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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

The survey is based on a representative sample of 2,413 Sri Lankan elderly people (persons 60 years old or above)

The sample process consisted of the following steps:

Selection of targeted population (people in the age bracket 60+)

Targeted population was estimated to be 9.2 percent of the total population (around 1.5 million).

Selection of districts

North-Eastern provinces were excluded, and among other districts, 13 districts were covered out of the 17 districts (districts with escalating tensions arising from the ethnic conflict were excluded - see below the selection of districts).

Random selection of 260 Primary Sampling Units (PSU), based on the 2001 census of housing and population framework in the urban, rural and the estate sector.

Obtaining basic personal information on household members in all households in selected PSU ("listing exercise").

Random selection of secondary sampling units (households), based on completed the listing results, by DCS. In each PSU, 10 households (Secondary Sampling Units) were selected.

The listing exercise started in October 2005 and was completed by the end of December 2005.

Questionnaires

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Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2006-02	2006-04	Fieldwork

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

The field work commenced in February 2006 and was completed in April 2006. There were up to three interviews in each household: (i) with the selected old person; (ii) with one adult child (15+) – every second surveyed household; and (iii) with the household head or the most knowledgeable person.⁶ In addition, a community-level questionnaire was administered to the Grama Niladhari (village head) corresponding to the PSUs chosen. On an average, each interview took about one and a half hours to complete. In exceptional cases (including, for example, impaired hearing and reading ability), interviews were lengthier and were broken down to several parts. Sometimes proxies were utilized for answering questions.

Should the head of the household not be available, the housewife or a person most knowledgeable about household matters, income and expenses was interviewed.

Data Processing

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Data Appraisal

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Related Materials

Questionnaires

Household Questionnaire

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Community Questionnaire

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Adult Child (18+) Questionnaire

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