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Overview

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ABSTRACT

Following the pattern set in the first two rounds of the Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS), the questionnaire used for the third round again covered a wide spectrum of topics such as education, health, housing, employment, income and expenditure, which affect the living standards of households. GLSS III thus provides data on various aspects of Ghanaian household economic and social activities, which are of help for monitoring the impact of the Government's Economic Recovery Programme.

GLSS III differed from the two previous rounds, however, in concentrating particularly on the income, consumption and expenditure of households at a much more disaggregated level than previously. As a result, GLSS III provides more accurate estimates of income and expenditure, including the imputed value of home produced food which is consumed by households. The data on household expenditure are also being used to derive the weights needed for rebasing the Consumer Price Index. The GLSS data on income, consumption and expenditure, together with other individual, household and community level data collected in GLSS III, will also provide a valuable database for national and regional planning purposes. Detailed anthropometric data had been collected in GLSS I and GLSS II, involving the need to include an anthropometrist in each survey team. This topic had to be dropped from GLSS III, so that the expanded income, consumption and expenditure data could be collected.

KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

UNITS OF ANALYSIS

- Household
- Individual
- Community
- Commodity

Scope

NOTES

The scope of Living Standards Survey 1991-1992 includes:

- Household: Household roster, Education, Health, Employment and time use, Migration, Housing, Agriculture, Household expenditure, Non-farm enterprise, Income transfers, Credit, asset and savings
- Community: Demographic information, Economy and infrastructure, Education, Agriculture
- Price: Food, Non-food, Pharmaceutical

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National

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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

A multi-stage sampling technique was used in selecting the GLSS sample. Initially, 4565 households were selected for GLSS III, spread around the country in 407 small clusters. In general, 15 households were taken in an urban cluster and 10 households in a rural cluster. The actual achieved sample was 4552 households. Because of the sample design used, and the very high response rate, the sample can be considered as being self-weighting, though in the case of expenditure data, weighting of the expenditure values is required.

Questionnaires

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- All urban households were given a special diary, and requested to record on a separate page each day all the expenses they incurred. This had to be done by a literate member of the household who had already been identified during the listing exercise. In the case of illiterate households the supervisor or the supplementary interviewer visited them and did the recording. Although to a large extent the use of diaries seems to have served its intended purpose of facilitating the recording of expenditures for many urban households, some caution has to be taken in interpreting the results and estimates derived from the diaries. In particular, while most of the expenses incurred by the household as a unit are likely to have been recorded fairly accurately, it is possible that some of the expenses made by individual members of the household outside the home may have been missed.

- Details of infrastructure and other facilities available to rural communities were recorded in the community questionnaire. This questionnaire was usually administered at a meeting with the community chief, along with his elders and other knowledgeable people in the community.

- The price questionnaire was used to collect information on prices in the local market. This information is needed for comparing prices in different parts of the country, which would allow the construction of regional price indexes and the adjustment of household expenditures to a common base so as to take account of regional variations in purchasing power.

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
1991-09	1992-09	N/A

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

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Data Processing

Data Editing

The data collected in this survey were entered directly onto microcomputers which had been installed in the eight regional capitals. Kumasi and Accra had two PCs each, while Tamale, Sunyani, Koforidua, Ho, Cape Coast and Sekondi/Takoradi had one each. Special interactive software programs had been prepared for data entry and checking, using the software package Rode-PC. Data entry was done in two rounds. In both urban and rural clusters interviewers completed Part A of the questionnaire by the end of the fifth visit to each household; and after checking them, the supervisor took these questionnaires straight away to the regional capital, where the data entry operator began keying in. Once Part B had been completed, the supervisor took these questionnaires to the regional capital, and returned with the Part A questionnaires, plus detailed printouts showing what errors had been discovered by the editing program during the keying in operation. These errors were then corrected in the field. By the time the data entry operator had finished keying in the second batch of questionnaires (Part B), the team would have moved from those clusters to the next set of clusters. However, the next set of clusters were very close to the previous ones, so going back to correct errors detected in the second round involved travelling only a short distance. This arrangement made field reconciliation fairly easy. In addition, each set of clusters had been chosen close together so as to make supervision relatively easy. Finally, clusters in areas that were hardly accessible during the rainy season were scheduled to be covered during the dry season. At regular intervals during the fieldwork the diskettes containing the GLSS III data for each completed cycle were returned to the headquarters in Accra. Final tabulations were produced using the SAS software package.

Data Appraisal

No content available

Documentation

Questionnaires

Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-1992: Household Questionnaire

Title	Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-1992: Household Questionnaire
Author(s)	Ghana Statistical Service
Country	Ghana
Language	English
Description	This questionnaire is an essential tool for using the 1991/92 GLSS data sets. In addition to the questions, it also contains codes and skip patterns.
Filename	GHA_1991_GLSS_Household_Questionnaire_EN.pdf

Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-1992: Community Questionnaire

Title	Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-1992: Community Questionnaire
Author(s)	Ghana Statistical Service
Country	Ghana
Language	English
Description	This document contains the community questionnaire used to collect community level information.
Filename	GHA_1991_GLSS_Community_Questionnaire_EN.pdf

Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-1992: Price Questionnaire

Title	Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-1992: Price Questionnaire
Author(s)	Ghana Statistical Service
Country	Ghana
Language	English
Description	This questionnaire collects information on the prices of the most essential commodities in the local markets.
Filename	GHA_1991_GLSS_Price_Questionnaire_EN.pdf.pdf

Reports

Ghana Living Standards Survey, Report on the Third Round (GLSS 3)

Title	Ghana Living Standards Survey, Report on the Third Round (GLSS 3)
Author(s)	Ghana Statistical Service
Date	1995-03-01
Country	Ghana
Language	English
Description	This report contains the main results of the third round of the Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS3).
Filename	GHA_1991_GLSS_Report_EN.pdf.pdf

Rural Communities in Ghana

Title Rural Communities in Ghana
 Author(s) Ghana Statistical Service
 Country Ghana
 Language English
 Description This report contains the main results of the third round of the Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS3).
 Filename GHA_1991_GLSS_Ruralarea_Report_EN.pdf

Poverty Trends in Ghana in the 1990s

Title Poverty Trends in Ghana in the 1990s
 Author(s) Ghana Statistical Service
 Date 2000-10-01
 Country Ghana
 Language English
 Filename PovProf99.pdf

Technical documents

Ghana Living Standards Survey Round Three (GLSS 3), 1991-92: Data User's Guide

Title Ghana Living Standards Survey Round Three (GLSS 3), 1991-92: Data User's Guide
 Author(s) Ghana Statistical Service
 Country Ghana
 Language English
 Description Describes the design of the survey and its coverage for potential users and provides general information about the general characteristics of the 1991/92 GLSS survey. It also discusses the data files and constructed variables.
 Filename GHA_1991_GLSS_Data_User_Guide_EN.pdf

Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-92: Supervisor's Instruction Manual (With an income, consumption and expenditure module)

Title Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-92: Supervisor's Instruction Manual (With an income, consumption and expenditure module)
 Author(s) Ghana Statistical Service
 Date 1990-10-01
 Country Ghana
 Language English
 Description This document contains the instructions to be followed by the survey supervisors.
 Filename GHA_1991_GLSS_Supervisor_EN.pdf

Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-92: Interviewer's Instruction Manual (With an income, consumption and expenditure

module)

Title Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-92: Interviewer's Instruction Manual (With an income, consumption and expenditure module)

Author(s) Ghana Statistical Service

Date 1990-10-01

Country Ghana

Language English

Description This document contains detailed information to the interviewers.

Filename GHA_1991_GLSS_Interviewer_EN.pdf

Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-92: Data Entry Operator's Manual (With an income, consumption and expenditure module)

Title Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 3) 1991-92: Data Entry Operator's Manual (With an income, consumption and expenditure module)

Author(s) Ghana Statistical Service

Date 1990-01-01

Country Ghana

Language English

Description This document contains instructions for the key entry of the data.

Filename GHA_1991_GLSS_Dataentry_EN.pdf

Test du Questionnaire de l'Enquete Intégrée au Ghana: Le Programme de Saisie

Title Test du Questionnaire de l'Enquete Intégrée au Ghana: Le Programme de Saisie

Author(s) Jeannie A. Coulibaly

Date 1990-05-28

Country Ghana

Language French

Filename GHA_1991_GLSS_Entryprogramtesting_FR.pdf

The Estimation of Components of Household Incomes and Expenditures

Title The Estimation of Components of Household Incomes and Expenditures

subtitle A Methodological Guide based on the Ghana Living Standards Survey, 1991/1992 and 1998/1999

Author(s) Ghana Statistical Service

Date 2000-10-01

Country Ghana

Language English

Filename Estimation_of_Components_of_Income_and_Expenditure.pdf
