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A Proposal for Internationally Comparable Indicators of Violence

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This document contains the actual survey questions proposed in the paper *Safety and Security: A Proposal for Internationally Comparable Indicators of Violence* (Diprose 2007) prepared for the May 2007 Workshop on Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data. The proposal is 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 proposed module covers three important areas:

- 1) Incidence and frequency of both general violent crime and conflict-related violence against property (and incidents of theft, which indicates people’s safety and security).
- 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.²

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

¹ Diprose (2007) elaborates on the selection of these indicators and questions, and the research questions that could be addressed were these questions adopted into multi-topic individual or household surveys.

² These indicators do not cover: domestic 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; costs of violence; suicide rates; violence against children or the elderly in the household; whether people sought health care; drug-related incidents; and violence perpetrated by the state.

Indicators of violence, physical safety, and security: comprehensive module

Part 1: Indicators of incidents of threats to physical safety and security: against property

<p>1. In the past 5 years, have you or any members of you household been the victim of or experienced the following?</p>	<p>i) 0. No 1. Yes 88. Not applicable 99. Don't know (Not applicable is used for people that don't own the category of property mentioned, ie. crops and animals)</p>	<p>ii) If yes, 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 (LSMS Malawi)</p>	<p>iii) The last time this happened was the perpetrator (s) an individual household member, another relative, a neighbour who you know, a close friend of you or the family, a person/group of people you only know by sight, a stranger/group of strangers, or you don't know/didn't see the offender? 1. Household member 2. Other relative 3. Neighbour who you know 4. Close friend of you or the family 5. Person you know by sight only 6. Group of people who you know by sight only 7. Individual stranger 8. Group of strangers 99. Did not see offender/don't know 77. Refused to answer (Adapted from ICVS, conflict survey questions, and barometer surveys)</p>	<p>iv) Who did you report this to (if more than one person/institution, choose the one person/institution which was most important to you)? 1. Police 2. Military 3. Religious leader/Traditional leaders /elders /chiefs/ village heads 4. Government officials 5. NGO/CSO 6. Local armed gangs 7. Media 8. Political party 9. Doctor, health official 10. Other household member 11. Other (specify) 12. Did not report it 77. Refused to answer 99. Don't know (Adapted from Barometers/ICVS)</p>	<p>v) If you reported this incident, how satisfied were you with the way they dealt with this problem? 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied 4. Very dissatisfied 99. Don't know 88. N/A (For those who did not report it) (Barometer surveys)</p>
<p>A. Someone actually got into your house, flat, or dwelling, without permission and stole or tried to steal something? (ICVS)</p>					
<p>B. Someone took 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? (Adapted from ICVS)</p>					
<p>C. Someone stole something you own (not stored in the dwelling) such as vehicles, parts or contents of vehicles, motorbikes, mopeds, scooters, machinery, pumps, bicycles, store property and so on? (Combined from ICVS)</p>					
<p>D. Animals or crops were stolen from you or a member of your household? (LSMS Malawi)</p>					
<p>E. Someone deliberately destroyed or damaged your home, shop, or any other property that you or a member of your household owns? (additional question)</p>					

Part 2: Indicators of incidents of threats to physical safety and security: against person

2. Apart from the previous incidents, in the past five years, have you or any members of you household been the victim of or experienced the following?	i) 0. No 1. Yes 99. Don't know	ii) If yes, 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 (LSMS Malawi)	iii) Did anyone die in any of these incidents? 0. No 1. Yes 99. Don't know iv) If yes, how many people?		v) If anyone died in any of these incidents, what was their age and gender (choose most recent 2): 1. Female aged 10 years old or younger? 2. Male aged 10 years old or younger? 3. Female aged between 11 – 18 years old 4. Male aged between 11-18 years old 5. Female aged between 19 – 30 years old 6. Male aged between 19-30 years old? 7. Female aged over 30? 8. Male aged over 30? 99. Don't know 88. Not applicable 77. Refuses to say		vi) In the last (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)? 0. No 1. Yes 99. Don't know vii) If yes, how many people were injured in the most recent incident? (adapted from WHO guidelines)		viii) If anyone was injured in the most recent incident what was their age and gender (if more than one person choose the most severely injured)? 1. Female aged 10 years old or younger? 2. Male aged 10 years old or younger? 3. Female aged between 11 – 18 years old 4. Male aged between 11-18 years old 5. Female aged between 19 – 30 years old 6. Male aged between 19-30 years old? 7. Female aged over 30? 8. Male aged over 30? 99. Don't know 88. Not applicable 77. Refuses to say		ix) 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. Home 2. On street near own home 3. In a public area near a government office/building 4. At school 5. At work 6. On a Street/ highway not near own home 7. Residential institution 8. Sports and athletic area 9. Industrial or construction site 10. Farm (excluding home) 11. Commercial area (shop, store, hotel, bar, office) 12. Countryside 13. Nursing home 14. Place of worship 15. Other (specify) 99. Unknown (ICVS/WHO)		x) The last time this happened was the perpetrator (s) an individual household member, another relative, a neighbour who you know, a close friend of you or the family, a person/group of people you only know by sight, someone else (specify), a stranger/group of strangers, or you don't know/didn't see the offender? 1. HH member 2. Other relative 3. Neighbour who you know 4. Close friend of you or the family 5. Person you know by sight only 6. Group of people who you know by sight only 7. Individual stranger 8. Group of strangers 9. Other please specify 99. Did not see offender/don't know 77. Refuses to say (ICVS and WHO)		xi) Who did you report this to (if more than one person/institution, choose the one person/institution which was most important to you)? 1. Police 2. Military 3. Religious leader/ Traditional leaders /elders /chiefs/ village heads 4. Government officials 5. NGO/CSO 6. Women's organisation 7. Local armed gangs 8. Media 9. Political party 10. Doctor, health official 11. Other household member 12. Other (specify) 13. Did not report it 77. Refuses to answer 99. Don't know		xii) If you reported this incident, how satisfied were you with the way they dealt with this problem? 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied 4. Very dissatisfied 99) Don't know 88. N/A (for those who did not report it or refuse to answer, or don't know)	
A. You or a member of your household were assaulted (hit, slapped, shoved, punched, pushed, or kicked) without any weapon either inside or outside the home? (WHO)	i)	ii)	iii)	iv)	v) Victim 1	v) Victim 2	vi)	vii)	viii)	ix)	x)	xi)	xii)					
B. You or a member of your household were assaulted (beaten, stabbed, burnt, throttled, or otherwise attacked) with a weapon (eg. Bottle, glass, knife, club, hot liquid, rope) not including being shot by a gun or firearm? (WHO)																		
C. Someone shot you or a member of your household with a firearm or gun? (WHO)																		
D. You or a member of your household were kidnapped (taken and held against your will)? (additional)																		
E. You or a member of your household was injured by a bomb, Molotov cocktail, landmine or other explosive device? (additional)																		
F. I know this is a difficult question for you, so please take a moment to think about it. Have you or a member of your household experienced a sex act against your will involving either vaginal, oral or anal penetration, or attempts to do so? (WHO)																		

Part 3: Perceptions of safety and violence

<p>3. In the next twelve months, 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"> 1. Very likely 2. Somewhat likely 3. Somewhat unlikely 4. Very unlikely 	i)	<p>ii) Is it more likely to be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Against person 2. Against property 3. Both 4. None 	ii)
<p>4. Compared to five years ago, has the level of violence in the neighbourhood where you live increased, decreased or stayed the same? (adapted from CRISE surveys)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased a lot 2. Increased a little 3. Stayed about the same 4. Decreased a little 5. Decreased a lot 			
<p>5. How safe do you feel walking down the street after dark in the area where you live? (Social Capital, WHO)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very safe 2. Moderately safe 3. Neither safe nor unsafe 4. Moderately unsafe 5. Very unsafe 			
<p>6. There are many different potential threats and dangers to people's personal security in today's world. Thinking of all the threats that you might face in your life, which two (ranked) is of the most concern to you now? (HSR – Ipsos-Reid)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Criminal violence 2) Inter-communal violence 3) Armed warfare/conflict 4) Terrorism 5) Death, or incapacitation from natural disasters, health, or economic problems 6) Other 7) None 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Most important) 2. (Second most important) 		

Quick module on physical safety and security

1. In the past 5 years, have you or any members of your household been the victim of or experienced the following?	i) 0. No 1. Yes 99. Don't know	ii) If yes=> how many times in the last year did this happen to you or another member of your household? 1. Once 2. Twice 3. Three times 4. More than three times	iii) The last time this happened was the perpetrator was 1. HH member 2. Other relative 3. Neighbour who you know 4. Close friend of you or the family 5. Person you know by sight only 6. Group of people who you know by sight only 7. Individual stranger 8. Group of strangers 99. Did not see offender/don't know 77. Refused to answer	iii) Did anyone die in any of these incidents? 0. No 1. Yes 99. Don't know	iv) If yes, how many people? 0. No 1. Yes 99. Don't know	v) In the last (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)? 0. No 1. Yes 99. Don't know	vi) If yes, how many people were injured in the most recent incident?	iv) The last time it happened it was at 1. Home 2. On street near own home 3. In a public area near a government office/building 4. At school 5. At work 6. On a Street/ highway not near own home 7. Residential institution 8. Sports and athletic area 9. Industrial or construction site 10. Farm (excluding home) 11. Commercial area (shop, store, hotel, bar, office) 12. Countryside 13. Nursing home 14. Place of worship 15. Other (specify) 88. Refuses to answer 99. Don't know	v) Did you report it? 0. No 1. Yes to the police 2. Yes, to the military or other government official (not police) 3. Yes, to informal authorities (traditional leaders, religious leaders, elders, chiefs) 4. Yes, to another household member 5. Yes, to health officials 6. Yes to civil society organisations (including women's organisations) 7. Yes to a gang 7. Yes to the media 8. Yes, to a political party 88. Refuses to answer 99. Don't know
Part 1 – Property									
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B. Someone stole something you own (not stored in the dwelling) such as vehicles, parts or contents of vehicles, motorbikes, mopeds, scooters, machinery, pumps, bicycles, store property, livestock, and so on? (not stored in the dwelling)									
C. Someone deliberately destroyed or damaged your home, shop, or any other property that you or a member of your household owns?									
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D. You or a member of your household were assaulted (hit, slapped, shoved, punched, pushed, or kicked) without any weapon either inside or outside the home?									
E. You or a member of your household were assaulted (beaten, stabbed, burnt, throttled, or otherwise attacked) with a weapon (eg. Bottle, glass, knife, club, hot liquid, rope) not including being shot by a gun or firearm?									
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