

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 6: THEFT (LARCENY)

DWELLING IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTED RESPONDENT DATA

Geographical identification		
M6.1.	Province	_ _ _
M6.2.	Municipality	_ _ _
M6.3.	Locality	_ _ _
M6.4.	Census code	_ _ _

Sample identification		
M6.5.	Questionnaire n°	_ _ _
M6.6.	Dwelling unit n°	_ _ _
M6.7.	Segment n°	_ _ _
M6.8.	Interviewer code	_ _ _

M6.9. 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 theft, suffered in the **past 12 months.**

[NO. CRIME] [TOTAL CRIMES]

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

M6.10. In what month did the theft 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 |

M6.11. Could you tell me what was stolen from you?

<< DO NOT INCLUDE VEHICLE, TRUCK OR PICK-UP THEFT, NOR THEFT OF VEHICLE PARTS, NOR MOTORCYCLE/SCOOTER THEFT, NOR DOMESTIC BURGLARY >>

<< MULTIPLE CHOICE: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

- (1) Handbags, wallet
- (2) Mobile phone
- (3) Electronic equipment (computer, tablet, iPad, iPod, other music player)
- (4) Jewelry, watch
- (5) Money, credit cards, checks
- (6) Identity documents (IDs)
- (7) Sport equipment (rackets, balls, diving equipment, etc.)
- (8) Backpack or portfolio
- (9) Pet
- (10) Bicycle
- (11) Firearm
- (77) Other (specify) _____
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

M6.12. What do you think was approximately the total value of the stolen good(s)?

<< ASK FOR AN APPROXIMATE COST OF THE OBJECT(S) STOLEN, 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 >>

M6.13. 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 6 >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

M6.14. 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

M6.15. 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 M6.20 >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END MODULE 6 >>

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

<< INCLUDE ONLY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES >>

M6.16. To which authority was it reported to?	M6.17. In general, how satisfied were you with the way in which the competent authority	<< IN THIS QUESTION, MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED. DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS. WAIT UNTIL THE RESPONDENT INDICATES YOU THE CORRECT ANSWER(S) >>
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<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;">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 M6.16 >></p> <p style="text-align: right;">} << GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN M6.16 >></p>	<p>M6.18. 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 recover the stolen goods (5) They did not keep me properly informed (6) They did not treat me in a proper way (were impolite) (7) They did not arrive soon (8) They did not speak my language (9) They discriminated against me (77) Other reason (please specify in observations) (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p>
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(1)	Police	_	_	1 _ 2 _ 3 _
(2)	Office of the Prosecutor or Public Ministry	_	_	1 _ 2 _ 3 _
(3)	Judicial authority	_	_	1 _ 2 _ 3 _

M6.19. When reporting the incident to the competent authority, have you 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

<< END MODULE 6 >>

M6.20. 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

<< END MODULE 6 >>

<< IN CASE THE RESPONDENT SUFFERED FROM THEFT 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:
