

Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2023

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER

MDA_2023_FIES_v01_M_v01_A_ESS

TITLE

Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2023

ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM

FIES 2023

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Moldova	MDA

STUDY TYPE

Socio-Economic/Monitoring Survey [hh/sems]

ABSTRACT

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 2.1 commits countries to end hunger, ensure access by all people to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year around. Indicator 2.1.2, "Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)", provides internationally-comparable estimates of the proportion of the population facing difficulties in accessing food. More detailed background information is available at <http://www.fao.org/in-action/voices-of-the-hungry/fies/en/>

The FIES-based indicators are compiled using the FIES survey module, containing 8 questions. Two indicators can be computed:

1. The proportion of the population experiencing moderate or severe food insecurity (SDG indicator 2.1.2),
2. The proportion of the population experiencing severe food insecurity.

These data were collected by FAO through the Gallup World Poll. General information on the methodology can be found here: <https://www.gallup.com/178667/gallup-world-poll-work.aspx>. National institutions can also collect FIES data by including the FIES survey module in nationally representative surveys.

Microdata can be used to calculate the indicator 2.1.2 at national level. Instructions for computing this indicator are described in the methodological document available in the downloads tab. Disaggregating results at sub-national level is not encouraged because estimates will suffer from substantial sampling and measurement error.

KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individuals

Scope

NOTES

This dataset contains demographic variables related to number of adults and children in the household, age, education, area (urban/rural), gender, income and degree of urbanization. Also, the FIES survey module includes the following questions to compute the FIES-based indicators:

During the last 12 months, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources:

1. You were worried you would not have enough food to eat?
2. You were unable to eat healthy and nutritious food?
3. You ate only a few kinds of foods?
4. You had to skip a meal?
5. You ate less than you thought you should?

6. Your household ran out of food?
7. You were hungry but did not eat?
8. You went without eating for a whole day?

The dataset also includes derived variables computed by FAO described in the documentation.

TOPICS

Topic
SDGs
Food Access

KEYWORDS

Keyword
Food Insecurity
FIES
SDG

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National

UNIVERSE

Individuals of 15 years or older with access to landline and/or mobile phones.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
FAO Statistics Division	FAO

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

With some exceptions, all samples are probability based and nationally representative of the resident adult population. The coverage area is the entire country including rural areas, and the sampling frame represents the entire civilian, non-institutionalized, aged 15 and older population.

For more details on the overall sampling and data collection methodology, see the World poll methodology attached as a resource in the downloads tab. Specific sampling details for each country are also attached as technical documents in the downloads tab.

Exclusions: Transnistria (Prednestrovie) excluded for safety of interviewers. The excluded area represents approximately 13% of the population.

Design effect: 1.97

WEIGHTING

The sample data was weighted to minimize bias in survey-based estimates. The weighting procedure was formulated based on the sample design and was carried out in multiple stages. A probability weight factor (base weight) was constructed to account for selection of telephone numbers from the respective frames and correct for unequal selection probabilities as a result of selecting one adult in landline households and for dual-users coming from both the landline and mobile frame. At the next step, the base weights were post-stratified to adjust for non-response and to match the weighted sample totals to known target population totals obtained from country level census data.

Data collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2023-07-05	2023-09-25

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-Face [f2f]

data_processing

DATA EDITING

Statistical validation assesses the quality of the FIES data collected by testing their consistency with the assumptions of the Rasch model. This analysis involves the interpretation of several statistics that reveal 1) items that do not perform well in a given context, 2) cases with highly erratic response patterns, 3) pairs of items that may be redundant, and 4) the proportion of total variance in the population that is accounted for by the measurement model.

METHODOLOGY NOTES

As part of the statistical disclosure control process, values for number of children and number of adults that were 10 or above, were recoded as "10+" and categories for area were combined into "urban/suburbs" and "towns/rural".

data_appraisal

ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERROR

The margin of error is estimated as 4.4. This is calculated around a proportion at the 95% confidence level. The maximum margin of error was calculated assuming a reported percentage of 50% and takes into account the design effect.

Access policy

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DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI_MDA_2023_FIES_v01_M_v01_A_ESS_FAO

PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
Data Dissemination Unit, ESS		Food and Agriculture Organization	Metadata producer
Development Economics Data Group	DECDG	The World Bank	Metadata adapted for World Bank Microdata Library

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Identical to a metadata (MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS) published on FAO microdata repository (<https://microdata.fao.org/index.php/catalog>). Some of the metadata fields have been edited.

data_dictionary

Data file	Cases	variables
MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS This dataset contains the variables used to calculate the FIES-based indicator, demographic variables and some derived variables calculated by FAO from the survey.	1000	24

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

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Cases: 1000

variables: 24

variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
53	Random_ID	Unique respondent identifier	
54	WORRIED	Worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources	
55	HEALTHY	Unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources	
56	FEWFOOD	Ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources	
57	SKIPPED	Skipped a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food	
58	ATELESS	Ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources	
59	RUNOUT	Household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources	
60	HUNGRY	Hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food?	
61	WHLDAY	Went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?	
62	wt	Post-stratification sampling weights	
63	year	Year when the GWP was administered in the country	
64	N_adults	Number of adults 15 years of age and above in household	
65	N_child	Number of children under 15 years of age in household	
66	Raw_score	Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions	
67	Raw_score_par	Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model	
68	Raw_score_par_error	Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model	
69	Prob_Mod_Sev	Probability of being moderately or severely food insecure	
70	Prob_sev	Probability of being severely food insecure	
71	Age	Age of the respondent	
72	Education	Education of the respondent	
73	Area	Area	
74	Gender	Gender of the respondent	
75	Income	Income quintile	
76	DEGURBA	Degree of Urbanisation	

total: 24

RANDOM_ID: Unique respondent identifier**Data file:** MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 111147993 Maximum: 210956362 Mean: 162500323.51 Standard deviation: 29285208.965

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 111147993 - 210956362 Format: Numeric

WORRIED: Worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file:** MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 997 Invalid: 3

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	568	57%
1	Yes	429	43%
Sysmiss		3	

HEALTHY: Unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file:** MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 975 Invalid: 25

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	704	72.2%
1	Yes	271	27.8%
Sysmiss		25	

FEWFOOD: Ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS****Overview**

Valid: 989 Invalid: 11

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	561	56.7%
1	Yes	428	43.3%
Sysmiss		11	

SKIPPED: Skipped a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food**Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS****Overview**

Valid: 994 Invalid: 6

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	836	84.1%
1	Yes	158	15.9%
Sysmiss		6	

ATELESS: Ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS****Overview**

Valid: 972 Invalid: 28

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	772	79.4%
1	Yes	200	20.6%
Sysmiss		28	

RUNOUT: Household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 993 Invalid: 7
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	868	87.4%
1	Yes	125	12.6%
Sysmiss		7	

HUNGRY: Hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food?

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 989 Invalid: 11
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	879	88.9%
1	Yes	110	11.1%
Sysmiss		11	

WHLDAY: Went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 994 Invalid: 6
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	928	93.4%
1	Yes	66	6.6%
Sysmiss		6	

WT: Post-stratification sampling weights

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0.346 Maximum: 5.523 Mean: 1 Standard deviation: 0.986
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0.346425684429212 - 5.5227436093913 Format: Numeric
 Weighted: yes

YEAR: Year when the GWP was administered in the country

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 1 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	2023	1000	100%
Sysmiss		0	

N_ADULTS: Number of adults 15 years of age and above in household

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 1 - 5 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
01	01	325	32.5%
02	02	464	46.4%
03	03	169	16.9%
04	04	37	3.7%
05	05	5	0.5%
Sysmiss		0	

N_CHILD: Number of children under 15 years of age in household

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 9 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
00	00	677	67.8%
01	01	189	18.9%
02	02	91	9.1%
03	03	29	2.9%
04	04	8	0.8%
05	05	3	0.3%
09	09	1	0.1%
10	10+	1	0.1%
Sysmiss		1	

RAW_SCORE: Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 918 Invalid: 82 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 8 Mean: 1.756 Standard deviation: 2.271

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 8 Format: Numeric

RAW_SCORE_PAR: Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model**Data file:** MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 918 Invalid: 82 Minimum: -2.248 Maximum: 2.386 Mean: -1.253 Standard deviation: 1.283
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: -2.24793107613288 - 2.38569711272733 Format: Numeric

RAW_SCORE_PAR_ERROR: Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model**Data file:** MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 918 Invalid: 82 Minimum: 0.547 Maximum: 0.938 Mean: 0.778 Standard deviation: 0.162
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0.547033077940232 - 0.937595326872499 Format: Numeric

PROB_MOD_SEV: Probability of being moderately or severely food insecure**Data file:** MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 918 Invalid: 82 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 0.998 Mean: 0.226 Standard deviation: 0.357
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 0.997992861225316 Format: Numeric

PROB_SEV: Probability of being severely food insecure**Data file:** MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 918 Invalid: 82 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 0.707 Mean: 0.038 Standard deviation: 0.136
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 0.7068196126633 Format: Numeric

AGE: Age of the respondent**Data file:** MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 15 Maximum: 100 Mean: 47.681 Standard deviation: 17.701
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 15 - 100 Format: Numeric

EDUCATION: Education of the respondent**Data file:** MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 993 Invalid: 7
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Elementary_or_less	53	5.3%
2	Secondary	741	74.6%
3	College	199	20%
4	Dont_know	0	0%
5	Refused	0	0%
Sysmiss		7	

AREA: Area

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Urban/Suburbs	220	22%
2	Towns/Rural	780	78%
3	Dont_know	0	0%
4	Refused	0	0%
Sysmiss		0	

GENDER: Gender of the respondent

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	455	45.5%

2	Female	545	54.5%
Sysmiss		0	

INCOME: Income quintile

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 5 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Poorest_20%	147	14.7%
2	Second_20%	171	17.1%
3	Middle_20%	187	18.7%
4	Fourth_20%	235	23.5%
5	Richest_20%	260	26%
Sysmiss		0	

DEGURBA: Degree of Urbanisation

Data file: MDA_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Rural areas	600	60%
2	Towns and semi-dense areas	230	23%
3	Cities	170	17%
4	Not available	0	0%
Sysmiss		0	

study_resources

questionnaires

FIES questions

title FIES questions
 description This document contains the 8 FIES questions as they were asked during the survey
 filename FIES_Questions.pdf

technical_documents

Derived variables and methodology to compute indicator 2.1.2

title Derived variables and methodology to compute indicator 2.1.2
 description This document contains the methodology of the derived variables and the computation of the indicator 2.1.2.
 filename Derived_variables_and_Computation_indicator.pdf

Degree of Urbanisation Variable

title Degree of Urbanisation Variable
 description This document contains an explanation on the degree of urbanisation from Gallup, an harmonized variable for cross-country survey research
 filename World_Poll_Degree_of_Urbanisation.pdf

World Poll Methodology

title World Poll Methodology
 description This document contains the description of the methodology used for the survey.
 filename World_Poll_Methodology_021524.pdf

Technical documentation on sampling methodology

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 country Republic of Moldova
 filename Moldova_1_2023_technical_doc.pdf
