

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

# LACSI

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

## MODULE V: HOMICIDE

### DWELLING IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTED RESPONDENT DATA

Geographical identification		
<b>MV.1.</b>	Province	_ _ _
<b>MV.2.</b>	Municipality	_ _ _
<b>MV.3.</b>	Locality	_ _ _
<b>MV.4.</b>	Census code	_ _ _

Sample identification		
<b>MV.5.</b>	Questionnaire n°	_ _ _
<b>MV.6.</b>	Dwelling unit n°	_ _ _
<b>MV.7.</b>	Segment n°	_ _ _
<b>MV.8.</b>	Interviewer code	_ _ _

#### **MV.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 |\_| homicide, as a consequence of an external or violent force,

[NO. VICTIM] [TOTAL VICTIMS]

Suffered in the **past 7 years**. It is very important that you remember what happened in this crime.

**MV.10. Could you please tell me the year of the death of the victim?**

<< ENTER THE YEAR WITH FOUR DIGITS >>

(99) Does not know / Does not answer

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**MV.11. In what month did he/she die?**

<< 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

**MV.12. How old was he/she when he/she died?**

<< ENTER THE AGE AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH OR INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CODE IN CASE THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW THE AGE IN A PRECISE WAY >>

(00) Less than 1 year

(98) 98 years old or more

(99) Does not know / Does not answer

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**MV.13. What was the sex of the victim?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

(1) Male

(2) Female

(3) Intersex

(99) Does not know / Does not answer

**MV.14. 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 V >>
  - (99) Does not know / Does not answer
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**MV.15. 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,  
CAR ENTRANCES OR COMMON AREAS WITH CODE (1) >>

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) At the victim's home
  - (2) At the victim's work
  - (3) At the victim's 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
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**MV.16. Could you tell me how did the death occur?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Victim during a criminal act (robbery, assault, gang fight, etc.)
  - (2) Victim of a terrorist act, political violence or inter-ethnic violence
  - (3) Victim of violence due to causes such as personal conflicts, domestic violence, etc.
  - (4) Victim during operations of the armed forces or police
  - (5) Suicide → << GO TO MV.19 >>
  - (6) Victim of an accident (including car accident or accident at work) → << GO TO MV.19 >>
  - (77) Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (99) Does not know / Does not answer
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**MV.17. Did the perpetrator(s) use some kind of weapon or some object to kill the person?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
  - (2) No → << GO TO MV.19 >>
  - (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << GO TO MV.19 >>
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**MV.18. What kind of weapon or object used as a weapon was used to kill the victim?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

<< IN CASE OF "CAR ACCIDENT OR ACCIDENT AT WORK", REGISTER IT IN THE "OTHER" OPTION >>

- (1) Explosive weapons or bombs (including suicide bombs)
- (2) Firearms
- (3) Sharp object (knife, machete or sharp object)
- (4) Blunt object or other object used as a weapon (bat, stick, pipe, rope, steel fist or other hand weapons, bow and arrow, crossbow, martial arts weapons, etc.)
- (77) Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

**MV.19. Could you tell me if the victim was part of one of the following groups of people?**

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Member of the armed forces/police
- (2) Government employee
- (77) Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

**MV.20. 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 MV.25 >>
- (99) Does not know / does not answer → << END MODULE V >>

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

<< INCLUDE ONLY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES >>

<p><b>MV.21. To which authority was it reported to?</b></p> <p>&lt;&lt; ENTER ONLY ONE CODE FOR EACH AUTHORITY &gt;&gt;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Yes</li> <li>(2) No</li> <li>(99) Does not know / Does not answer</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">} &lt;&lt; GO TO THE NEXT LINE &gt;&gt;</p>	<p><b>MV.22. In general, how satisfied were you with the way in which the competent authority handled the complaint?</b></p> <p>&lt;&lt; ENTER ONLY ONE CODE FOR EACH AUTHORITY &gt;&gt;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Very satisfied</li> <li>(2) Satisfied</li> <li>(3) Dissatisfied</li> <li>(4) Very dissatisfied</li> <li>(99) Does not know / Does not answer</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">} &lt;&lt; GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN MV.21 &gt;&gt;</p> <p style="text-align: right;">} &lt;&lt; GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN MV.21 &gt;&gt;</p>	<p>&lt;&lt; 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) &gt;&gt;</p> <p><b>MV.23. Why were you dissatisfied? You can indicate more than one reason.</b></p> <p>&lt;&lt; ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODES IN THE BOXES &gt;&gt;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) They did not do enough</li> <li>(2) They were not interested</li> </ul>
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				(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
(1)	Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/>
(2)	Office of the Prosecutor or Public Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/>
(3)	Judicial authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/>

**MV.24. 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 MV.26 >>

**MV.25. 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) Lack of evidence
- (2) The police / competent authority would not have done anything
- (3) Dislike or fear of the police/authorities / I did not want anything to do with the police/authorities
- (4) I had no insurance
- (5) Fear of reprisals
- (6) I do not know the procedure to report crimes
- (7) The cost of the procedure is expensive
- (8) They did not speak my language
- (9) They discriminated against me

(77) Other reason (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

(99) Does not know / Does not answer

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**MV.26. 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

(99) Does not know / Does not answer

→ << END MODULE V >>

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**MV.27. 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 V >>

<< IF THE RESPONDENT REPORTED THAT MORE THAN A PERSON IN HIS/HER HOUSEHOLD WAS VICTIM OF HOMICIDE IN THE PAST 7 YEARS, 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:**

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