

Real-time Monitoring Survey/Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey Plus (RTM/MICS Plus)

Georgia



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Main Goals of the Survey and Its Stages



- RTM/MICS Plus Survey **was conducted** by National Statistics of Georgia (Geostat) with technical and financial assistance of UNICEF
- **Main goal** of the survey was to collect information on children and their families during the period of COVID-19
- **Survey stages** – 6 Waves were conducted
 - ✓ **Wave I** – November-December, 2020
 - ✓ **Wave II** – February-March, 2021
 - ✓ **Wave III** – May-June, 2021
 - ✓ **Wave IV** - August, 2021
 - ✓ **Wave V** - October, 2021
 - ✓ **Wave VI** - December, 2021



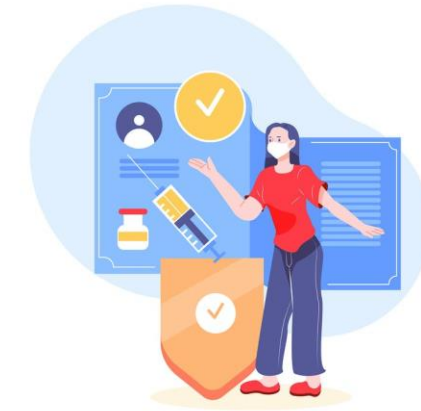
Special questionnaire was prepared and used for each Wave

Main Topics Covered



Main Topics covered by RTM/MICS Plus:

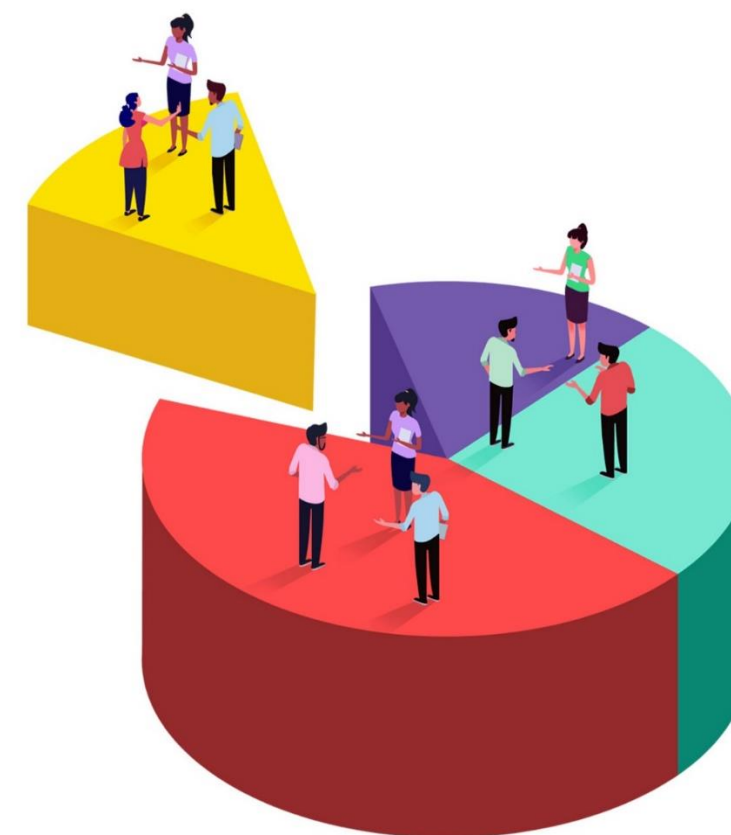
- Income;
- COVID-19;
- Education;
- Child discipline;
- Energy use;
- Water and sanitation;
- Access to healthcare;
- Disease episodes;
- Impact of COVID-19 on child's habits;
- Professional assistance;
- Material Deprivation;
- Gaming;
- Attitudes towards people with disabilities;
- Subjective well-being.



Main Characteristics of the Survey



- **Coverage of the survey** – Whole country territory, excluding occupied territories of Georgia
- **Sampling Frame** – Sample of the MICS 2018 was used as the sample frame for the RTM
 - Enumeration Area (PSU) – 706 unit
 - In each PSU - 20 HHs
 - Size of the Sample - 14 120 HHs
- **Sample Design of the Survey** –
 - All PSUs participated in MICS 2018 were selected (706 PSUs)
 - In each PSU HH were randomly selected
 - Sample size - 2 118 HH
 - Urban - 996
 - Rural - 1 122



Main Characteristics of the Survey



- **Data Collection Method** – Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CATI) was used for RTM/MICS Plus
- **Respondent** – Respondent of MICS 2018
- **Preparatory Works included:**
 - Providing draft of the questionnaire by UNICEF
 - Preparing electronic questionnaire by Geostat
 - Preparing Manual for field staff (by Geostat)
 - Training of the field staff (2 Days)
 - Conducting pilot survey (2 Days)
 - Finalizing questionnaire
 - Approving final questionnaire by Geostat board
- **Field Staff** – Experienced field staff of Geostat
 - 1 Supervisor
 - 14 Interviewers



Field Work



- **Field work stages (Wave I):**

- **First Stage**

- Telephone calls in all selected HHs (2 118 HHs)
- Data was collected from 1 384 HHs

- **Second Stage**

- All HHs from which data was not collected were replaced with other HHs from same PSUs (734 HH)
- Data was collected from 452 HHs additionally (out of 734 HHs)

- ***Sample constructed for the Wave I was used for all 6 waves***



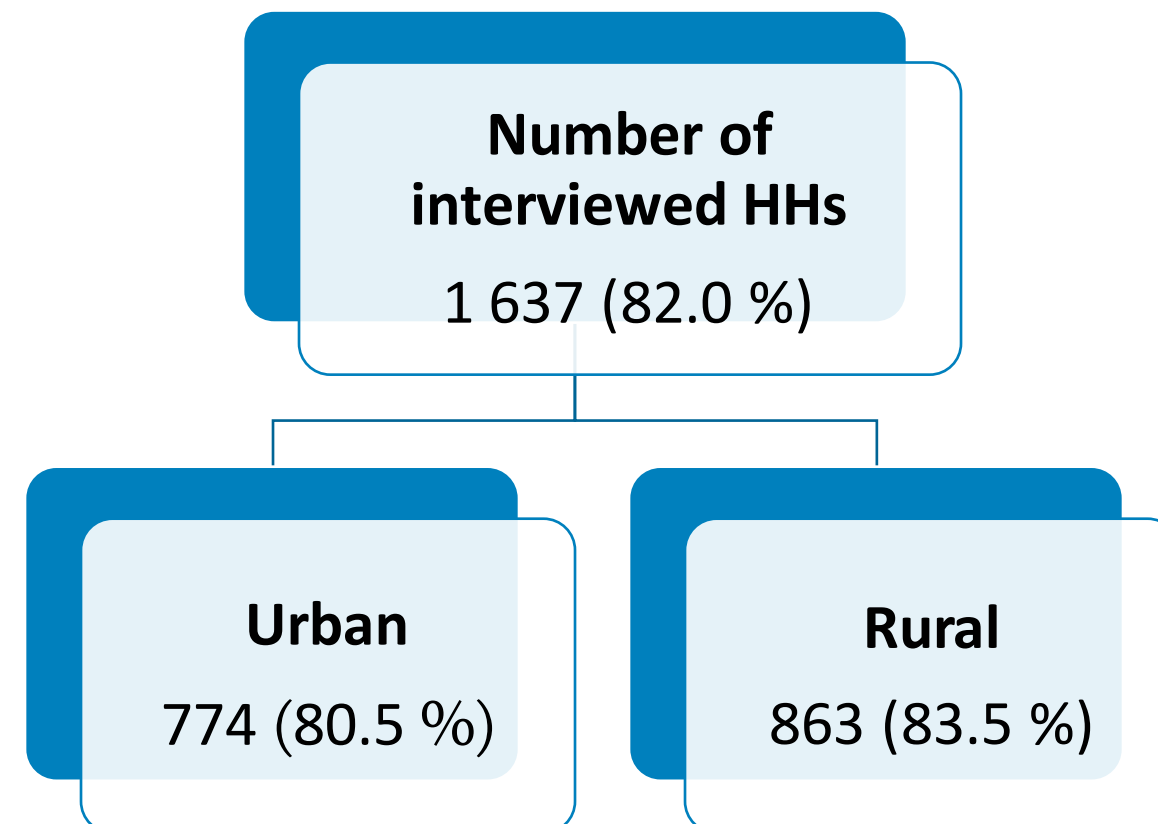
Field Work



- **Data collection for each wave**

- Phone calls were conducted to all sampled HHs
 - Phone interviews
 - Call attempts - 5 different days – to ensure high response rate
 - Field work -13 days

Response Rate (Wave VI)



Data Quality Assurance and Preparing Data for Publication



- **Data Quality Assurance**

- Permanent supervision of the field work
- Collected data was analyzed on the daily bases
- Providing interviewers additional instructions on the daily bases

- **Preparing Data for Publication**

- Preparing tabulation plan
- Calculation of the indicators
- Validation of the indicators
- Publishing data:
 - Excel
 - TABLEAU
 - Press Releases



Challenges and Lessons Learned



- **Challenges**

- COVID-19
 - Lock down;
 - Availability of the public transport
 - Limited time for data collection, processing and dissemination
- Only online presentations were possible for the data dissemination

- **Lessons learned**

- Identify potential risks during survey
- Prepare plan how to respond





Thank you for your Attention!

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