

Vietnam - Living Standards Survey 1997-1998

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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

The survey sample was selected to be representative for the whole country, taking into account available funding, geographical conditions, organizational capacity and staff competence. The sample size was set at 6000 households selected from provinces and cities throughout the country, but excluding islands due to logistical difficulties in traveling and conducting the survey in those locations.

The sample for the 1997-1998 VLSS was primarily selected from the households selected in the original 150 communes/wards of the 1992-1993 VLSS. The sample was increased by 1200 households with these additional households obtained from the sample of the Multi-purpose Household survey (MPHS) which was based on a similar sampling methodology. Replacement households were selected randomly from within the clusters of the survey and used where necessary.

The selection of the original sample of 4800 households from VLSS 1992-1993 followed a method of stratified random cluster sampling. The basic sample frame was obtained from the 1989 Population Census. The sampling procedures took into account that communes or wards are the basic local level administrative unit, and each commune/ward has a number of villages or urban residential blocks. The number of households selected in a given cluster was determined primarily based on the requirements for organization of interview teams and time needed for each household interview on location.

Based on the sampling frame including two lists, list of communes and list of wards (or equivalent administrative units) throughout the country with the number of households in each commune/ward obtained from the 1989 Population Census, the sample of the 1992-1993 VLSS was selected in three steps, independently for urban and rural areas:

Step 1: Random selection of 120 communes and 30 wards throughout the country based on the method of probability proportional to the number of households in those villages or wards. The selection of primary sampling units (communes) was stratified by urban and rural areas based on the results of the 1989 Census that 80% of the population was living in rural areas and 20% in urban areas.

Step 2: Within each selected commune, two villages or urban residential blocks were selected randomly by the method of probability proportional to the number of households as in the first stage of sampling. Thus, 240 villages and 60 residential blocks were selected.

Step 3: Within each selected village or residential block, 20 households were randomly selected by systematic method with equal probability, including 16 official and 4 alternate households.

To eliminate the effect of the seasonal differences, the rotation method of sample was adopted: the 6000 surveyed households were divided into 10 sub-samples and each sub-sample was surveyed for one month.

Sampling procedure is explained in details in the document called "Vietnam Living Standards Survey (VLSS), 1997-98", available in this documentation.

Response Rate

Response rates are shown in details in the document called "Vietnam Living Standards Survey (VLSS), 1997-98 Basic Information", available in this documentation.

Weighting

Weighting procedures are explained in details in the document called "Vietnam Living Standards Survey (VLSS), 1997-98 Basic Information", available in this documentation.

Questionnaires

Overview

The second round of the VLSS used 5 questionnaires: household, commune, price, school and clinic.

- Household Questionnaire: The household questionnaire contains 15 sections each of which covered a separate aspect of household activity.

- Commune/Ward Questionnaire: A completely new commune questionnaire was developed for the 1997-98 VLSS survey with a greatly expanded content. A few questions in the 1992-93 questionnaire were dropped or moved to other questionnaires (see below). The commune questionnaire was administered by the team supervisor and completed with the help of village chiefs, teachers, government officials and health care workers. The questionnaire was administered only in rural and minor urban areas, i.e. communes 37 to 194, corresponding to villages 73 to 388. Some sections of the questionnaire contain village/block level information, while most of the commune questionnaire refers to the commune. The commune questionnaire contains 10 sections.

- Price Questionnaire: Price data were collected in all clusters, both urban and rural by the anthropometrist for 36 food items, 33 non-food items, 6 services, 10 pharmaceutical products, and 7 agricultural inputs. Three separate observations were made and these did not necessarily involve actual purchase. However, it is possible that as the anthropometrist is not a local person, the prices quoted are not the true prices of the locality. This information was utilized in checking unit prices in the consumption modules, and for calculating poverty lines. Price indices utilized for adjusting monetary figures to real values were obtained from the GSO CPI unit. Details on how and where prices were to be collected can be found in the anthropometry manual. The actual locations of price collection were recorded in the questionnaires, but unfortunately not entered in the computer files.

- School Questionnaire: The school questionnaires were implemented by the team supervisor to all schools within the two villages selected within a commune. There are between 1 and 7 school questionnaires filled in per commune.

- Commune Health Station Questionnaire: The commune health station questionnaire was implemented by the team supervisor. The respondent could be the director, doctor or physician's assistant of the health station.

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
1997-12	1998-12	N/A

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

Data Processing

No content available

Data Appraisal

No content available

Related Materials

Questionnaires

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part A)

Title	Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part A)
Author(s)	General Statistical Office (GSO)
Date	1997-12-01
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This questionnaire is an essential tool for using the 1997/98 VNLSS data sets. It collects household level information as well as information about each household member. In addition to the questions, it also contains codes and skip patterns.
Filename	VIE09AHH.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part B)

Title	Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part B)
Author(s)	General Statistical Office (GSO)
Date	1997-12-01
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This questionnaire is an essential tool for using the 1997/98 VNLSS data sets. It collects household level information as well as information about each household member. In addition to the questions, it also contains codes and skip patterns.
Filename	VIE09BHH.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part C)

Title	Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part C)
Author(s)	General Statistical Office (GSO)
Date	1997-12-01
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This questionnaire is an essential tool for using the 1997/98 VNLSS data sets. It collects household level information as well as information about each household member. In addition to the questions, it also contains codes and skip patterns.
Filename	VIE09CHH.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part D)

Title	Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part D)
Author(s)	General Statistical Office (GSO)
Date	1997-12-01
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This questionnaire is an essential tool for using the 1997/98 VNLSS data sets. It collects household level information as well as information about each household member. In addition to the questions, it also contains codes and skip patterns.

Filename VIE09DHH.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part E)

Title Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Household Questionnaire (Part E)
 Author(s) General Statistical Office (GSO)
 Date 1997-12-01
 Country Viet Nam
 Language English
 Description This questionnaire is an essential tool for using the 1997/98 VNLSS data sets. It collects household level information as well as information about each household member. In addition to the questions, it also contains codes and skip patterns.
 Filename VIE09EHH.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Community Questionnaire

Title Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Community Questionnaire
 Author(s) General Statistical Office (GSO)
 Date 1997-01-01
 Country Viet Nam
 Language English
 Description This questionnaire is also another essential tool for using the 1997/98 VNLSS data sets. It was used to collect community level information such as demographic information of the community, economy and infrastructure, health and education.
 Filename VIE10Comm.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: School Questionnaire

Title Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: School Questionnaire
 Author(s) General Statistical Office (GSO)
 Date 1998-01-01
 Country Viet Nam
 Language English
 Description This questionnaire was used to collect information about all schools within the two villages selected within a commune.
 Filename VIE12School.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Commune Health Center Questionnaire

Title Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Commune Health Center Questionnaire
 Author(s) General Statistical Office (GSO)
 Date 1998-01-01
 Country Viet Nam
 Language English
 Description This questionnaire was used to collect information about the health center located in the commune.
 Filename VIE11CommHealth.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1997: Price Questionnaire

Title Living Standards Survey 1997-1997: Price Questionnaire
 Author(s) General Statistical Office (GSO)
 Date 1998-01-01
 Country Viet Nam

Language	English
Description	This questionnaire is also another essential tool for using the 1997/98 VNLSS data sets. It was used to collect information about the quality and prices of various food and non-food items in each community.
Filename	VIE13Price.pdf

Technical documents

Vietnam Living Standards Survey (VNLSS), 1997-98: Basic Information

Title	Vietnam Living Standards Survey (VNLSS), 1997-98: Basic Information
Author(s)	Poverty and Human Resources Division, The World Bank
Date	2001-04-01
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	Describes the design of the survey and its coverage for potential users and provides general information about the 1997/98 VNLSS. This document describes in detail how the 1997/98 survey differs from the 1992/93 survey. It also discusses the data files and constructed variables.
Filename	vn98bifBasicInformation.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-98: Handbook Instructions for Interviewers

Title	Living Standards Survey 1997-98: Handbook Instructions for Interviewers
Author(s)	General Statistical Office (GSO)
Date	1997-12-01
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This document contains detailed information and interviewing procedures to be followed by the interviewers who collected information for the 1997/98 VNLSS. It also discusses the objective, methodology and organization of VNLSS 1997/98.
Filename	manualint.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-98: Handbook for Survey Team Leader

Title	Living Standards Survey 1997-98: Handbook for Survey Team Leader
Author(s)	General Statistical Office (GSO)
Date	1997-12-01
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This document contains detailed information and interviewing procedures to be followed by the supervisors in the 1997/98 VNLSS. It also discusses the objective, methodology and organization of VNLSS 1997/98 as well as the role and specific duties of each supervisor during the survey period.
Filename	mansuper.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Handbook Commune/Ward, Health Center, and School Questionnaires

Title	Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Handbook Commune/Ward, Health Center, and School Questionnaires
Author(s)	General Statistical Office (GSO)
Date	1997-12-01
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This manual gives the details on how the supplemental questionnaires were to be implemented.
Filename	xaManforComm.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Supplementary Instructions to Survey Teams

Title	Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Supplementary Instructions to Survey Teams
Author(s)	General Statistical Office (GSO)
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	These instructions were provided to interview teams during the implementation of the survey to clarify problems and provide additional information.
Filename	subject-mattersupp.pdf

Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Revised Sample Design

Title	Living Standards Survey 1997-1998: Revised Sample Design
Author(s)	Chris Scott, Consultant
Date	1997-07-01
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This document contains information about the sample design such as sample size, sample allocation between domains, sampling units and sampling frames for the 1997/98 VNLSS.
Filename	VIE14sampledesign.pdf

Dictionary of Household Questionnaire VLSS97-98

Title	Dictionary of Household Questionnaire VLSS97-98
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This document contains information on the variables in all of the data sets. The variable labels are available only in Vietnamese.
Filename	hhdict.pdf

Dictionary of Community Questionnaire VLSS97-98

Title	Dictionary of Community Questionnaire VLSS97-98
Country	Viet Nam
Language	English
Description	This document contains information on the variables in all of the data sets. The variable labels are available only in Vietnamese.
Filename	comdict.pdf
