Working Group on Victimization Surveys for Latin America and the Caribbean

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MODULE VI:
KIDNAPPING

DWELLING IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTED RESPONDENT DATA

Geographical identification				Sample identification		
MVI.1.	Province	|__|__|__|	**MVI.5.**	Questionnaire n°	|__|__|__|
MVI.2.	Municipality	|__|__|__|	**MVI.6.**	Dwelling unit n°	|__|__|__|
MVI.3.	Locality	|__|__|__|	**MVI.7.**	Segment n°	|__|__|__|
MVI.4.	Census code	|__|__|__|	**MVI.8.**	Interviewer code	|__|__|__|

MVI.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: \|__\|__\|

<< EXPLAIN >>

I will ask you about victim |__| of |__| kidnapping, suffered in the **past 3 years.**

[NO. VICTIM]   [TOTAL VICTIMS]

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

MVI.10. In what month did the kidnapping happen?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(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

MVI.11. Where was the victim kidnapped?

<< READ SLOWLY (OPTION BY OPTION) >>

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) **At home or outside his/her home** ➔ *<< GO TO MVI.13 >>*
(2) **At work / school or outside work / school**
(3) **On the street**
(4) **While driving or traveling in a motor vehicle**
(5) **While using some form of collective transportation**
(77) **Other (specify) _____**
(99) Does not know / Does not answer

MVI.12. 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 VI >>*
(99) Does not know / Does not answer

MVI.13. What was the outcome of the kidnapping?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) **The kidnapped person was released**
(2) **They killed the kidnapped person** ➔ *<< GO TO MVI.15 >>*
(3) **The kidnapped person is still captive against his/her will** ➔ *<< GO TO MVI.15 >>*
(77) **Other (specify) _____** ➔ *<< GO TO MVI.15 >>*

(99)   Does not know / Does not answer

MVI.14. How long was the victim kidnapped?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1)   Less than 24 hours
(2)   From 1 to 3 days
(3)   From 4 to 30 days
(4)   From 1 to 3 months
(5)   More than 3 months
(99)   Does not know / Does not answer

MVI.15. What was the purpose of the kidnapping?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1)   Demanding a ransom (money, godos or other benefits)
(2)   Reaching political, criminal or terrorist objectives   →   *<< GO TO MVI.18 >>*
(3)   A dispute over the custody of a minor   →   *<< GO TO MVI.18 >>*
(4)   Another type of personal or family dispute   →   *<< GO TO MVI.18 >>*
(77)   Other (specify) _____   →   *<< GO TO MVI.18 >>*
(99)   Does not know / Does not answer

MVI.16. Did the offender(s) receive any payment, good or other benefit from you or your family?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1)   Yes
(2)   No   →   *<< GO TO MVI.18 >>*
(66)   Refuse to answer   →   *<< GO TO MVI.18 >>*
(99)   Does not know / Does not answer   →   *<< GO TO MVI.18 >>*

MVI.17. How much money or how much do you estimate the value of the goods or benefits that you or your family gave to the offender(s)?

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

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

Value in
local currency: |__|__|__|__|__|__|__|__| *<< ENTER THE AMOUNT IN FIGURES >>*

_____   *<< ENTER THE AMOUNT IN LETTERS >>*

MVI.18. 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 MVI.23 >>*
(99)	Does not know / Does not answer	→ *<< GO TO MVI.24 >>*

<< INCLUDE ONLY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES >>

		MVI.19. To which authority was it reported to? *<< ENTER ONLY ONE CODE FOR EACH AUTHORITY >>* **(1) Yes** **(2) No** (99) Does not know/ Does not answer — *<< GO TO THE NEXT LINE >>*	**MVI.20.** In general, how satisfied were you with the way in which the competent authority handled the complaint? *<< ENTER ONLY ONE CODE FOR EACH AUTHORITY >>* **(1) Very satisfied** — *<< GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN MVI.19 >>* **(2) Satisfied** **(3) Dissatisfied** **(4) Very dissatisfied** (99) Does not know / Does not answer — *<< GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN MVI.19 >>*	*<< IN THIS QUESTION, MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED. DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS. WAIT UNTIL THE RESPONDENT INDICATES YOU THE CORRECT ANSWER(S) >>* **MVI.21.** Why were you dissatisfied? You can indicate more than one reason. *<< ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODES IN THE BOXES >>* (1) They did not do enough (2) They were not interested (3) They did not find or apprehend the offender (4) The kidnapped person was not released (5) They did not keep me properly informed (6) They did not treat me in a proper way (were impolite) (7) It took long before they arrived (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
(1)	Police	|__|	|__|	1 |__| 2 |__| 3|__|
(2)	Office of the Prosecutor or Public Ministry	|__|	|__|	1 |__| 2 |__| 3|__|
(3)	Judicial authority	|__|	|__|	1 |__| 2 |__| 3|__|

MVI.22. 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?

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

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MVI.23. 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)   I solved it by myself / I knew the offender(s)
(2)   It was not appropriate for the police or competent authority / there was no need for the police or competent authority to intervene
(3)   Lack of evidence
(4)   The police / competent authority would not have done anything
(5)   Dislike or fear of the police/authorities / I did not want anything to do with the police/authorities
(6)   Fear that they could hurt the kidnapped person or for other types of reprisals
(7)   The bureaucratic process is very complicated
(8)   I do not know the procedure to report crimes
(9)   The cost of the procedure is expensive
(10) They did not speak my language
(11) They discriminated against me
(77) Other reason (specify) _____
(99) Does not know / Does not answer

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MVI.24.   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 VI >>*
(99)   Does not know / Does not answer   ➔   *<< END MODULE VI >>*

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MVI.25. 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

COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

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