSUs). 16 and 12 households have been selected from each sample village and enumeration block respectively by systematic sampling scheme with a random start.

1.3 Household and Survey Questionnaire

At both individual and household level, the PSLM Survey collects information on a wide range of topics using an integrated questionnaire. The questionnaire comprises a number of different sections, each of which looks at a particular aspect of household behaviour or welfare. Data collected under Round VII includes education, diarrhoea, immunisation, reproductive health, pregnancy history, maternity history, family planning, pre and post-natal care and access to basic services.

1.4 Data Quality and Reliability Measures

Data quality in PSLM Survey has been ensured through a built in system of checking of field work by the supervisors in the field as well as teams from the headquarters. Regional/ Field offices ensured the data quality through preliminary editing at their office level. The entire data entry was carried at the PBS headquarter Islamabad and the data entry programme used had a number of in built consistency checks.