

Malawi - Rural Livelihood Survey 2012-2013, Round 4

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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

The sampling frame for the MRLS was the subset of IHS3 enumeration areas (EAs) in the 12 selected districts which were also in pre-selected communities for the PWP. This resulted in a total of 182 villages (EAs) out of the 786 EAs in the IHS3 to be included in the MRLS. In each community, the MRLS would re-survey the 16 randomly surveyed households in the IHS3.

Deviations from Sample Design

In practice, of the 182 EAs selected for the MRLS, 23 EAs were incorrectly identified as IHS3 EAs. These non-IHS3 EAs then have no 2010/2011 data and as a result, a new household listing was conducted in these EAs in order to randomly select 16 households in each EA.

The final target sample for the MRLS was 2,912 households (16 households in 182 communities). This includes replacement households drawn at random when required. Households in EAs that were covered by the IHS3-panel survey in the fall 2013 were excluded from Round 4 field work (resulting in a smaller sample in Round 4). One can merge in those data from the IHS3 panel data (publicly available).

The 182 villages in the MRLS sample were randomly divided into five categories with regards to the PWP (four with PWP treatment and one with no PWP). Within each PWP treatment village, a random sample of households was offered an opportunity to work in the public works program. The details of this are described in Beegle, Galasso, and Goldberg (2017). "Direct and Indirect Effects of Malawi's Public Works Program on Food Security." *Journal of Development Economics* 128: 1-23.

Questionnaires

Overview

Household and community questionnaires were used to collect the data. The questionnaires were drawn from the IHS3 questionnaire to ensure comparability. After Round 1, modules were updated in some places to reflect improvements or capture transitions from the previous round.

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2013-11	2013-11	N/A

Data Collection Mode

Computer Assisted Personal Interview [capi]

Data Processing

No content available

Data Appraisal

No content available

Related Materials

Questionnaires

Malawi Rural Livelihood Survey 2012-2013, Household Questionnaire

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Technical documents

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