

Annual aspirations survey to inform durable solutions programming

Objectives

The objectives of the aspirations survey are to better understand:

- the aspirations, intentions and push and pull factors of displacement affected communities
- the underlying issues that influence processes of displacement, return and (re)integration
- the factors that shape people's decisions to move and the impact on the wider community

The survey will be used to inform and adapt durable solutions programming based on a better understanding of displaced aspirations. It will be undertaken on an annual basis in four locations: Mogadishu, Baidoa, Kismayo and Dollow during a period of 2019 – 2022.

The information coming from the survey will be reviewed together with stakeholders to inform a common understanding and develop joint analysis and recommendations to adapt programs.

The aspirations survey is not intended to monitor the 28 [IASC/ReDSS solutions framework indicators](#). This is done through the solutions analysis using secondary data available. The survey will not be able to inform IDP figures in the locations as only selected displacement affected communities will be part of the exercise.

Geographic focus

The choice of Mogadishu, Baidoa, Kismayo and Dollow has been informed by the scale of displacement in these locations as well as by the durable solutions programs that are focused there and funding this survey.

Participatory and consensus-building process to develop the methodology

The survey TOR has been drawn from similar exercises conducted in different countries including South Sudan and Kenya.

ReDSS has used a participatory and consensus-building process to develop the methodology through:

- **establishment of a Technical Committee made of operating agencies:** the TC was composed of IOM, UN RCO, DRC, BRCiS, Samuel Hall, Africa's Voices Foundation, CCCM, DFID, MESH and GREDO
- **consultation with MoPIED DNS team** to discuss and provide feedback on the draft methodology and clarify roles and responsibilities

Methodology

Mixed methods will be used, including structured quantitative HH interviews and semi-structured focus group discussions.

Sample size

- The target sample size in each of the locations will be 500 households (HH)
- The sample size allows for stratification/disaggregation by location and by displacement status
- It also allows for a big margin in case of high drop-out rate
- The sample will be cross-checked to ensure that it is representative

Content of the tools

Initial focus group discussion

- Semi-structured qualitative focus group discussions (FGDs) will be conducted face-to-face once as part of the kick-off to the project
- Representatives from all households selected for the survey will be sampled
- Indicators will include contact information; location of origin; displacement patterns; push and pull factors; relationship with host community; movement intentions and livelihood aspirations; barriers to achieving aspirations. The FGDs will also serve to familiarize survey participants with the research questions for future data collection.

Baseline household survey

- In-depth, quantitative HH interviews will be conducted by telephone once as part of the kick-off of the project
- Households will be selected using random sampling, stratified by host community and IDP neighbourhoods, at a confidence level of 95% and a margin of error of 6.5%
- Indicators will include household characteristics; displacement; movement intentions; livelihoods; social cohesion; social capital; safety and security; assistance; housing, land and property; communication

Survey group leader survey

- Households will be organized into survey groups of 10 HHs each, with one householder selected per group to serve as the survey group leader
- This survey group leader will be a key informant for a short, structured interview conducted by phone every month.
- All survey group leaders identified during the initial FGDs. Each group will also be asked to identify a backup household leader, in case the primary group leader drops out or becomes unavailable over time.
- Indicators will include if the 10 HHs in their survey group are still around; and if not, the location they went to; the reason they moved; their new contact information
- This will allow potential dropouts to be tracked with greater frequency, new contact information to be obtained, and reasons for dropout to serve as data points of their own.

Follow-up annual surveys

- In subsequent years, a shorter, structured household interview will take place every six months or year
- This will be a supplement to the baseline, focused on the same households
- Indicators will include changes in livelihoods aspirations and movement intentions from baseline.

Data collection and analysis process

- Use of existing roster of enumerators from one ReDSS member who are already professionally trained and will be deployed to collect data in the four locations
- Primary quantitative data will be collected using Open Data Kit (ODK) and uploaded to Kobo for cleaning
- Analysis will be conducted jointly with partners and authorities through annual workshop to inform and adapt durable solutions programming
- Local authorities and MOPIED DNS team to be supported to attend data collections processes and workshops

Products and frequency

- 1 survey factsheet per location per year translated in Somali produced
- 1 overall analytical report produced after the annual workshop
- online dashboard with downloadable information – open and accessible to all