

# Notes on Kenya Data

The child labour survey (December 1998 – January 1999) was one of the modules of the main labour force survey and was conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS). The survey covered all the administrative districts of Kenya and a sample of 11,300 households.

**Child labour** was defined as **work undertaken by out-of-school children aged from 5 and 17 years**. As such dataset only **contains data** of 5 to 17 years old. Information about children, their family, house, jobs, working condition etc are included in the data.

In the data

1. Not all the time the system missing is explained explicitly as a non-applicable case, and they have not been differentiated from the non-responses or refused to answer cases.
2. Data on following modules (from the Labour Force Survey questionnaires ) are included:
  - a. Module I: Household composition : answered by all household members
  - b. Module II: Labour force particulars : answered by household members 5 and above
  - c. Module VIII: Child particulars: answered by children 5-17
  - d. Module IX: Children's working conditions: answered by children 5-17
  - e. Module X: Children's earnings and disposal : answered by children 5-17
  - f. Module XI: household facilities answered by head of household/parent
  - g. Module XII: household income and expenditure: answered by head on behalf of all members of the household
3. The data contains information for the children 5-17 only.
4. As this is a merged dataset with all the above modules, and as no single individual answers all questions (some are answered by the children and some by their parents), there could be inconsistencies, as it is found to be normal that sometimes children's answers differ from those of their parents.

Most of the following queries that did arise after examining the data against the editing instruction file could not be resolved:

5. 16 children who declared to be the 'spouse' in the relationship question, said they were 'never married'.
6. Young children (as low as 5 year olds) are married, with one six year old girl is in polygamy. Some young ones are widowed.
  - a. 143 boys between 5-9 are found to be married!
  - b. 154 girls between the same ages are found to be married!
7. 221 with 'going to school full time' have 'none' for the response to 'highest academic level reached'

8. Computed total earnings (j02+j03) match with total earnings (j04), but computed total benefits (j05+j06+j07+j08) do not always match with total benefits (j09): in a cross tabs there are off-diagonal elements present! So, the j09 was replaced with the computed totals.
9. There are hundreds of houses who are employer provided (sometimes even provided by the government), but do not have any toilet facilities.
10. There are several cases of houses with private piped water, but still treks for several kilometers to fetch the same!
11. There are a few cases of houses in which they use electricity as the main source of cooking, but paraffin or candles are used as the main source of light.
12. There are over 800 cases with zero household income from last month, but no case with zero expenditure. Though editing instruction was “replace the zero incomes with the corresponding expenditure” yet these have been left as they are.
13. Same as the earnings/benefits. Total computed income (l01+l02+l03) doesn't necessarily match with the total income (l04), as well as sometimes total computed expenditure (l05+l06+l07+l07+l08+l09+l10+l11) doesn't match with the total expenditure (l12). To bring conformity to the computed and the totals, the totals have been replaced with the computed ones.