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# **MISSING DIMENSIONS OF POVERTY DATA**

## **A Proposal for Internationally Comparable Indicators of Violence**

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This document contains a revised version of the survey questions proposed in the paper '*Safety and Security: A Proposal for Internationally Comparable Indicators of Violence*'<sup>1</sup> prepared for the May 2007 Workshop on Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data. The paper recommends that these questions – or a refinement of them – might be considered a module that could be added to nationally representative individual or household surveys. The module covers three important areas:

- 1) Incidence and frequency of both general violent crime and conflict-related violence against property (including incidents of theft).
- 2) Incidence and frequency of both general violent crime and conflict-related violence against person.
- 3) Perceptions of threat(s) to security and safety, both now and in the future.

For the first two areas, questions seek to measure injury and death rates; the victims and perpetrators of violence; the location where incidents take place; and avenues for recourse from incidents of violence and satisfaction with these.<sup>2</sup> Note that we seek to ascertain whether acts of violence are linked (i.e., whether acts of violence described separately in the survey occurred as part of the same incident) and whether they happened to the respondent, another household member or all household members.

The comprehensive set of recommended questions is followed by a 'quick module' which could be used in the case of time constraints.

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<sup>1</sup> Diprose, Rachael (2007). *Safety and security: A proposal for internationally comparable indicators of violence*. OPHI Working Paper 1. Available at <http://www.ophi.org.uk/pubs/DiproseSafety.pdf> or in December 2007 *Oxford Development Studies* (35:4, p. 431-451).

<sup>2</sup> These indicators do not directly cover intrafamilial violence – recommended to be addressed in health surveys such as Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) and Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS); why people are dissatisfied with authorities' response to a reported violent incident; costs of violence; suicide; whether people sought health care; drug-related incidents; and violence perpetrated by the state.

## SECURITY (Only the respondent answers)

<p><b>V1A.</b> In the last 12 months were you or any member(s) of your household victim of the following situations?</p> <p><b>1.Yes</b>  <b>2.No → Go to V2A</b>  <b>3. Not applicable → Go to V2A</b>  <b>99. Don't know → Go to V2A</b></p>	<p><b>V1B.</b> How many times in the last year did this happen to you or another member of your household?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once</li> <li>Twice</li> <li>Three times</li> <li>More than three times</li> </ol> <p><b>V1C.</b> The last time this happened, who was the perpetrator?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relative</li> <li>Neighbour who you know</li> <li>Close friend of you or family</li> <li>Person you know by sight only</li> <li>Group of people you know by sight only</li> <li>Individual stranger</li> <li>Group of strangers</li> <li>Did not see offender/don't know</li> <li>88 Refused to answer</li> </ol>	<p><b>V1D.</b> Who did you report this to? (If more than one person/institution, choose the one that was most important to you.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police</li> <li>Military</li> <li>Religious leader / traditional leader/ elder/ chief/ village head</li> <li>Government official</li> <li>Ngo/cso</li> <li>Media</li> <li>Political party</li> <li>Doctor or health official</li> <li>Other household member</li> <li>Other (specify)</li> <li>Did not report it</li> <li>88 Refused to answer</li> <li>99 Don't know</li> </ol> <p><b>If they answered option 10, 11, 88 or 99 go to V1F</b></p>	<p><b>V1E.</b> How satisfied were you with the way they dealt with the problem?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very satisfied</li> <li>Somewhat satisfied</li> <li>Somewhat dissatisfied</li> <li>Very dissatisfied</li> <li>88 Refused to answer</li> <li>99 Don't know</li> </ol> <p><b>V1F.</b> Was this incident connected with a previous incident you have described here?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> <li>No → Go to V1H</li> <li>99. Don't know → Go to V1H</li> </ol>	<p><b>V1G.</b> Which previous incident was this connected with?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incident V1A_a</li> <li>Incident V1A_b</li> <li>Incident V1A_c</li> <li>Incident V1A_d</li> <li>Incident V1A_e</li> </ol> <p><b>V1H.</b> Did this incident occur to you or to another household member or to all household members?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To me</li> <li>Other household member(s),  <b>V1he</b> → Specify</li> <li>To all</li> </ol>					
	<b>V1A</b>	<b>V1b</b>	<b>V1c</b>	<b>V1d</b>	<b>V1e</b>	<b>V1f</b>	<b>V1g</b>	<b>V1h</b>	<b>V1he</b>
<b>V1A_a.</b> Did someone get into your house, flat or dwelling without permission and steal or try to steal something?									
<b>V1A_b.</b> Did someone take something from you or a member of your household (on your person) by using force or threatening you? Or did anyone try to do so?									
<b>V1A_c.</b> Did someone steal something you or a member of your household owns (not stored in the dwelling) such as vehicles, parts or contents of vehicles, motorbikes, mopeds, scooters, machinery, pumps, bicycles, store property and so on?									
<b>V1A_d.</b> Did someone steal animals or crops from you or a member of your household?									
<b>V1A_e.</b> Did someone deliberately destroy or damage your home, shop or any other property that you or a member of your household owns?									

**V2A.** In the past **five years**, were you or any member(s) of your household victim of the following situations?

1. Yes
  2. No → Go to V3
99. DK/NA

**V2B.** How many times in the last five years did this happen to you or another member of your household?

1. Once
2. Twice
3. Three times
4. More than three times

**V2C.** Did anyone in the household die in any of these incidents?

1. Yes → How many? **V2Ce**
2. No
- 99.- Don't know

**V2D.** In the most recent incident that occurred, aside from those who were killed, was anyone in the household injured (could not continue their normal daily activities for more than one day)?

1. Yes → How many? **V2de**
2. No
99. Don't know

**V2D\_1.** Who?

**V2E.** The last time this happened, where did this happen (if more than one incident, choose the most recent death, or if no deaths occurred, the most recent injury)?

1. At a shop or supermarket or outside one
2. At a bank or outside one
3. In a commercial area or mall or outside one
4. At a sports or recreation area or outside one
5. At a disco or night entertainment centre or outside one
6. At home
7. In your neighbourhood or the sector where you live
8. On public transport
9. At a plaza or park
10. In a restaurant or bar or outside one
11. At work or outside work
12. At a bus or train stop

**V2F.** The last time this happened, who was the perpetrator?

1. Relative
2. Neighbour who you know
3. Close friend of you or family
4. Person you know by sight only
5. Group of people you know by sight only
6. Individual stranger
7. Group of strangers
8. Did not see offender/don't know
88. Refused to answer

**V2G.** Who did you report this to? (If more than one person/institution, choose the one that was most important to you.)

1. Police
2. Military
3. Religious leader / traditional leader/ elder/ chief/ village head
4. Government official
5. Ngo/cso
6. Media
7. Political party
8. Doctor or health official
9. Other household member
10. Other (specify)
11. Did not report it
88. Refused to answer
99. Don't know

**If they answered option 10,11, 88 or 99 go to V2I**

**V2H.** How satisfied were you with the way they dealt with the problem?

1. Very satisfied
2. Somewhat satisfied
3. Somewhat dissatisfied
4. Very dissatisfied
88. Refused to answer
99. Don't know

**V2I.** Was this incident connected with a previous incident you have described here?

1. Yes
2. No → go to V2K

**V2J.** Which previous incident was this connected with?

1. Incident V1A\_a
2. Incident V1A\_b
3. Incident V1A\_c
4. Incident V1A\_d
5. Incident V1A\_e
6. Incident V2A\_a
7. Incident V2A\_b
8. Incident V2A\_c
9. Incident V2A\_d
10. Incident V2A\_e

**V2K.** Did this incident occur to you or to another household member or to all household members?

1. To me
2. Other household member(s), **v2ke** (Specify)
3. To all

	V2a	V2b	V2c	V2ce	V2d	V2de	V2e	V2f	V2g	V2h	V2i	V2j	V2k	V2ke
<b>V2A_a</b> Were you or a member of your household assaulted (hit, slapped, shoved, punched, pushed or kicked) without any weapon either inside or outside your home?														
<b>V2A_b</b> Were you or a member of your household assaulted (beaten, stabbed, burnt, throttled or otherwise attacked) with a weapon (e.g., bottle, glass, knife, club, hot liquid or rope) not including being shot by a gun or firearm?														
<b>V2A_c</b> Were you or a member of your household shot with a firearm?														
<b>V2A_d</b> Were you or a member of your household kidnapped (taken away and kept in captivity against your will)?														
<b>V2A_e</b> Were you or a member of your household injured by a bomb, Molotov cocktail, landmine or similar other explosive device?														

Household member (number)	<p><b>V3.</b> In the next <b>twelve months</b>, what is the likelihood that you will become a victim of one of the forms of violence mentioned above?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Very likely</li> <li>2. Somewhat likely</li> <li>3. Somewhat unlikely</li> <li>4. Very unlikely</li> <li>99. Don't know</li> </ol> <p><b>V4.</b> Is it more likely to be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Against person</li> <li>2. Against property</li> <li>3. Both</li> <li>4. None</li> <li>99. Don't know</li> </ol> <p><b>V5.</b> Thinking about crime, would you say that in the last <b>12 months</b> crime in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The country</li> <li>b. Your borough</li> <li>c. Your neighbourhood</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased</li> <li>2. Stayed the same</li> <li>3. Decreased</li> <li>99. Don't know</li> </ol>					<p><b>V6.</b> How safe do you feel in the following situations when <u>it's already dark?</u>, where 1 means very unsafe and 5 very safe</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Walking alone in your neighbourhood</li> <li>b. Alone at home</li> <li>c. Waiting for public transport</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Show Card</b></p> <p><b>V7.</b> There are many potential threats and dangers to people's security in today's world. Thinking of all the threats that you might face in your life, which two (in order of importance) are of the most concern to you now?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Criminal violence</li> <li>2. Intercommunal violence</li> <li>3. Armed warfare/conflict</li> <li>4. Terrorism</li> <li>5. Death, or injury from natural disasters, health or economic problems</li> <li>6. Other</li> <li>7. None</li> <li>99. Don't know</li> </ol>				
	<b>V3</b>	<b>V4</b>	<b>V5a</b>	<b>V5b</b>	<b>V5c</b>	<b>V6a</b>	<b>V6b</b>	<b>V6c</b>	<b>V7a</b>	<b>V7b</b>
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## QUICK MODULE ON PHYSICAL SAFETY AND SECURITY (ASK OF RESPONDENT ONLY)

<p><b>V1A.</b> In the last <b>12 months</b> were you or any member(s) of your household victim of the following situations?</p> <p><b>1.Yes</b>  <b>2.No → Go to V2A</b>  <b>3. Not applicable → Go to V2A</b>  <b>99. DK/NA → Go to V2A</b></p>	<p><b>V1B.</b> How many times in the last year did this happen?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Once</li> <li>2. Twice</li> <li>3. Three times</li> <li>4. More than three times</li> </ol> <p><b>V1C.</b> The last time this happened, who was the perpetrator?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relative</li> <li>2. Neighbour who you know</li> <li>3. Close friend of you or family</li> <li>4. Person you know by sight only</li> <li>5. Group of people you know by sight only</li> <li>6. Individual stranger</li> <li>7. Group of strangers</li> <li>8. Did not see offender/don't know</li> <li>88 Refused to answer</li> </ol>	<p><b>V1D.</b> Who did you report this to? (If more than one person/institution, choose the one that was most important to you.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Police</li> <li>2. Military</li> <li>3. Religious leader / traditional leader/ elder/ chief/ village head</li> <li>4. Government official</li> <li>5. Ngo/cso</li> <li>6. Media</li> <li>7. Political party</li> <li>8. Doctor or health official</li> <li>9. Other household member</li> <li>10. Other (specify)</li> <li>11. Did not report it</li> <li>88 Refused to answer</li> <li>99 Don't know</li> </ol> <p><b>If they answered option 10, 11, 88 or 99 go to V1F.</b></p>	<p><b>V1E.</b> How satisfied were you with the way they dealt with the problem?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Very satisfied</li> <li>2. Somewhat satisfied</li> <li>3. Somewhat dissatisfied</li> <li>4. Very dissatisfied</li> <li>88. Refused to answer</li> <li>99 Don't know</li> </ol> <p><b>V1F.</b> Was this incident connected with a previous incident you have described here?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.- Yes</li> <li>2.- No → Go to V1H</li> <li>99. Don't know → Go to V1H</li> </ol>	<p><b>V1G.</b> Which previous incident was this connected with?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incident V1A_a</li> <li>2. Incident V1A_b</li> <li>3. Incident V1A_c</li> <li>4. Incident V1A_d</li> <li>5. Incident V1A_e</li> </ol> <p><b>V1H.</b> Did this incident occur to you or to another household member or to all household members?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To me</li> <li>2. Other household member(s), <b>V1he</b> → Specify</li> <li>3. To all</li> </ol>					
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<b>V1A_c.</b> Did someone deliberately destroy or damage your home, shop or any other property that you or a member of your household owns?									

<p><b>V2A.</b> In the past <b>five years</b>, were you or any member(s) of your household victim of the following situations?</p> <p><b>1. Yes</b>  <b>2. No → Go to V3</b>  <b>99. DK/NA</b></p>	<p><b>V2B.</b> How many times in the last five years did this happen to you or another member of your household?</p> <p>1. Once  2. Twice  3. Three times  4. More than three times</p> <p><b>V2C.</b> Did anyone die in any of these incidents?</p> <p>1. Yes → How many? <b>V2Ce</b>  2. No  99.- Don't know</p> <p><b>V2D.</b> In the most recent incident that occurred, aside from those who were killed, was anyone injured (could not continue their normal activities for more than one day)?</p> <p>1. Yes → How many? <b>V2de</b>  2. No  99.- Don't know</p>						<p><b>V2E.</b> The last time this happened, where did this happen (if more than one incident, choose the most recent death, or if no deaths occurred, the most recent injury)?</p> <p>1. At a shop or supermarket or outside one  2. At a bank or outside one  3. In a commercial area or mall or outside one  4. At a sports or recreation area or outside one  5. At a disco or night entertainment centre or outside one  6. At home  7. In your neighbourhood or the sector where you live  8. On public transport  9. At a plaza or park  10. In a restaurant or bar or outside one  11. At work or outside work  12. At a bus or train stop</p> <p><b>V2F.</b> The last time this happened, who was the perpetrator?</p> <p>1. Relative  2. Neighbour who you know  3. Close friend of you or family  4. Person you know by sight only  5. Group of people you know by sight only  6. Individual stranger  7. Group of strangers  8. Did not see offender/don't know  88.- Refused to answer</p>						<p><b>V2G.</b> Who did you report this to? (If more than one person/institution, choose the one that was most important to you.)</p> <p>1. Police  2. Military  3. Religious leader / traditional leader/ elder/ chief/ village head  4. Government official  5. Ngo/cso  6. Media  7. Political party  8. Doctor or health official  9. Other household member  10. Other (specify)  11. Did not report it  88. Refused to answer  99. Don't know</p> <p><b>If they answered option 10,11, 88 or 99 go to V2I</b></p> <p><b>V2H.</b> How satisfied were you with the way they dealt with the problem?</p> <p>1. Very satisfied  2. Somewhat satisfied  3. Somewhat dissatisfied  4. Very dissatisfied  88. Refused to answer  99. Don't know</p>		<p><b>V2I.</b> Was this incident connected with a previous incident you have described here?</p> <p>1. Yes  2. No → go to V2K</p> <p><b>V2J.</b> Which previous incident was this connected with?</p> <p>1. Incident V1A_a  2. Incident V1A_b  3. Incident V1A_c  4. Incident V1A_d  5. Incident V1A_e  6. Incident V2A_a  7. Incident V2A_b  8. Incident V2A_c  9. Incident V2A_d  10. Incident V2A_e</p> <p><b>V2K.</b> Did this incident occur to you or to another household member or to all household members?</p> <p>1. To me  2. Other household member(s), <b>v2ke</b> (Specify)  3. To all</p>					
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<p><b>V3.</b> In the next <b>twelve months</b>, what is the likelihood that you will become a victim of one of the forms of violence mentioned above? (HSR-Ipsos-Reid)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Very likely</li> <li>2. Somewhat likely</li> <li>3. Somewhat unlikely</li> <li>4. Very unlikely</li> <li>99. Don't know</li> </ol>	<p><b>V3</b></p>	<p>ii) Is it more likely to be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Against person</li> <li>2. Against property</li> <li>3. Both</li> <li>4. None</li> <li>99. Don't know</li> </ol>	<p><b>V4</b></p>
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