

Appendix A. Sample Design

The major features of sample design are described in this appendix. Sample design features include target sample size, sample allocation, sample frame and listing, choice of domains, sampling stages, stratification, and the calculation of sample weights.

The primary objective of the sample design for the Bangladesh Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey was to produce statistically reliable estimates of most indicators, at the national level, for urban and rural areas, and for the six divisions of the country, municipal areas, city corporation's slum areas of two big cities and tribal areas. Rural areas, municipal areas, city corporation areas, slum areas and tribal areas were defined as the sampling domain.

A multi-stage, stratified cluster sampling approach was used for the selection of the survey sample.

Sample Size and Sample Allocation

The target sample size for the Bangladesh MICS was calculated as 68247 households. For the calculation of the sample size, the key indicator used was the DPT immunization (3+doses) prevalence among children aged 12-23 months. The following formula was used to estimate the required sample size for these indicators:

$$n = \frac{[4 (r) (1-r) (f) (1.1)]}{[(0.12r)^2 (p) (n_h)]}$$

where

- n is the required sample size, expressed as number of households
- 4 is a factor to achieve the 95 per cent level of confidence
- r is the predicted or anticipated prevalence (coverage rate) of the indicator
- 1.1 is the factor necessary to raise the sample size by 10 per cent for non-response
- f is the shortened symbol for $deff$ (design effect)
- $0.12r$ is the margin of error to be tolerated at the 95 per cent level of confidence, defined as 12 per cent of r (relative sampling error of r)
- p is the proportion of the total population upon which the indicator, r , is based
- n_h is the average household size.

For the calculation, r (DPT immunization 3+doses prevalence) was assumed to be 39.7 percent in the Rangamati districts. The value of $deff$ (design effect) was taken as 1.5 based on estimates from previous surveys, p (percentage of children aged 12-23 months in the total population) was taken as 2.3 percent, and n_h (average household size) was taken as 4.9 households.

For the sub national level, the margin of error should be high which was also acknowledged in the MICS manual. Therefore, for sub national estimates the margin of error need to be relaxed considerably. If a rate of 30% of r is used this would give a margin of error ± 0.06 for prevalence rates of 0.20, ± 0.12 for prevalence rates of 0.40, and so on. Considering this phenomenon, in case of Rangamati 30% of r has been used.

The resulting number of households from this exercise was about 900 households which is the sample size needed in each district – thus yielding about 68250 in total. The average cluster size in the Bangladesh MICS was determined as 35 households, based on a number of considerations, including the budget available, and the time that would be needed per team to complete one cluster. Dividing the total number of households by the number of households per cluster, it was calculated that the selection of a total number of 26 clusters would be needed in each district.

Equal allocation of the total sample size to the 75 domains was targeted. Therefore, 26 clusters were allocated to each district with the final sample size calculated at 68250 households (1950 cluster X 35 households per cluster). In each stratum, the clusters (primary sampling units) were distributed to rural, municipal, city corporations, slum and tribal areas on PPS method.

Table SD.1: Allocation of Sample Clusters (Primary Sampling Units) to Sampling Domains

Divisions	Households (2006 estimates)					Number of clusters						
	Total	Rural	Municipal	City corporation	slum	Tribal	Total	Rural	Municipal	City corporation	slum	Tribal
Barisal	1801760	1530194	212977	58589			182	120	36	26	0	0
Chittagong	5064450	3599056	736372	519086	55068	154868	364	220	66	26	26	26
Dhaka	9377142	5974964	1865375	1350313	152046	34444	520	340	102	26	26	26
Khulna	3410039	2700135	514931	194973			286	200	60	26	0	0
Rajshahi	7516545	6299046	1038454	91878		87167	468	320	96	26	0	26
Sylhet	1547025	1339048	135451	72526			130	80	24	26	0	0
Total	28716961	21442443	4503560	2287365	207114	276479	1950	1280	384	156	52	78

Sampling Frame and Selection of Clusters

The 2001 census frame was used for the selection of clusters. Census enumeration areas were defined as primary sampling units (PSUs), and were selected from each of the sampling domains by using systematic pps (probability proportional to size) sampling procedures, based on the estimated sizes of the enumeration areas from the 2001 Population Census. The first stage of sampling was thus completed by selecting the required number of enumeration areas from each of the 5 strata namely rural, municipal, city corporations, slum and tribal areas.

Listing Activities

Since the sample frame of the 2001 Population Census was not up to date, household lists in all selected enumeration areas were updated prior to the selection of households. For this purpose, listing teams were formed, who visited each enumeration area, and listed the occupied households. The BBS officials working in the upazila were responsible for the listing of all households in the respective PSUs.

Selection of Households

Lists of households were prepared by the Upazila officials of BBS. The households were sequentially numbered from 1 to 100 (or more) households in each enumeration area at the where selection of 35 households in each enumeration area was carried out using systematic selection procedures.

Calculation of Sample Weights

The Bangladesh Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey sample is not self-weighted. Essentially, by allocating equal numbers of households to each of the regions, different sampling fractions were used in each stratum/district since the size of the stratum/district varied. For this reason, sample weights were calculated and these were used in the subsequent analyses of the survey data.

The major component of the weight is the reciprocal of the sampling fraction employed in selecting the number of sample households in that particular sampling domain:

$$W_h = 1 / f_h$$

The term f_h , the sampling fraction at the h -th stratum, is the product of probabilities of selection at every stage in each sampling domain:

$$f_h = P_{1h} * P_{2h} * P_{3h}$$

where P_{ih} is the probability of selection of the sampling unit in the i -th stage for the h -th sampling domain.

Since the estimated numbers of households per enumeration area prior to the first stage selection (selection of primary sampling units) and the updated number of households per enumeration area were different, individual sampling fractions for households in each enumeration area (cluster) were calculated. The sampling fractions for households in each enumeration area (cluster) therefore included the probability of selection of the enumeration area in that particular sampling domain and the probability of selection of a household in the sample enumeration area (cluster).

A second component which has to be taken into account in the calculation of sample weights is the level of non-response for the household and individual interviews. The adjustment for household non-response is equal to the inverse value of:

$$RR = \text{Number of interviewed households} / \text{Number of occupied households listed}$$

After the completion of fieldwork, response rates were calculated for each sampling domain. These were used to adjust the sample weights calculated for each cluster. Response rates in the Bangladesh Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey are shown in Table HH.1 in this report.

Similarly, the adjustment for non-response at the individual level (women and under-5 children) is equal to the inverse value of:

$$RR = \text{Completed women's (or under-5's) questionnaires} / \text{Eligible women (or under-5s)}$$

Numbers of eligible women and under-5 children were obtained from the household listing in the Household Questionnaire in households where interviews were completed.

The unadjusted weights for the households were calculated by multiplying the above factors for each enumeration area. These weights were then standardized (or normalized), one purpose of which is to make the sum of the interviewed sample units equal the total sample size at the national level. Normalization is performed by multiplying the aforementioned unadjusted weights by the ratio of the number of completed households to the total unadjusted weighted number of households. A similar standardization procedure was followed in obtaining standardized weights for the women's and under-5's questionnaires. Adjusted (normalized) weights varied between 0.08246123 and 3.86677381 in the 1950 enumeration areas (clusters).

Table showing weight for households, women and under five children.

Domains	hhweight	wmweight	chweight
Barisal City corporation	0.14606381	0.13499979	0.13548449
Chittagong City corporation	1.34717999	1.32378227	1.31590564
Dhaka City corporation	3.72653499	3.86677381	3.82872500
Khulna City corporation	0.50893294	0.48158533	0.49214192
Rajshahi City corporation	0.19294892	0.18652500	0.18959551
Sylhet City corporation	0.23922696	0.23966790	0.23540858
Chittagong slum	0.14269952	0.13678468	0.13833890
Dhaka slum	0.41601905	0.45890848	0.42373755
Chittagong tribal	0.41605770	0.42692081	0.42324852
Dhaka tribal	0.08765132	0.08637878	0.08246123
Rajshahi tribal	0.22574216	0.23102891	0.21846255
Bagerhat	0.88920415	0.89489500	0.88803317
Bandarban	0.18122762	0.19363118	0.18804135
Barguna	0.64995734	0.63676165	0.64277370
Barisal	1.20060368	1.24631673	1.24032364
Bhola	0.96365048	0.98587957	0.98872114
Bogra	1.91181672	1.96872794	1.90816362
Brahmanbaria	1.21035691	1.23428011	1.25880689
Chandpur	1.22361283	1.27705675	1.23384961
Chittagong	2.17867012	2.16669202	2.19553353
Chuadanga	0.62476538	0.60055652	0.61372876
Comilla	2.32075987	2.26712588	2.32411522
Cox's bazar	0.82226899	0.81960128	0.80298094
Dhaka	1.67464263	1.68451589	1.74101555
Dinajpur	1.60282236	1.56151414	1.58355447
Faridpur	0.97236197	0.97649871	0.96580910
Feni	0.59050752	0.56778566	0.59004624
Gaibandha	1.39177301	1.33022325	1.33941761
Gazipur	1.37671072	1.37971125	1.37342187
Gopalganj	0.62195213	0.63169297	0.60566294
Habiganj	0.88735960	0.90211634	0.89343011
Jamalpur	1.40189285	1.45222908	1.38968521
Jessore	1.44624543	1.40105177	1.44163619
Jhalokati	0.40943967	0.40092793	0.41676901
Jhenaidah	0.94528538	0.92117781	0.91900768
Joypurhat	0.55632039	0.53821897	0.54549885
Khagrachhari	0.30517854	0.30617819	0.29448321
Khulna	0.88389612	0.87682353	0.85438631
Kishorgonj	1.48135672	1.48319082	1.45368299

Domains	hhweight	wmweight	chweight
Kurigram	1.12521635	1.14710840	1.15162408
Kushtia	1.05503621	1.08503181	1.08271290
Lakshmipur	0.85665921	0.88459310	0.89277175
Lalmonirhat	0.72020717	0.71101009	0.71867198
Madaripur	0.67603637	0.68727448	0.67937553
Magura	0.47005687	0.47470616	0.45860631
Manikganj	0.83184542	0.83685701	0.86481484
Maulvibazar	0.85436154	0.87763203	0.85395497
Meherpur	0.39631016	0.39007365	0.39569375
Munshiganj	0.72192434	0.67607044	0.69848271
Mymensingh	2.85021865	2.78224336	2.79889435
Naogaon	1.61592466	1.60024754	1.65333317
Narail	0.41933697	0.40643557	0.40177600
Narayanganj	1.40419826	1.41981681	1.37486955
Narsingdi	1.14553115	1.12397341	1.11398800
Natore	1.00851741	1.01211166	0.98143582
Nawabganj	0.80863499	0.80205040	0.82279546
Netrakona	1.19202321	1.16613119	1.18391095
Nilphamari	0.98188406	0.95278956	0.96558333
Noakhali	1.31860150	1.31229647	1.34277378
Pabna	1.36288904	1.38071896	1.39438484
Panchagarh	0.52621225	0.51571842	0.50882763
Patuakhali	0.83630700	0.88674954	0.83903120
Pirojpur	0.53061317	0.53907907	0.51867501
Rajbari	0.55626854	0.54961866	0.54567834
Rajshahi	1.26040792	1.22985163	1.21832787
Rangamati	0.30588833	0.29810356	0.30493770
Rangpur	1.69750600	1.64785977	1.62395670
Satkhira	1.17930296	1.19224624	1.17551992
Shariatpur	0.62924377	0.61921535	0.63005131
Sherpur	0.90083194	0.88535083	0.89745165
Sirajganj	1.73360978	1.74802832	1.70712683
Sunamganj	1.01281386	1.01281833	1.02350000
Sylhet	1.03832755	1.06472983	1.06241528
Tangail	2.16779644	2.13886787	2.14993377
Thakurgaon	0.74706099	0.68905929	0.71526834

Sample weights were appended to all data sets and analyses were performed by weighting each household, woman or under-5 with these sample weights.