



## Working Group on Victimization Surveys for Latin America and the Caribbean

# LACSI

## *Latin America and the Caribbean Crime Victimization Survey Initiative*

# ANNEX QUESTIONNAIRE

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## Annex crimes

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**Note:** Annex (optional) crimes will be applied voluntarily and at the discretion of each country's authorities. Should any of the countries decide to include any of the optional offences, it is recommended that the logic included in this annex is followed. The reason they are deliberately left out of the core questionnaire is that they are not relevant to all countries in the region.

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**HOUSEHOLD CRIMES**

**MODULE I. THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM INSIDE THE VEHICLE**

**Screening questions (past 3 years)**

**I.01. In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], have you or any member of your household owned a vehicle, truck or pick-up?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes**  
(2) **No** → << END SECTION I >>  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION I >>

**I.02. And in the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], has anyone stolen any item of your property from inside the vehicle, truck or pick-up?**

<< INCLUDE OBJECTS SUCH AS RADIO, LENSES, BAGS, BACKPACKS, CELL PHONES, TABLETS, DISCS, SUITCASES, JEWELS, CLOCKS, MONEY >>

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes**  
(2) **No** → << END SECTION I >>  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION I >>

**Screening questions (past 12 months)**

**I.03. You mentioned that in the past three (3) years someone has stolen an item of your property from inside the vehicle, truck or pick-up. Could you tell me if this incident occurred during the past twelve (12) months, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year] or before that?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes, it happened in the past twelve (12) months**  
(2) **No, it happened before that** → << END SECTION I >>  
(99) Does not know / does not answer → << END SECTION I >>

<< INDICATE HOW MANY TIMES THE RESPONDENT WAS VICTIM OF THIS CRIME OVER THE PAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS >>

**I.04. How many times did it happen in the past twelve (12) months?**

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF TIMES >>

- (66) Prefer not to say  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer

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<< IN CASE THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN VICTIMIZED MORE THAN ONCE, THE QUESTIONS REFER TO THE 3 (THREE) LAST INCIDENTS, STARTING BY THE MOST RECENT ONE >>

<< GO ON WITH THE FOLLOWING CRIME THAT THE RESPONDENT SUFFERED IN THE PAST 3 YEARS >>

## MODULE II. BICYCLE THEFT

[Note: If this section is included in the core questionnaire, you must ensure that the option "bicycle" is excluded from domestic burglary, robbery involving violence and robbery not involving violence (theft) sections]

### Screening questions (past 3 years)

**II.01. In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], have you or any member of your household owned a bicycle?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes**  
(2) **No** → << END SECTION II >>  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION II >>

**II.02. And in the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], has anyone stolen from you or any other member of your household your bicycle?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes**  
(2) **No** → << END SECTION II >>  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION II >>

### Screening questions (past 12 months)

**II.03. You mentioned that in the past three (3) years someone actually stole a bicycle from you or any other member of your household. Could you tell me if this incident occurred during the past twelve (12) months, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year] or before that?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes, it happened in the past twelve (12) months**  
(2) **No, it happened before that** → << END SECTION II >>  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION II >>

<< INDICATE HOW MANY TIMES THE RESPONDENT WAS VICTIM OF THIS CRIME OVER THE PAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS >>

**II.04. How many times did it happen in the past twelve (12) months?**

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF TIMES >>

(66) Prefer not to say  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer

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<< IN CASE THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN VICTIMIZED MORE THAN ONCE, THE QUESTIONS REFER TO THE 3 (THREE) LAST INCIDENTS, STARTING BY THE MOST RECENT ONE >>

<< GO ON WITH THE FOLLOWING CRIME THAT THE RESPONDENT SUFFERED IN THE PAST 3 YEARS >>

### MODULE III. VANDALISM

#### Screening questions (past 3 years)

III.01. In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], has anyone deliberately damaged any part of any building belonging to your household, or any vehicle, machine or other equipment belonging to your household?

<< FOR EXAMPLE, INCLUDE DAMAGE FOR USING THINGS WITH FORCE, ARSON, GRAFFITI. DO NOT INCLUDE DAMAGE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF OTHER TYPE OF CRIMES, SUCH AS DOMESTIC BURGLARY OR VEHICLE, TRUCK OR PICK-UP THEFT >>

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes  
(2) No → << END SECTION III >>  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION III >>

#### Screening questions (past 12 months)

III.02. You mentioned that in the past three (3) years someone deliberately damaged any part of any building belonging to your household, or any vehicle, machine or other equipment belonging to your household

Could you tell me if this incident occurred during the past twelve (12) months, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year] or before that?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes, it happened in the past twelve (12) months  
(2) No, it happened before that → << END SECTION III >>  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION III >>

<< INDICATE HOW MANY TIMES THE RESPONDENT WAS VICTIM OF THIS CRIME OVER THE PAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS >>

III.03. How many times did it happen in the past twelve (12) months?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF TIMES >>

(66) Prefer not to say  
(99) Does not know / Does not answer



<< IN CASE THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN VICTIMIZED MORE THAN ONCE, THE QUESTIONS REFER TO THE 3 (THREE) LAST INCIDENTS, STARTING BY THE MOST RECENT ONE >>

<< GO ON WITH THE FOLLOWING CRIME THAT THE RESPONDENT SUFFERED IN THE PAST 3 YEARS >>

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**PERSONAL CRIMES**

**MODULE IV. CYBERCRIMES**

**Screening questions (past 3 years)**

**IV.01. In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], have you personally used any of the following devices to go online? Only include those times when you have logged in for personal reasons.**

<< MULTIPLE CHOICE: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

- (1) **Personal Computer (PC)**
- (2) **Laptop (Notebook, Laptop, etc.)**
- (3) **Smartphone (or cellphone with Internet connection)**
- (4) **Tablet**
- (5) **Public-access computer (internet café, hotel, library, university, etc.)**
- (6) **Smart TV**
- (7) **Game box**
- (77) **Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_**
- (8) **No, I have not used any device to go online** → << END SECTION IV >>
- (99) **Does not know / Does not answer** → << END SECTION IV >>

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**IV.02. And during the past three (3) years, have you personally experienced any of the following situations, meaning that were directed against you?**

<< SHOW CARD #6 AND CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes**
- (2) **No** → << END SECTION IV >>
- (99) **Does not know / Does not answer** → << END SECTION IV >>

(1) <b>Cyberbullying</b> Someone sent or posted online some text, image or video that was intended to embarrass or offend you personally, to hurt your feelings or cause some other emotional distress. Exclude threatening or aggressive messages where you were the only recipient.
(2) <b>Email hacking</b> Someone gained access to your online email account(s) without your permission and resulted in your contacts (e.g. friends/family) receiving an email from you that you didn't send.
(3) <b>Social media hacking</b>

Someone gained access to your online social account(s) without your permission such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, blogs, etc. and resulted in any messages or posts being made from your social media account(s) that you did not send.
(4) Identity theft/impersonation Someone stole your digital identity and impersonated you on the Internet without your consent. Exclude incidents that occurred through your email or social media/network listed above but include incidents that occurred with identification numbers, social security numbers, identity documents, electronic signatures, usernames, passwords etc.
(5) Malware Your device was infected with malicious code such as a computer virus, trojan horse, worm, spyware, etc. that caused an undesired action in the device. For example: it deleted information, files or unwanted programs were downloaded, it ran a program without authorization, etc. Exclude malware that blocked access to your data and a payment (ransom) was asked to restore access (ransomware).
(6) Ransomware Your device was infected with malicious code (malware) that blocked access to your data and a payment was asked to restore access.

**Screening questions (past 12 months)**

**IV.03. You mentioned that in the past three (3) years, you personally experienced any of the situations described in the card.**

	IV.03a Could you tell me which situation(s) you suffered during the past twelve (12) months, that is between [month/year] and [month/year]?  << SHOW CARD #6 AND ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODE TO EACH OPTION >>  (1) Yes (2) No (99) Does not know / Does not answer	IV.03b How many times did this happen in the past twelve (12) months?  << ENTER THE NUMBER OF TIMES AND GO TO THE NEXT LINE WITH CODE 1 IN IV.03 >>
(1) Cyberbullying <b>Someone sent or posted online some text, image or video that was intended to embarrass or offend you personally, to hurt your feelings or cause some other emotional distress. Exclude threatening or aggressive messages where you were the only recipient.</b>	_	_
(2) Email hacking <b>Someone gained access to your online email account(s) without your permission and resulted in your contacts (e.g. friends/family) receiving an email from you that you didn't send.</b>	_	_

<p>(3) Social media hacking  <b>Someone gained access to your online social account(s) without your permission such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, blogs, etc. and resulted in any messages or posts being made from your social media account(s) that you did not send.</b></p>	_	_
<p>(4) Identity theft/impersonation  <b>Someone stole your digital identity and impersonated you on the Internet without your consent. Exclude incidents that occurred through your email or social media/network listed above but include incidents that occurred with identification numbers, social security numbers, identity documents, electronic signatures, usernames, passwords etc.</b></p>	_	_
<p>(5) Malware  <b>Your device was infected with malicious code such as a computer virus, trojan horse, worm, spyware, etc. that caused an undesired action in the device. For example: it deleted information, files or unwanted programs were downloaded, it ran a program without authorization, etc. Exclude malware that blocked access to your data and a payment (ransom) was asked to restore access (ransomware).</b></p>	_	_
<p>(6) Ransomware  <b>Your device was infected with malicious code (malware) that blocked access to your data and a payment was asked to restore access.</b></p>	_	_

**MODULE V. HOMICIDE**

*[Note: for this crime, the framework of the reference period must be extended (from 3 to 7 years) in order to collect data over a longer reference period and allow the respondent to discharge emotionally]*

**Screening questions (past 7 years)**

<< EXPLAIN >> **Now, I would like to ask you a few questions about the members of your household who are no longer with you. We are aware that these questions are difficult to answer and that may bring deep memories of**

people close to you. Please, take into consideration that all the information you will give us is entirely confidential and will help to design preventive measures against violence and crime in the future.

**V.01. Could you tell me if during the past seven (7) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], has any of your household members died?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes**
- (2) **No** → << END SECTION V >>
- (66) Prefer not to say → << END SECTION V >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION V >>

**V.02. And of that/those members of your household who died during the past seven (7) years, did any of them die as a result of an external or violent force? By external or violent force, I mean, for example, that she/he died as a result of a criminal act, a personal conflict, a terrorist act, suicide, an accident, or another cause.**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes, she/he died as a result of external or violent force**
- (2) **No** → << END SECTION V >>
- (66) Prefer not to say → << END SECTION V >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION V >>

**Screening questions of number of victims and household membership**

<p><b>V.02a. Could you tell me how many household members died during the past seven (7) years, as a result of an external or violent force?</b></p> <p>&lt;&lt; ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS &gt;&gt;</p> <p>&lt;&lt; DO NOT INCLUDE RELATIVES THAT DID NOT LIVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD &gt;&gt;</p> <p>(66) Prefer not to say (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> _ _ </p>	<p><b>V.02b. Could you tell me if [VICTIM N°] lived and shared provisions in this household, during the past twelve (12) months before his/her death?</b></p> <p>&lt;&lt; ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODE TO EACH OPTION &gt;&gt;</p> <p>(1) <b>Yes</b> (2) <b>No</b> (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p> <p style="text-align: right;">} &lt;&lt; GO TO THE NEXT VICTIM &gt;&gt;</p> <p><b>Homicide victim 1.....</b>  _ _   <b>Homicide victim 2.....</b>  _ _   <b>Homicide victim 3.....</b>  _ _   <b>Homicide victim 4.....</b>  _ _   <b>Homicide victim 5.....</b>  _ _ </p> <p>&lt;&lt; APPLY CHARACTERIZATION MODULE ONLY FOR THOSE VICTIMS WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF THE</p>
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	HOUSEHOLD DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD (CODE 1 IN V.02b) >>
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**MODULE VI. KIDNAPPING**

**Screening questions (past 3 years)**

**VI.01. In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], have you or any other member of your household been retained against your/his/her will or illegally, with the aim of demanding money or any other form of financial gain for your/his/her freeing?**

*<< INCLUDE ONLY THOSE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS THAT LIVED IN THE HOUSEHOLD. DO NOT INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT LIVED OUT OF THE HOUSEHOLD NOR CHILD ABDUCTIONS RESULTING FROM CHILD CUSTODY VIOLATIONS >>*

*<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>*

- (1) **Yes**
- (2) **No** → << END SECTION V >>
- (66) Prefer not to say → << END SECTION V >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END SECTION V >>

**Screening questions of number of victims and number of times he/she suffered the crime in the past 3 years**

**VI.02. You mentioned that in the past three (3) years you or any other member of your household had been retained against your/his/her will or illegally, with the aim of demanding money or any other form of financial gain for your/his/her freeing.**

<p><b>VI.02a. Could you tell me how many household members suffered from this incident in this period: [month/year] and [month/year]?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>&lt;&lt; ENTER THE NUMBER &gt;&gt;</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>&lt;&lt; DO NOT INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT LIVED OUT OF THE HOUSEHOLD NOR CHILD ABDUCTIONS RESULTING FROM CHILD CUSTODY VIOLATIONS &gt;&gt;</i></p>	<p><b>VI.02b. Of the members that you just mentioned, including you, could you tell me if [VICTIM N°] lived and shared the provisions in this household when the kidnapping happened?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>&lt;&lt; ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODE TO EACH OPTION &gt;&gt;</i></p> <p>(1) <b>Yes</b>  (2) <b>No</b>  (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p> <p style="text-align: right;">} <i>&lt;&lt; GO TO THE NEXT VICTIM &gt;&gt;</i></p>	<p><b>VI.02c. And during the past three (3) years, how many times did [VICTIM N°] suffer from kidnapping?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>&lt;&lt; ENTER THE NUMBER &gt;&gt;</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(66) Prefer not to say  (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p>
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<p>(66) Prefer not to say (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> _ _ </p>	<p>→</p> <p><b>Kidnapping victim 1</b>.....  _ _ </p> <p><b>Kidnapping victim 2</b>.....  _ _ </p> <p><b>Kidnapping victim 3</b>.....  _ _ </p> <p><b>Kidnapping victim 4</b>.....  _ _ </p> <p><b>Kidnapping victim 5</b>.....  _ _ </p>	<p><b>Kidnapping victim 1</b>.....  _ _ </p> <p><b>Kidnapping victim 2</b>.....  _ _ </p> <p><b>Kidnapping victim 3</b>.....  _ _ </p> <p><b>Kidnapping victim 4</b>.....  _ _ </p> <p><b>Kidnapping victim 5</b>.....  _ _ </p> <p>&lt;&lt; IN CASE IT HAPPENED MORE THAN ONCE, EXPLORE THE 3 (THREE) LAST INCIDENTS, STARTING BY THE MOST RECENT ONE &gt;&gt;</p> <p>&lt;&lt; APPLY CHARACTERIZATION MODULE ONLY FOR THOSE VICTIMS WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF THE HOUSEHOLD DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD (CODE 1 IN VI.02b) &gt;&gt;</p> <p>&lt;&lt; WHEN THE SAME PERSON HAS BEEN RETAINED AGAINST HIS/HER WILL MORE THAN ONCE, COMPLETE A CHARACTERIZATION MODULE FOR EACH TIME IT HAPPENED &gt;&gt;</p>
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The following Sections will be applied separately, at the end of the Victimization Section (C):

**SECTION D. SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL HARASSMENT**

*[Note: If this section is included in the core questionnaire, you must ensure that its name is "SECTION D. SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL HARASSMENT". This section will be put after the C2 Section of the core questionnaire.]*

*Moreover, this section will be applied through CASI mode – Computer Assisted Self Interview]*

*Please review the Module on Sexual and Physical Harassment for more information.*

**SECTION E. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

*[Note: It is suggested to include this section at the end of the questionnaire, before closing the interview. If this section is applied, you must ensure that its name is "SECTION E. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS". This section will be put after both the C2 Section of the core questionnaire and the D Section (SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL HARASSMENT), if applied].*

*Please review the Module on Possession of Firearms for more information.*

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# END OF THE ANNEX QUESTIONNAIRE