6th Meeting of the Praia Group Task Team on Participation in Political and Public Affairs

CORE survey module & optional questions

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Plans for cognitive testing

Wed 22 June 2022
9.00-10:30 EST
A) PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS
- Voter turnout
- Barriers to voting
- Registered voters
- Barriers to voter registration
- Feeling safe when going to vote
- Feeling safe when participating in election campaign activities, such as attending candidate rallies or working for a candidate or a party
- Being a victim of political intimidation or violence during electoral campaigns or at the voting station
- Participation in election-related activities

B) PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL & CIVIC LIFE
- Membership in political and civic organizations
- Contacting government officials, participating in protests, etc.
- Feeling safe when taking part in public protests and demonstrations
- Participation in online discussions of political topics

C) ENABLING ENVIRONMENT OF PARTICIPATION
- Trust in information and news on political and public affairs
- Stereotyping attitudes and values towards participation of women and other minorities in politics
- Self-reported political efficacy
- Perceived levels of freedom of expression, to join political organizations, and to criticize government actions or performance
- Interest in political and public affairs
Consolidated questionnaire:

At least 26 questions →
At least 82 question items
Today’s meeting

1. Review of other international survey modules: *What’s the typical length?*

2. A proposal for the CORE module

3. Plans for cognitive testing by NSOs in the fall: Expressions of interest
1. Review of other international survey modules
Model modular questionnaires

- Suitable for implementation by NSOs in population and housing censuses, national HH surveys

“...**15-minute** long questionnaire once a year. A 15-minute long questionnaire is generally understood to consist of 60 questions (not including the compulsory demographics).”

**Short Set** (6 questions)

**Short Set Enhanced** (12 qns)

**Extended Set on Functioning**
(34 questions + 3 optional)

**OPHI**
Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative

Five short, **8–10-minute** questionnaire modules

ILO model LFS questions: 11 sections, at least around 80 questions

Economic characteristics of the population: up to 12 questions

Volunteer work: 4-item battery
2. A proposal for the CORE module
Option 1: Eligibility ➔ Registration ➔ Voting
➔ Participation in Political and Civic Life ➔ Enabling environment of Participation

Option 2: Voting ➔ Registration
➔ Participation in Political and Civic Life ➔ Enabling environment of Participation

Note: Eligibility will be derived from PR 1 and PR 2

Blue shading: Ask ONLY in countries with active registration (+ countries using a hybrid system with some form of active registration)
“Before & *After*”

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Proposal to add self-identification questions at the end of the module

• A key principle of a human rights-based approach to data collection as recommended by OHCHR

• Also recommended by the European Commission Subgroup on Equality Data (see Guidelines, p. 10-11)

• Recommend placing this set of questions at the end of the module

• Give respondents the opportunity of skipping these questions (“Do not know” or “Prefer not to say”)
Proposed self-identification questions

1. When you compare yourself to others in [COUNTRY], do you think that you belong to a minority (ethnic, religious, ...)?
   - Yes
   - No → SKIP

2. Which of the following groups would you say you belong to? (Multiple responses allowed)
   - Ethnic minority
   - Religious minority
   - Minority by sexual orientation (or gender identity)
   - Minority by disability status (or health problems)
   - Other minority, specify: ____

Source: Discrimination Survey by ISTAT, 2011; ISTAT Pilot Survey, 2022
3. Plans for cognitive testing by NSOs in the fall
End of June 2022: First draft of survey module

Fall 2022: Cognitive testing

2023: Piloting
Cognitive interviewing (CI)

- Evaluate “whether the true meaning of the question, as intended by the researcher(s), is conveyed to respondents, and more generally whether the question is functioning as intended”
  - comprehensibility of questions, problems respondents have in answering the questionnaire, interviewer difficulties in implementation
- Aimed to test individual questions, not the whole questionnaire
- Best practice: cognitive interview pretesting + field pretesting

Cognitive interviewing: Proposed specifications

UNDP-UNODC-OHCHR SDG16 Survey-Based Indicators Questionnaire: Cognitive Test Protocol


- Selected questions only: max 60-90 minutes
- To be conducted in main language of country to be tested
- Mode: preferably F2F, optional web CI
- Iterative: 1-2 rounds, depending on resources
- At least 20 respondents per round, purposively selected
- Respondents: 1 set general public, 1 set target respondents for a module (e.g. discrimination module to be administered to those who have personally experienced discrimination)
Cognitive interviewing: Proposed specifications

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- **Approach:**
  - Combination of think-aloud and verbal probing
  - Concurrent probing
  - Scripted probe questions (+Spontaneous probes)

- **Analysis: Quantitative**
  - Descriptives
  - Coding schemes to record behaviors of respondents and interviewers

- **Reporting**
  - Standardized report template
Cognitive interviewing: Proposed specifications

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Expressions of interest by NSOs willing to take part in cognitive interviewing

Balanced representation
- Different regions/cultures
- Different development contexts

Mainly based on self-financing
Let us know if you wouldn't be able to do it without any financial support

Tentative start date:
Early September 2022

Please indicate your interest to us by 30 June
Next steps

• We will send you a **REVISED draft** of the proposed CORE module + optional questions, based on the feedback we received today.

• **Please review it** and tell us if anything would not work well in your country!

• **Please write to us** ([group.praia@gmail.com](mailto:group.praia@gmail.com)) **by 30 June** if your NSO would be interested in participating in the **cognitive testing** this fall.