

Working Group on Victimization Surveys for Latin America and the Caribbean

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Latin America and the Caribbean Crime Victimization Survey Initiative

MODULE 12: EXTORTION

DWELLING IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTED RESPONDENT DATA

Geographical identification		
M12.1.	Province	_ _ _
M12.2.	Municipality	_ _ _
M12.3.	Locality	_ _ _
M12.4.	Census code	_ _ _

Sample identification		
M12.5.	Questionnaire n°	_ _ _
M12.6.	Dwelling unit n°	_ _ _
M12.7.	Segment n°	_ _ _
M12.8.	Interviewer code	_ _ _

M12.9. Address of the selected dwelling:

Road/Street _____

Neighborhood/Locality _____ Exterior N° _____ Interior N° _____

Selected respondent data:

Name of the selected respondent: _____

Line number of the selected respondent: |_|_|_|

I will ask you about crime of extortion, suffered in the **past 12 months.**

[NO. CRIME] [TOTAL CRIMES]

It is very important that you remember what happened in this crime.

M12.10. In what month did the extortion happen?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| (01) January | (07) July |
| (02) February | (08) August |
| (03) March | (09) September |
| (04) April | (10) October |
| (05) May | (11) November |
| (06) June | (12) December |
| | (99) Does not know / Does not answer |

M12.11. Could you tell me where did it happen?

[NOTE: * Each country should adapt the answers according to its political division]

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) In your neighborhood
- (2) In your city but not your neighborhood
- (3) In your province
- (4) In another province of your country but not your own
- (5) In another country → << END MODULE 12 >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

M12.12. To be more precise, could you tell me in which type of location did it take place?

<< READ SLOWLY (OPTION BY OPTION). INCLUDE EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN GARAGES OR CAR ENTRANCES WITH CODE (1) >>

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) At home
- (2) At work
- (3) At school / educational institution
- (4) On the street, public transport or other open space
- (5) In a shopping mall, supermarket or market
- (6) At the bank
- (7) In the park
- (8) In a stadium
- (9) At the restaurant/bar
- (10) On a highway
- (77) Other (specify) _____
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

M12.13. What mean(s) were used to threaten you?

<< READ SLOWLY (OPTION BY OPTION). MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED >>

<<MULTIPLE CHOICE: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

- (1) Face-to-face contact
 - (2) Phone call
 - (3) E-mail, social networks or other communication via Internet
 - (77) Other mean (specify) _____
 - (99) Does not know / Does not answer
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M12.14. Could you tell me the type of threat that used the extortionist?

<< IN THIS QUESTION, MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED. DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS. WAIT UNTIL THE RESPONDENT INDICATES YOU THE CORRESPONDING ANSWER >>

<<MULTIPLE CHOICE: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

- (1) Threatened to hurt you, someone in your family or someone else
 - (2) Threatened to kidnap you, someone from your family or someone else
 - (3) Threatened to do some damage to your dwelling or other property
 - (4) Threatened to defame you
 - (5) Threatened to damage your business
 - (6) Promised to protect you against the criminal actions of other criminals or criminal groups
 - (7) The consequences were not specified
 - (77) Other (specify) _____
 - (99) Does not know / Does not answer
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M12.15. Did you pay money or offer any other benefit to avoid the negative consequences of that threat?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
 - (2) No → << GO TO M12.17 >>
 - (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << GO TO M12.17 >>
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M12.16. What do you think was approximately the total value of what you pay?

<< ASK FOR THE APPROXIMATE COST OF THE EXTORTION, EVEN THOUGH IT IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE >>

[NOTE: * Each country should adapt this question to its local currency]

Value in
local currency:

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<< ENTER THE AMOUNT IN FIGURES >>

<< ENTER THE AMOUNT IN LETTERS >>

M12.17. Did you or any other person formally report the incident to a competent authority such as [the Police, City Constabulary, etc.]?

[Note: Each country should include the authorities to whom a formal complaint can be made]

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
- (2) No → << GO TO M12.22 >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << GO TO M12.23 >>

[NOTE: * Each country must include authorities to which one can formally report a crime]

<< INCLUDE ONLY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES >>

	<p>M12.18. To which authority was it reported to?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><< ENTER ONLY ONE CODE FOR EACH AUTHORITY >></p> <p>(1) Yes (2) No (99) Does not know/ Does not answer</p> <p style="text-align: right;">} << GO TO THE NEXT LINE >></p> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p>	<p>M12.19. In general, how satisfied were you with the way in which the competent authority handled the complaint?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><< ENTER ONLY ONE CODE FOR EACH AUTHORITY >></p> <p>(1) Very satisfied (2) Satisfied (3) Dissatisfied (4) Very dissatisfied (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p> <p style="text-align: right;">} << GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN M12.18 >> << GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN M12.18 >></p> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><< IN THIS QUESTION, MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED. <u>DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS.</u> WAIT UNTIL THE RESPONDENT INDICATES YOU THE CORRECT ANSWER(S) >></p> <p>M12.20. Why were you dissatisfied? You can indicate more than one reason.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><< ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODES IN THE BOXES >></p> <p>(1) They did not do enough (2) They were not interested (3) They did not find or apprehend the perpetrator (4) They did not keep me properly informed (5) They did not treat me in a proper way (were impolite) (6) It took long before they arrived (7) They did not speak my language (8) They discriminated against me (77) Other reason (please specify in observations) (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p>	
(1)	Police	_	_	1 _ 2 _ 3 _
(2)	Office of the Prosecutor	_	_	1 _ 2 _ 3 _

	or Public Ministry			
(3)	Judicial authority	_	_	1 _ 2 _ 3 _

M12.21. When reporting the incident to the competent authority, have you or any other member of your household signed a document describing what happened, either yourself or through a lawyer?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

<< GO TO M12.23 >>

M12.22. Why was the incident not reported to the competent authorities?

<< IN THIS QUESTION, MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED. DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS. WAIT UNTIL THE RESPONDENT INDICATES YOU THE CORRECT ANSWER(S) >>

<< MULTIPLE CHOICE: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

- (1) Not serious enough
- (2) I solved it by myself / I knew the perpetrator(s)
- (3) It was not appropriate for the police or competent authority / there was no need for the police or competent authority to intervene
- (4) Lack of evidence
- (5) The police / competent authority would not have done anything
- (6) Dislike or fear of the police/authorities / I did not want anything to do with the police/authorities
- (7) Fear of reprisals
- (8) The bureaucratic process is very complicated
- (9) I do not know the procedure to report crimes
- (10) The cost of the procedure is expensive
- (11) They did not speak my language
- (12) They discriminated against me
- (77) Other reason (specify) _____
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

M12.23. In some countries, centers or agencies have been set up to help victims of crime by giving information, or practical or emotional support. Were you or anyone else in your household supported by such a specialized agency?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
- (2) No → << END MODULE 12 >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END MODULE 12 >>

M12.24. Could you tell me what type of agency was it?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Governmental agency**
- (2) **Hospital**
- (3) **Religious center**
- (4) **NGO**
- (77) **Other (specify)** _____
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

<< END MODULE 12 >>

<< IN CASE THE RESPONDENT SUFFERED FROM EXTORTION MORE THAN ONCE, APPLY THE CORRESPONDING MODULE(S). OTHERWISE, CONTINUE WITH THE FOLLOWING CRIME FROM WHICH HE/SHE SUFFERED.

IN CASE OF NOT HAVING SUFFERED FROM ANOTHER CRIME, END THE INTERVIEW >>

COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:
