

# Malawi - Welfare Monitoring Survey 2006

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# Overview

## Identification

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MWI\_2006\_WMS-R2\_v01\_M

## Overview

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### ABSTRACT

The objective of the WMS is to provide rapid information on selected core indicators in the population that would enable monitoring changes on a yearly basis. More specifically, the objectives of the WMS are to provide:

- Indicators for monitoring the living conditions of people in the country
- Indicators for monitoring the attainment of the goals of the Malawian Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) and other development programmes like the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- A regular database for socio-economic research

WMS 2007 is different from other WMS in that the sample size is representative at district level, whereas in the other two WMS the results were representative at national and regional levels only. This is due to the fact that this WMS utilized the resources that were in National Statistics Office at the time of the survey. NSO was conducting the National Census of Agriculture and Livestock at this time and its enumerators were then trained to administer the WMS questionnaire.

### KIND OF DATA

Census/enumeration data [cen]

### UNITS OF ANALYSIS

- Household
- Individuals

## Scope

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### NOTES

The WMS covered the following topics:

- Characteristics of household members
- Health
- Education
- Employment
- Housing condition and amenities
- Poverty predictors
- Child information: Births and anthropometrical measures, malaria protection, treatment and vaccination
- HIV/AIDS knowledge

## Coverage

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### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National, regional and district level.

## Producers and Sponsors

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### PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S)

Name	Affiliation
National Statistical Office	Government of Malawi

## Metadata Production

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### METADATA PRODUCED BY

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# Sampling

## Sampling Procedure

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The sample for WMS was drawn with the intention for the results to be representative at district level. WMS sample comprised two samples: the NACAL sample from all districts and an extra district sample to cover non-agricultural or landless households. The reason for this is that the NACAL sample was taken from the population of households with land engaged in agriculture. Hence, non-agricultural households had a zero chance of selection. Thus the extra sample was drawn from this population.

## Response Rate

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The 2007 WMS results show that out of the about 32,500 households sampled, 29,465 were successfully enumerated, giving an overall response rate of 92%.

## Weighting

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It may be observed from the design above that the sample of WMS is not self weighting. A set of household weights has been calculated to obtain unbiased estimates at national, regional and district levels. WMS will provide reliable estimates at the national level, regional level and at district level.

# Questionnaires

## Overview

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## Data Collection

### Data Collection Dates

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<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Cycle</b>
2007-08	2007-10-15	N/A

### Data Collection Mode

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Face-to-face [f2f]

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### Supervision

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Supervision is a crucial element in the implementation of the survey. A team of National supervisors was responsible for the overall supervision of the fieldwork, ensuring conformity of data collection and quality control.

# Data Processing

## Data Editing

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Data processing for the WMS involved:

- Scanning and editing of questionnaires, using Eyes and Hands software
- Consistency checks and data cleaning in SPSS
- Designing tabulation programs in SPSS
- Final table editing in Microsoft Excel

# Data Appraisal

No content available

# File Description

# Variable List



# Documentation

## Questionnaires

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