Households Surveys in Myanmar

In striving for nation-wide development, the first step is to understand the citizens’ actual conditions facing in their socio-economic life. In order to perform so, reliable, timely and qualified statistics that can inform such conditions are vital to come out the evidence base policy and plan for data users and policy makers, and to monitor and evaluate the implementation process. Hence, Central Statistical Organization (CSO) takes place as the leading role to build a coherent National Statistical System in Myanmar that produces comprehensive, accurate and high-quality socio-economic statistics.

Starting from 1958, Central Statistical Organization (CSO) conducted the Household Expenditure Survey in Yangon. The Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) was conducted in 1989, 1997, 2001, 2006 and 2012 respectively. Afterward, Myanmar Living Conditions Survey-MLCS (2017), a comprehensive survey, was implemented by the CSO with technical and financial support from the UNDP and the World Bank. The MLCS was conducted from December 2016 to December 2017 in representative of States and Regions, urban and rural areas, and the Union Territory. The MLCS is a large survey which was integrated the three surveys: the Integrated Household Living Conditions Assessment-IHLCA(2005 and 2010), the Household Income and Expenditure Survey-HIES (conducted 5 times between 1989 and 2012) and the Myanmar Poverty and Living Conditions Survey-MPLCS (2015). Based on the finding results of MLCS, the Key Indicators Report (2018), the Poverty Report (2019), the Technical Report (2019) and the Socio-Economic Report (2020) have been published both English and Myanmar versions. These reports can reflect living conditions and poverty status of Myanmar and it can support the data needs of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

With the assistance from UNDP, COVID-19 impact of Household Vulnerability Survey (HVS) was conducted to understand the changes of economic circumstances due to the restrictions relating COVID-19 on households in Myanmar. HVS was conducted about 2000 Households selected from MLCS-2017 sample for all States and Regions using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) software. Moreover, program was designed by UNDP experts, IPA and in collaboration with CSO staff. This survey will be conducted two rounds and the 1st round was from (21-9-2020) to (16-10-2020) and the 2nd round will be mid-year of 2021. The results of 1st round survey published in December, 2020.