



# Key Findings from MEXA and Group Discussion Facilitation Questions

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## Key Findings - MEXA

**As compared to standard practice of interviewing only most knowledgeable member/head of household:**

- Clear value addition to interviewing >1 adult household member: **higher incidence of women's asset ownership and control**
- **TA 2** does not yield statistically significant higher incidence of women's asset ownership, either reported or economic, for any assets
- **TA 3** yields statistically significant higher incidence of **reported joint ownership of dwellings by women and overall** but magnitude is not as high as TA 4
- **TAs 4 and 5** effects are usually **statistically indistinguishable** from one another.

## Key Findings – MEXA (cont'd.)



### Unpacking TA 4:

- Yields statistically significant higher incidence of:
  - women's reported and economic asset ownership across almost all assets:
  - higher incidences of rights to dwellings
- Also enables aggregation of assets at the household level for SNA household sector accounts



## Key Findings-MEXA (cont'd.)

### Unpacking TA 4:

- The magnitude of the effects is larger when the sample is restricted to households in which the principal couple was interviewed
- The sample size composition of TA 4 is not large enough to statistically quantify the marginal gains of interviewing the additional adult members in the household
- Given that 80% of the HHs in the TA 4 sample comprise 2 adult members (the principal couple), much of the additional reporting of higher incidence of women's asset ownership is arguably driven by interviewing the principal couple separately.

# Implications for recommended interview setting



- Drop TAs 1, 2, 3 and 5 from consideration
  - TA 5 does not allow compiling the inventory of assets at the household level
- Implement TA 4 for validating MEXA findings in other pilot countries
- Within arm 4:
  - Principal couple should be interviewed in each selected household, if household has principal couple
  - Principal couple should be interviewed separately at the same time

# Group Discussion Questions



- 1. Does the country have prior experience in interviewing more than one adult members of the household**
  - If so, for what type of hh survey
  - Info on sample size (hh and EA), length of the field work, avg days in each EA
  
- 2. In implementing TA 4 how would the work be approached at the (i) local level by team leaders and (ii) the HQ level by survey managers?**
  - How would it be different as compared to a survey where only the head of household is interviewed?
  
- 3. Are there country-specific cultural constraints to interviewing individuals alone? Is there any within-country spatial variation that needs to be taken into account?**

## Group Discussion Questions (cont'd.)



- 4. What is the existing HH survey to which MEXA module could be appended? For implementing TA 4 in the existing survey what are:**
  - Changes required in the field work organization?
  - Challenges in deployment of enumerators?
  - Additional cost of data collection?
- 5. What is the feasibility of continuing to collect data for EDGE indicators by interviewing more than one adult members of the household in the regular data collection programme of your NSO?**
- 6. What measures could be taken in ensuring the sustainability of regular data collection on EDGE indicators following TA 4?**