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A Proposal for Internationally Comparable Indicators of Agency and Empowerment

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This document contains a modified version of the survey questions proposed in the paper '*A Proposal for Internationally Comparable Indicators of Empowerment*'¹ prepared for the May 2007 Workshop on Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data.

Notes to enumerators:

This module is *very* important. Of all OPHI's modules, this has created the most interest. But it is also the most challenging for enumerators. They have to be very thoughtful and very careful, so that people understand it clearly. When they do, even illiterate respondents feel quite pleased – it helps them to express their situation fully. We are VERY interested in your inputs, and in ways to strengthen or clarify the questions. Please fill in this questionnaire yourself, slowly, before you apply it to other people. Try to think through each question, and understand it from your own experience.

Empowerment occurs in different domains: one can be empowered as a housewife and mother but disempowered in the workplace; empowered as a citizen where you vote and speak, and in the mosque or church – where you lead a prayer group, but disempowered in making major household decisions, because your husband does not let you. So the core of this module is a set of questions about autonomy and decision-making in different domains:

Autonomy and Decision-making with respect to²:

1. Work
2. Household duties and caring
3. Major household purchases
4. Health crisis
5. Group participation
6. Political participation

The module also includes questions on overall empowerment with respect to one's individual life and one's community including a ladder question. And it includes questions on collective agency – which may be formal political freedom or may relate to civil society activities.

Because the Autonomy questions are new, we introduce them a bit before sharing the questionnaire. The four motivations that we ask about are:

1. clearly **coerced** – done out of fear of punishment or to gain reward, or

¹ Ibrahim, Solava and Sabina Alkire (2007), *A proposal for internationally comparable indicators of agency and empowerment*, OPHI working paper no. 4. Available at: http://www.ophi.org.uk/pubs/Ibrahim_Alkire_Empowerment_FINAL.pdf and in December (2007) *Oxford Development Studies* (35:4, p. 379-403).

² Alternative domains may be used where relevant:

- Religion (perhaps instead of political participation)
- Savings decisions (perhaps instead of major household purchases)

- 1b. required by **force of circumstance**? (for example, a single mother with young children usually has to do the housework – no particular person is forcing her to do it, but she still has to)
2. To what extent is it **done to please others** or satisfy social norms and avoid stigma or blame?
3. To what extent is it done because the respondent wants to – he or she **personally values** the action?
4. To what extent does the action advance **a value that is deeply held**?

*The key innovative questions in this module relate to Autonomy. Autonomy questions are drawn from Ryan and Deci and have been verified across cultures, ages, and domains. The questions ask the respondent to say how true **each** of four motivations is. The results are put into a weighted scale to develop a relative autonomy index. Often people ask, why not ask them to choose one motivation – why do they have to score them one by one? Each motivation is scored separately because often we do things for several reasons at the same time (we have mixed motives). In part, we join groups to gain a concrete benefit (small loan); in part to have a good reputation (please others); additionally, we may (or may not) think the work we do is worthwhile; and we may or may not feel that it is really a good match with our skills and deepest values (relationships of solidarity, and working together to create positive change).*

Let's give three examples:

Miriam works in a factory and earns a salary – which is very important to her. Manufacturing is thought to be a 'good job' by her family who pushed very hard for her to take this job. But she doesn't enjoy the work; indeed she thinks it is dangerous and boring. She does it for the salary and prestige within her family – only. She is disempowered because she feels coerced, not autonomous with respect to her work.

Another example: Sonia is a dress maker. She has to work as she is a single mother. She could also do a different job that had a more secure income and higher status but chose not to. She doesn't really think about pleasing others – tailoring is what she feels she is good at. She feels very fulfilled by making a dress fit beautifully, and working with the cloth – it is really what she feels she can do best. In the 'work' domain, in which nearly everyone works in part to gain reward, Sonia has relatively high empowerment.

Finally, think of Thomas, who is a cleaner. He has to work to survive, and if he didn't work not only would his family have difficulties, but he would not feel he was being a good husband and father. He is proud that he is honest, that he cleans well, and as a devout person, he finds fulfilment in doing his work well and joyfully, and being helpful to others in the building. But cleaning is not his passion – he is aware that, being uneducated, he cannot do other jobs, so he makes the best he can out of the jobs he has.

Note for pilot: The researchers should verify based on the pilot that the domains selected are easy to understand, distinct from each other, and relevant in the context. Autonomy questions for alternative domains may be found here: (<http://www.ophi.org.uk/research/missing-dimensions/empowerment/>)

The decision-making and autonomy questions should be preceded by at least one objective question on that domain (or a module – e.g., on respondents' occupation for the domain of work or health after the respective section on health). The reason for this is that the respondent is then already thinking about the domain and finds it easier to answer the autonomy questions. Here we give examples of objective questions and domains we have used in our surveys (e.g. EMP1 or EMP16) but the choice should depend on the context of the survey and research questions being asked. See OPHI's 'Technical Notes on the Empowerment Module'

(http://www.ophi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Missing_Dimensions_Technical_Notes_Empowerment_Module.pdf?29870) for further details.

Note that the first time the autonomy questions are asked, they should be preceded by the specific instruction before the questions.

Indicator 1 - *Autonomy in different domains; decision-making regarding work*

EMP1 Answer only if the interviewee declares that she or he DO work

People often have several reasons for doing something. We will ask you to tell us how accurate each of several reasons are. They may be all accurate, all inaccurate, or some of each. You don't have to choose between them – just score each one separately. For example, you might do something because you have to. At the same time, you might do it in part, to please others, or because you truly value this. There is no right or wrong answer. Often you may realise that you have several reasons for acting as you do.

EMP1 I will now ask you to express your level of disagreement or agreement with the following statements, where 1 is greatly disagree with the statement and 4 is strongly agree, regarding why you do (say main activity people referred before in the questionnaire) Show Card [Allow the respondent to say I don't know/no answer]	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/No answer
a. I do this work because I have to, I have no other alternatives.	1	2	3	4	99
b. I do this work because I will get in trouble with others if I don't.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I do this work so that others don't think poorly of me.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I do this work because I get a reward or benefit if I do it.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I do this work because that is what other people tell me to do.	1	2	3	4	99
f. I do this work because I personally think it is the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I do this work because I enjoy it.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I do this work so that others won't get mad at me.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I do this work because I want people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I do this work because it is personally important for me.	1	2	3	4	99

EMP2. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP1_b.	EMP3. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP1_c.	EMP4. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP1_d.	EMP5. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP1_i.
<p>You mentioned that you work in _____ "because you will get in trouble if you did not". Who will you get in trouble with?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Your boss or colleagues Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you do the particular work that you do "so that others don't think poorly of you". Who would think poorly of you?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Your boss or colleagues Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you do the particular work that you do "because you will get a reward or benefit if you do it". From whom will you get a reward or benefit?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Your boss or colleagues Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you do the particular work that you do "to please other people". Who do you want to please?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Your boss or colleagues Another particular individual or group
EMP 2	EMP 3	EMP 4	EMP 5

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EMP6 Answer only if the interviewee declares that she or he DO NOT work

People often have several reasons for doing something. We will ask you to tell us how accurate each of several reasons are. They may be all accurate, all inaccurate, or some of each. You don't have to choose between them – just score each one separately. For example, you might do something because you have to. At the same time, you might do it in part, to please others, or because you truly value this. There is no right or wrong answer. Often you may realise that you have several reasons for acting as you do.

EMP6 I will now ask you to express your level of disagreement or agreement with the following statements, where 1 is greatly disagree with the statement and 4 is strongly agree, regarding why you do not work Show Card [Allow the respondent to say I don't know/no answer]	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/No answer
a. I do not work for reasons that are beyond my control (e.g. a health problem or other reasons).	1	2	3	4	99
b. I do not work because I will get in trouble if I do.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I do not work because others would think poorly of me if I did.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I do not work because I might get punished if I do.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I do not work because I get a benefit if I do not work (such as unemployment benefits).	1	2	3	4	99
f. I do not work because I do not think it is something valuable.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I do not work because other people tell me not to do so.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I do not work because I personally think it is the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I do not work because I don't enjoy doing it.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I do not work because others might get mad at me if I do,	1	2	3	4	99
k. I do not work because I want people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
l. I do not work because I do not think it is important to work.	1	2	3	4	99
m. I do not work because I am trying to please other people	1	2	3	4	99

EMP7. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP6_b.	EMP8. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP6_c.	EMP9. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP6_d.	EMP10. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP6_m.
<p>You mentioned that you did not work “because you will get in trouble if you did”. Who will you get in trouble with?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you did not work “so that others don't think poorly of you”. Who would think poorly of you?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you did not work “to avoid punishment”. From whom will that punishment come from?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you did not work “to please other people”. Who do you want to please?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Another particular individual or group
EMP 7	EMP 8	EMP 9	EMP 10

Indicator 2 - Autonomy in different domains; decision-making regarding household activities and caring

Besides your work or other activities, living in a household also involves several activities, such as cleaning the house, doing the laundry, or doing shopping for food. It may also involve caring for the children or the elder living in that household. Many times these activities are performed by one specific member of the household. Sometimes, they are divided among two or more members.

EMP11. In your family, do you do each of these things most of the time?	1. YES	2. NO	3. DK/DA
1. Preparing and cooking the main meal.			
2. Buying groceries			
3. Cleaning the home			
4. Laundry and ironing			
5. Household repairs			
6. Looking after the household money and paying bills			
7. Looking after children when they are ill			
8. Looking after elderly or ill person			
9. Generally being with and looking after children			

EMP12. I will now ask you to express your level of disagreement or agreement with the following statements, where 1 is greatly disagree with the statement and 4 is strongly agree, regarding why you make the household duties and caring (<i>make sure to stress that next questions refers to household duties and caring in general, and not to the individual items of the previous question.</i>) Show Card					
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/No answer
a. I do these activities because I have to, they need to be done.	1	2	3	4	99
b. I do these activities because I will get in trouble if I don't.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I do these activities so that others don't think poorly of me.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I do these activities because I get a reward or benefit if I do them.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I do these activities because I think they are valuable.	1	2	3	4	99
f. I do these activities because that is what other people tell me to do.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I do these activities because I personally think it is the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I do these activities because I enjoy doing them.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I do these activities so that others won't get mad at me.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I do these activities because I want people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
k. I do these activities because it is personally important for me.	1	2	3	4	99
l. I do these activities to please other people	1	2	3	4	99

Indicator 3 - *Autonomy in different domains; decision-making regarding major household purchases*

Now we would like to know about who makes the decisions about the major household purchases in your household. These types of purchases include large amount of money which is not included in your regular budget, such as buying a house, important house repairs, buying a new appliance or buying new livestock. Besides your work or other activities, living in a household also involves several activities, such as cleaning the house, doing the laundry, or doing shopping for food. It may also involve caring for the children or the elder living in that household. Many times, these activities are performed by one specific member of the household. Sometimes, they are divided among two or more members.

<p>EMP13. In the last year have you made a major household purchase (or several) that implies a large amount of money that is not included in your normal budget?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes 2. No → Go to EMP14. 	<p>EMP13b. If YES, what? (allow for several examples)</p>
EMP13.	EMP13b.

<p>EMP14. Who usually makes decisions about making major household purchases?.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You 2. You and your spouse or partner 3. You along with someone else (not your spouse/partner) 4. Your spouse/partner 5. Other (Neither you nor your spouse/partner) 6. The community / social organisation / neighbourhood board 7. DK/DA <p>Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 go to EMP16; if 7 go to EMP 26</p> <p>EMP15. If you wanted to, would you be able to participate in these decisions?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes 2. No → Go to EMP21. 	
EMP14	EMP15

EMP16 Answer only if the interviewee declares that she or he MAKES decisions about major household purchases

This set of questions is very important. I am going to give you some reasons why you may participate in the decisions about major household expenditures in the way that you do. You might have several reasons for doing what you do and there is no right or wrong answer.

EMP16 Please tell me how true it would be to say: Show Card [Allow the respondent to say I don't know/no answer]	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/No answer
a. I have no choice, I have to make major household purchases this way for reasons that are beyond my control (e.g. poverty, etc.).	1	2	3	4	99
b. I make major household purchases this way because I will get in trouble if I don't.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I make major household purchases this way because others would think poorly of me if I did otherwise.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I make major household purchases this way because I might get punished otherwise.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I make major household purchases this way because I get a benefit or a reward from doing it this way.	1	2	3	4	99
f. I make major household purchases this way because I think it is important to do it this way.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I make major household purchases this way because other people tell me to do so.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I make major household purchases this way because I personally think it is the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I make major household purchases this way because I enjoy doing it.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I make major household purchases this way because others might get mad at me if I don't.	1	2	3	4	99
k. I make major household purchases this way because I want people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
l. I make major household purchases this way because I am trying to please other people.	1	2	3	4	99

EMP17. Ask only if respondent <u>AGREE</u> or <u>STRONGLY AGREE</u> with statement EMP16_b.	EMP18. Ask only if respondent <u>AGREE</u> or <u>STRONGLY AGREE</u> with statement EMP16_c.	EMP19. Ask only if respondent <u>AGREE</u> or <u>STRONGLY AGREE</u> with statement EMP16_e.	EMP20. Ask only if respondent <u>AGREE</u> or <u>STRONGLY AGREE</u> with statement EMP16_l.
<p>You mentioned that you work in _____ "because you will get in trouble if you did not". Who will you get in trouble with?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Someone in my household 7. Someone in your community 8. Relatives out of the household 9. Your boss or colleagues 10. Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you do the particular work that you do "so that others don't think poorly of you". Who would think poorly of you?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Someone in my household 7. Someone in your community 8. Relatives out of the household 9. Your boss or colleagues 10. Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you do the particular work that you do "because you will get a reward or benefit if you do it". From whom will that punishment come from?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Someone in my household 7. Someone in your community 8. Relatives out of the household 9. Your boss or colleagues 10. Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you do the particular work that you do "to please other people". Who do you want to please?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Someone in my household 7. Someone in your community 8. Relatives out of the household 9. Your boss or colleagues 10. Another particular individual or group
EMP17	EMP18	EMP19	EMP20

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EMP21 Answer only if the interviewee declares that she or he DOES NOT PARTICIPATE in the decisions about major household purchases.

This set of questions is very important. I am going to give you some reasons why you may NOT participate in the decisions about major household expenditures in the way that you do. You might have several reasons for doing what you do and there is no right or wrong answer.

EMP21 Please tell me how true it would be to say: Show Card [Allow the respondent to say I don't know/no answer]	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/No answer
a. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases for reasons that are beyond my control (e.g. poverty, etc.).	1	2	3	4	99
b. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because I will get in trouble if I do.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because others would think poorly of me if I did.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because I might get punished if I do.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because I think I will benefit from not getting involved.	1	2	3	4	99
f. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because I think it is important not to get involved.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because other people tell me to not to get involved.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because I personally think it is the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because I don't enjoy getting involved.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because others might get mad at me if I do.	1	2	3	4	99
k. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because I want people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
l. I do not get involved in decisions about major household purchases because I am trying to please other people.	1	2	3	4	99

EMP22. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP21_b.	EMP23. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP21_c.	EMP24. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP21_d.	EMP25. Ask only if respondent AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE with statement EMP21_l.
<p>You mentioned that you did not work "because you will get in trouble if you did". Who will you get in trouble with?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Your boss or colleagues Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you did not work "so that others don't think poorly of you". Who would think poorly of you?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Your boss or colleagues Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you did not work "to avoid punishment". From whom will that punishment come from?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Your boss or colleagues Another particular individual or group 	<p>You mentioned that you did not work "to please other people". Who do you want to please?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Someone in my household Someone in your community Relatives out of the household Your boss or colleagues Another particular individual or group
EMP 2 2	EMP 2 3	EMP 2 4	EMP 2 5

Indicator 4 - *Autonomy in different domains; decision-making regarding dealing with a non-threatening health problem*

<p>EMP26. Where would you go if you had a non-threatening health problem, such as a severe stomach-ache, continuous high fever or a painful toothache?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General surgery (public sector health system) 2. Rural emergency centre (public sector health system) 3. Specialised practitioner from the public sector health system 4. Emergency Primary Attention Service 5. Private surgery, medical centre, clinic or hospital 6. Establishment from the armed or security forces 7. Social assistance society 8. Other. Specify. _____ 9. Don't do anything 99. Don't know/No answer 	
EMP26	

<p>EMP27. I will now ask you to express your level of disagreement or agreement with the following statements, where 1 is greatly disagree with the statement and 4 is strongly agree, regarding the way you would resolve a non-threatening health problem such as a bad stomach ache, constant high fever, or a severe tooth ache.</p> <p>Show Card</p>	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / No answer
a. I resolve the problem the way I do because I have no alternatives.	1	2	3	4	99
b. I resolve the problem the way I do because I will get in trouble if I don't.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I resolve the problem the way I do so that others don't think poorly of me.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I resolve the problem the way I do because I get a reward or benefit if I do it.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I resolve the problem the way I do because I think it is valuable to do it this way.	1	2	3	4	99
f. I resolve the problem the way I do because that is what other people tell me to do.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I resolve the problem the way I do because I personally think it is the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I resolve the problem the way I do because I enjoy doing it this way.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I resolve the problem the way I do so that others won't get mad at me.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I resolve the problem the way I do because I want people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
k. I resolve the problem the way I do to please other people	1	2	3	4	99

Indicator 5 - Changing aspects in one's life [Individual Level]

I would like to ask you now about the possibility of changing aspects of your life. This can be achieved either by your own individual actions or through the actions of a group.

<p>EMP28. Would you like to change anything in your life at this point in time?</p> <p>1. Yes 2. No → Go to EMP31 99. Don't know</p> <p>EMP29. At this point in time, what three thing(s) would you most like to change in your life?</p> <p>1. 2. 3.</p>		<p>EMP30. Who do you think will contribute most to any change in your own life?</p> <p>1. You 2. Your family 3. Your community 4. The local government 5. The central government 6. NGO/CSO 7. Other: WHICH ONE? 99. Don't know</p>	
EMP28	EMP29	EMP30	If 7 in EMP30, specify:

Indicator 6 - Changing aspects in one's life [Group Level]

I'd like to start by asking you about the groups or organizations, networks, associations to which you or any member of your household belong. These could be formally organized groups or just groups of people who get together regularly to do an activity or talk about things.

EMP31. Are you an active member of any of these groups (group, organisation, network, association, etc.)? [record ALL groups]	1. YES	2. NO
1. Agricultural / livestock/ fisheries producer's group (including marketing groups).		
2. Water users' group.		
3. Forest users' group.		
4. Credit or microfinance group (incl. ROSCAs/merry-go-rounds).		
5. Mutual help or insurance group (including burial societies).		
6. Trade and business association.		
7. Civic groups (improving community) or charitable group (helping others).		
8. Local government.		
9. Religious group		
10. Other women's group (only if it does not fit into one of the other categories)		
11. Other (specify) _____		

Enumerator: Does the interviewee belong to at least one group (to be verified by the enumerator from EMP31.1 to EMP31.12)?	No → Go to EMP41
I will now ask you questions about the group in which you are the most active or participate the most.	
EMP32. What is the name of the group in which you are most active? [Note: if the interviewee belongs to more than one group, please request her or him to choose one amongst the listed groups].	[Name of Group]

<p>EMP33. Do you have a leadership position in [NAME OF GROUP]?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes → Go to EMP35 2. No 	<p>EMP34. Have you ever had a leadership position in [NAME OF GROUP]?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes 2. No 	<p>EMP35. How much input do you have in making decisions in [NAME OF GROUP]?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No input 2. Input into very few decisions 3. Input into some decisions 4. Input into most decisions 5. Input into all decisions
EMP33	EMP34	EMP35

<p>EMP36. Is this a mixed group? [women and men participate]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes 2. No 	<p>EMP37. How often does [NAME OF GROUP] meet?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than once a week 2. Once a week 3. Once every two weeks 4. Once a month 	<p>EMP38. Out of the last 5 meetings, how many did you attend?</p>
EMP36	EMP37	EMP38
		[Number of meetings]

EMP39 Answer only if the interviewee declares that she participates in a group

<p>EMP39 I am going to give several reasons why you might participate in [NAME GROUP]. Please indicate how true each of these reasons is for you.</p> <p>Show Card [Allow the respondent to say I don't know/no answer]</p>	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/No answer
a. I participate because I really need the benefits and could not get along without them.	1	2	3	4	99
b. I participate because I will get in trouble if I don't.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I participate so that others don't think poorly of me.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I participate because I get a reward or benefit if I do it.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I participate because I think it is valuable.	1	2	3	4	99
f. I participate because that is what other people tell me to do.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I participate because I personally think it is the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I participate because I enjoy it.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I participate so that others won't get mad at me.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I participate because I want people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
k. I participate because it is personally important for me.	1	2	3	4	99
l. I participate to please other people	1	2	3	4	99

EMP40. In [NAME GROUP], how well working together as a whole can you:	Not at all effectively	Not very effectively	Somewhat effectively	Very effectively	Don't know/ No answer (DO NOT READ)
a. Agree to decisions that require giving up personal interests	1	2	3	4	99
b. Support each other in times of stress	1	2	3	4	99
c. Figure out what choices to make when the group faces important decisions	1	2	3	4	99
d. Resolve conflicts when the group members feel they are not being treated fairly	1	2	3	4	99
e. Build trust in each other	1	2	3	4	99
f. Build respect for each other's particular interests	1	2	3	4	99
g. Make good use of common resources	1	2	3	4	99
h. Get the members of the group to share responsibilities	1	2	3	4	99

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EMP41 Answer only if the interviewee declares that she DOES NOT participate in any group

EMP41 I am going to give several reasons why you don't participate in any group. Please indicate how true each of these reasons is for you. Show Card [Allow the respondent to say I don't know/no answer]	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/No answer
a. I don't participate because there are no groups I could join that I know of (or, because I have no time).	1	2	3	4	99
b. I don't participate because I will get in trouble if I do.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I don't participate because others might think poorly of me if I do.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I don't participate because I get a reward or benefit by not being part of any group.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I don't participate because I don't think it is valuable to participate.	1	2	3	4	99
f. I don't participate because other people tell me not to.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I don't participate because I personally think it is the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I don't participate because I don't enjoy participating.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I don't participate so that others won't get mad at me.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I don't participate because I want people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
k. I don't participate because it is personally important for me not to.	1	2	3	4	99
l. I don't participate to please other people	1	2	3	4	99

Indicator 7 - *Changing aspects in one's life [Political Participation]*

EMP42. Did you vote in the last local or regional election?	
1. Yes	
2. No → Go to EMP44	
3. NA (under age or not eligible to vote)	
EMP42	

EMP43. Answer only if the interviewee declares that she or he DID vote in the last election

EMP43 will now ask you to express your level of disagreement or agreement with the following statements, where 1 is greatly disagree with the statement and 4 is strongly agree, regarding why did you vote the way you did Show Card [Allow the respondent to say I don't know/no answer]	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/No answer
a. I voted the way I did because I had no other alternative (e.g. only one candidate).	1	2	3	4	99
b. I voted the way I did because I would have gotten into trouble otherwise.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I voted the way I did so that others wouldn't think poorly of me.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I voted the way I did to get a reward or benefit.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I voted the way I did because it reflected my values.	1	2	3	4	99
f. I voted the way other people told me to do.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I voted the way I did because I personally thought it was the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I voted the way I did because I liked it.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I voted the way I did so that others wouldn't get mad at me.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I voted the way I did because I wanted people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
k. I voted the way I did because it was personally important for me to do so that way.	1	2	3	4	99
l. I voted the way I did to please other people	1	2	3	4	99

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EMP44. Answer only if the interviewee declares that she or he DID NOT vote.

EMP44 will now ask you to express your level of disagreement or agreement with the following statements, where 1 is greatly disagree with the statement and 4 is strongly agree, regarding why you did not vote in the last election Show Card [Allow the respondent to say I don't know/no answer]	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know/No answer
a. I did not vote because some practical or circumstantial barrier existed (e.g. I couldn't get to the place that day/ I was working during the polling times/it was too far to walk/I wasn't feeling well/my kid was ill)	1	2	3	4	99
b. I did not vote because I would have gotten into trouble if I did.	1	2	3	4	99
c. I did not vote because others might think poorly of me if I did.	1	2	3	4	99
d. I did not vote because I get a reward or benefit from not voting.	1	2	3	4	99
e. I did not vote because I value not voting.	1	2	3	4	99
f. I did not vote because other people told me not to.	1	2	3	4	99
g. I did not vote because I personally thought it was the right thing to do, whether or not others agree.	1	2	3	4	99
h. I did not vote because I do not like voting.	1	2	3	4	99
i. I did not vote because others might get mad at me if I do.	1	2	3	4	99
j. I did not vote because I wanted people to like me.	1	2	3	4	99
k. I did not vote because it was personally important for me not to vote.	1	2	3	4	99
l. I did not vote so as to please other people	1	2	3	4	99

Indicator 8 - A 'ladder question' assessing perceptions of empowerment

EMP45. Imagine a ten step ladder, where on the bottom, the first step, stand people who are completely coerced or powerless, and on the highest step, the tenth step, stand those with the most ability to advance goals that they value in their own homes and in the world.

- a. On which step are you today?
- b. On which step are most of your neighbours today?
- c. On which step will you be in five years time?

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