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## Overview

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## Overview

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**ABSTRACT**  
The STEP Skills Measurement program is the first ever initiative to generate internationally comparable data on skills available in developing countries. The program implements standardized surveys to gather information on the supply and distribution of skills and the demand for skills in labor market of low-income countries. The surveys include newly-designed modules that measure the cognitive skills (reading, writing and numeracy), socio-emotional skills (personality, behavior and preferences) and job-specific skills (subset of transversal skills with direct job relevance) of a representative sample of adults aged 15 to 64 living in urban areas, whether they work or not. The cognitive skills module also incorporates a direct assessment of reading literacy based on the Survey of Adults Skills instruments. The STEP Survey for Kenya is expected to provide insights on (i) individuals' skills sets and labor market opportunities and (ii) inform the design of education and training policies to boost employability and productivity. There is a direct link between the study and the country's needs, as expressed by both the Government and the civil society.

**KIND OF DATA**  
Sample survey data [ssd]

**UNITS OF ANALYSIS**  
The units of analysis are the individual respondents and households. A household roster is undertaken at the start of the survey and the individual respondent is randomly selected among all household members aged 15 to 64 included. The random selection process was designed by the STEP team and compliance with the procedure is carefully monitored during fieldwork.

## Scope

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**NOTES**  
1. Household Level Information

(a) Household Roster

- Age, gender, relationship to head for all household members
- Education status and self-reported literacy of all members aged 6 and over
- Marital and labor force status of all members aged 15 and over

(b) Dwelling Characteristics

- Dwelling construction materials, number of rooms, source of water and energy, toilets
- Tenure status

- Inventory of household consumer goods, appliances, and vehicles, number of books
- Ownership of bank accounts, receipt of social benefits

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- Level of formal education and whether academic or vocational
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- Apprenticeship (y/n) and trade
- Number of training courses, participation in literacy courses
- School class rank, parental encouragement

### (d) Health

- Overall life satisfaction
- Height, weight, present or previous chronic health problems and severity
- Insurance coverage

### (e) Employment

- Employment status, whether work on own account and casual work
- Reason not working, job search methods, reason not looking for work (if not working)
- Reservation wage, occupations for which qualified (if not working)
- Occupation, tenure, industry, hours worked, other occupations for which qualified
- Class of worker (wage/salary, daily or piecework, self-employed with(out) employees)
- Wage, salary, or profits per time period, in-kind payments
- Employer (government, individual, domestic or foreign firm, NGO)
- Establishment size, social benefits coverage

### (f) Job Skill Requirements

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  - Level of physical job demands
  - Inventory of technology use on job (including computer use and inventory of software use)
  - Computer use outside work and inventory of software use
  - Whether lack of computer skills has hindered employment, promotion, or pay raise
  - Usefulness of own studies at school for current job
  - Level of education and related job experience required for job, length of job learning time
  - Job search skills, whether employer required formal credentials or other proof of skills
- (g) Personality, Behavior and Preferences
- Thirty-one personality items on the frequency of diagnostic behaviors (e.g., extroversionextraversion)
  - Seven-item risk preference scale
- (h) Language and Family Background
- Native language, other specific language proficiency
  - Mother's and father's educational attainment
  - Family size, composition, and socio-economic status when 12 years old, adverse family events
  - Experience as child laborer, occupation
- (i) Reading Literacy Test Assessment
- Core
  - Reading Components
  - Exercise booklets
- (j) Interviewer Impressions
- Comprehension of questions, reliability and candor, distractions

## Coverage

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### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

- The STEP target population is the urban population aged 15 to 64 (inclusive).

### GEOGRAPHIC UNIT

Cities and core urban areas

### UNIVERSE

The target population is defined as all non-institutionalized persons aged 15 to 64 (inclusive) living in private dwellings in the urban areas of the country at the time of the data collection. This includes all residents, except foreign diplomats and non-nationals working for international organizations

The following are considered "institutionalized" and excluded from the STEP survey:

- Residents of institutions (prisons, hospitals, etc)
- Residents of senior homes and hospices
- Residents of other group dwellings such as college dormitories, halfway homes, workers' quarters, etc

Other acceptable exclusions are:

- Persons living outside the country at the time of data collection, e.g., students at foreign universities

Deviation Requested from the Standard: The statistical population is composed of core urban households and excludes the categories identified here, as well as itinerants (as classified in the Population Census 2009 in Kenya).

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## Sampling

### Sampling Procedure

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The Kenya sample design is a stratified 3 stage sample design. The sample was stratified by 4 geographic areas: 1-Nairobi, 2-Other Large Cities (over 100,000 households), 3- Medium cities (60,000 to 100,000 HHs), and 4-Other Urban Areas. For detailed description of the sample design and sampling methodologies, refer to Part 3 of the National Survey Design Planning Report (NSDPR) as well as the STEP Survey Weighting Procedures Summary. Both documents are provided as external resources.

### Deviations from Sample Design

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War marred and unstable regions of Kenya were excluded from the survey. Itinerants (as classified in the Population Census 2009 in Kenya) were also excluded.

### Response Rate

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An overall response rate of 91.8% was achieved in the Kenya STEP Survey. Table 21 of the STEP Survey Weighting Procedures Summary provides the detailed percentage distribution by final status code.

### Weighting

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The weighting was carried out by the STEP Survey Methodologist. The weighting process is outlined in section 3.7 of the STEP NSDPR for Kenya as well as the STEP Survey Weighting Procedures Summary. Both documents are provided as external resources.

# Questionnaires

## Overview

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The STEP survey instruments include:

- (i) A Background Questionnaire developed by the WB STEP team.
- (ii) A Reading Literacy Assessment developed by Educational Testing Services (ETS).

All countries adapted and translated both instruments following the STEP Technical Standards: 2 independent translators adapted and translated the Background Questionnaire and Reading Literacy Assessment, while reconciliation was carried out by a third translator.

- The survey instruments were both piloted as part of the survey pretest.
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Part 1: Core - Reading Components

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Notes:

- Part 2 is only administered to respondents having passed the Core Assessment, i.e., having met a minimum reading literacy threshold.
- The following countries only administered Part 1: Lao PDR, Sri Lanka, Yunnan Province of China

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- Comprehension of questions, reliability and candor, distractions

## Data Collection

### Data Collection Dates

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Start	End	Cycle
2013-08-01	2013-11-30	Fieldwork

### Data Collection Mode

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Face-to-face [f2f]

### Data Collection Notes

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In Kenya, each component of the STEP Survey was carried out by a personal visit using a Paper And Pencil Interview (PAPI) method.

The STEP program requires all surveys to be implemented in a standardized way:

(i) Each participating country (survey firm) wrote up a National Survey Design Planning Report (NSDPR) detailing how it intended to implement the STEP survey while complying with the STEP Technical Standards. The NSDPRs were submitted to the WB STEP team for approval.

(ii) The WB STEP team and Educational Testing Services (ETS) provided 2 workshops to all survey firms. The first was a 2-day workshop provided via video conference and aimed at presenting the STEP Technical Standards. The second workshop was organized over 2 full weeks at the WB's Headquarters and consisted in a training course to project managers from each survey firm on the survey instruments - Background Questionnaire and Reading Literacy Assessment - as well as on implementation and data management procedures.

(iii) Based on the STEP Technical Standards, the survey firms adapted and translated the STEP survey instruments, the Interviewer Manual, and all training materials.

(iv) Once the instruments had been adapted and translated, survey firms carried out a pre-test, usually including 20-30 interviews. Findings from the pre-test were discussed with the WB STEP team and ETS to finalize the adaptation and translation of the STEP survey instruments.

(v) Each survey firm provided a 2-week training course to its enumerators, using training materials developed by the WB STEP team (after translation and adaptation). The WB STEP team's Survey Consultant helped organize the training and was present in the country for the first few days at least of the training. In addition, the WB STEP team in Washington DC provided just-in-time technical assistance, answering questions sent by the survey firm during the training. The training included in-field mock interviews in addition to in-class courses. At the end of the training, survey firms only retained enumerators having demonstrated a good understanding of the instruments.

(vi) As per STEP Technical Standards, data collection started within a few days of the end of the enumerators' training course. The composition of each country's fieldwork teams is described in the NSDPR, as well as reporting procedures and quality control processes. Weekly reports were sent to the WB STEP team, which provided just-in-time technical assistance during fieldwork to answer questions or concerns. Regular calls or VCs were also held between survey firms and the WB STEP team to discuss progress. Matters discussed usually involved questions on how to deal with specific situations, strategies to reduce non-response, the activation of reserve households, and general pace of progress. Non-response rates were high in Bolivia and Colombia, in part due to difficult access to apartment buildings and gated communities, although survey firms worked hard to gain local community leaders' support. In a few instances - all documented in the weighting documentation - a couple of EAs were replaced due to security concerns or because an EA had been completely altered (e.g. construction site, dwellings converted into a large shopping center).

(vii) Interviews lasted between 120 and 150 minutes, depending on respondents' reading proficiency.

Detailed information on the survey processes is provided in the National Survey Design Planning Report (NSDPR) provided as an external resource. The document describes the project management structure, fieldwork teams and reporting processes.

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## Data Collectors

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
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## Supervision

The STEP Consortium provided the survey firm with a technical standards for field supervision and the STEP Consortium also monitored the fieldwork (see National Survey Design Planning Report (NSDPR) sections 5 and 6 for more details).

# Data Processing

## Data Editing

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EEC Canada Inc. was responsible for data entry and processing.

The STEP Data management process is as follows:

1. Raw data is sent by the survey firm
2. The WB STEP team runs data checks on the Background Questionnaire data.
  - ETS runs data checks on the Reading Literacy Assessment data.
  - Comments and questions are sent back to the survey firm.
3. The survey firm reviews comments and questions. When a data entry error is identified, the survey firm corrects the data.
4. The WB STEP team and ETS check the data files are clean. This might require additional iterations with the survey firm.
5. Once the data has been checked and cleaned, the WB STEP team computes the weights. Weights are computed by the STEP team to ensure consistency across sampling methodologies.
6. ETS scales the Reading Literacy Assessment data.
7. The WB STEP team merges the Background Questionnaire data with the Reading Literacy Assessment data and computes derived variables.

# Data Appraisal

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# Documentation

## Questionnaires

### Kenya STEP Skills Measurement Survey 2012-2013

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### STEP Survey Weighting Procedures Summary

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## STEP Guidelines for Data Processing

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	The present document provides guidelines for processing data collected through the STEP Household Questionnaire.	
	It is specifically intended for Project Managers and all Data Entry Staff, regardless of the Data Entry Program (DEP) they are using, and details:	
	(i) the data entry process and timing;	
	(ii) the structure data files must comply with before being submitted to the World Bank STEP Core Team;	
	(iii) data checks all Survey Firms are expected to carry out during fieldwork and data cleaning.	
Description	The guidelines are organized in three points:	
	(i) Standards, which describe particular norms the Survey Firm is expected to comply with;	
	(ii) Information to provide During Fieldwork;	
	(iii) Information to provide in the Final Implementation Report.	
	Survey Firms are asked to provide either the full list or the frequency of particular inconsistencies:	
	- A full list of inconsistencies is required in cases that are unlikely to occur;	
	- Whereas only frequencies are required in cases that are more likely to present errors.	
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## **Interviewer's Manual & Team Supervisor's Manual**

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## National Survey Design Planning Report

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