



Working Group on Victimization Surveys for Latin America and the Caribbean

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Latin America and the Caribbean Crime Victimization Survey Initiative

SECTION D¹:

SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL HARASSMENT

¹ 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 is strongly recommended to be applied through CASI mode – Computer Assisted Self Interview]

Da. Sexual harassment

[Note: Each country should adapt this question]

The following questions further explore the types of violence suffered by people in [country]. I understand that some of them are sensitive and may come across as too intimate, but it is very important to ask them in order to understand the problems faced by people – men and women alike – in the country. Let me assure you once again that your responses will be treated in strictest confidence and no one else will find out that you were asked these questions, nor the answers you have given.

Da.01. People may sometimes be approached in a way that puts them in an uncomfortable situation, either by someone they know or by a stranger.

In the past three (3) years, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], have you personally experienced any of the following behaviours directed against you?

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| (1) | UNWANTED SEXUAL GESTURES, WHISTLING AND LEERING OR ANYONE GOT INAPPROPRIATELY CLOSE TO YOU |
| (2) | UNWANTED SEXUAL COMMENTS ABOUT YOUR PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OR BODY |
| (3) | Somebody followed you and made you feel uncomfortable with sexual intentions |
| (4) | UNWANTED SEXUAL PROPOSITION or pressure for a date |
| (5) | Receiving UNWANTED GIFTS of a sexual nature such as toys, accessories or underwear |
| (6) | Unwanted MESSAGES, E-MAILS, CALLS OF A SEXUAL NATURE that offended you |
| (7) | Embarrassing and SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MESSAGES about you and/or PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF YOU POSTED ONLINE OR SENT TO ANYONE WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT |
| (8) | Somebody INDECENTLY EXPOSED THEMSELVES TO YOU |

- (1) Yes
 (2) No → << GO TO SECTION Db >>
 (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << GO TO SECTION Db >>

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| <p>Da.02. So, could you tell me which situation(s) occurred during the past twelve (12) months, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year]?</p> <p><< ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODE TO EACH OPTION >></p> <p>(1) Yes (2) No (66) Prefer not to say (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p> | <p>Da.03. How many times did this happen in the past twelve (12) months?</p> <p><< ENTER THE CORRESPONDING CODE TO EACH OPTION AND GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN D1.02 >></p> <p>(1) Once (2) Twice (3) 3 to 5 times (4) 6 to 10 times (5) More than 10 times (66) Prefer not to say (99) Does not know / Does not answer</p> | |
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| | | Number of times | |
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| (8) | Somebody INDECENTLY EXPOSED THEMSELVES TO YOU | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

<< IN CASE OF REGISTERING CODE 1 IN ANY OF THE OPTIONS IN Da.02, EXPLORE THE MOST RECENT EXPERIENCE >>

Da.04. In the same incident, many situations could have happened. Could you please identify the situation(s) you experienced during the last incident?

<<MULTIPLE CHOICE: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

- (1) UNWANTED SEXUAL GESTURES, WHISTLING AND LEERING OR ANYONE GOT INAPPROPRIATELY CLOSE TO YOU
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- (8) Somebody INDECENTLY EXPOSED THEMSELVES TO YOU

Da.05. In what month did this situation happen?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

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

Da.06. Could you tell me where it happened?

[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** → << GO TO SECTION Db >>
 - (99) Does not know / Does not answer
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Da.07. To be more precise, could you tell me in which type of location did it take place?

<< READ SLOWLY (OPTION BY OPTION). 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
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Da.08. How many people put you in this uncomfortable situation?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **One**
 - (2) **Two**
 - (3) **Three**
 - (4) **More than three**
 - (99) Does not know / Does not answer
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Da.09. Could you tell me if they were men, women or men and women?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Only men**
 - (2) **Only women**
 - (3) **Men and women**
 - (77) **Other (specify)** _____
 - (99) Does not know / Does not answer
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Da.10. Did you know the person(s) that put you in this uncomfortable situation?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes**
- (2) **I only knew him/her/them by alias/nickname**
- (3) **I only knew him/her/them by face**
- (4) **No** → << GO TO Da.12 >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << GO TO Da.12 >>

Da.11. What relationship did you have with the person(s)?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Spouse, partner (at the time)
- (2) Ex-spouse, ex-partner (at the time)
- (3) Fiancé/ fiancée (at the time)
- (4) Friend (at the time)
- (5) Relative
- (6) Somebody you worked with (at the time)
- (7) Neighbour
- (77) Other (specify) _____
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

Da.12. Could you tell me if the person(s) that put you in this uncomfortable situation seemed to be under the influence of alcohol or any other drug/substance?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

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

Da.13. Sometimes, victims could be in a more vulnerable situation while being under the influence of alcohol or other substances. Were you in this vulnerable situation while experiencing this last incident?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (66) Prefer not to say
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

Da.14. Did you have any financial loss as a result of this situation?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
- (2) No → << GO TO Da.16 >>
- (66) Prefer not to say → << GO TO Da.16 >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << GO TO Da.16 >>

Da.15. How much was the approximate total loss that you suffered for this situation?

<< ASK FOR THE APPROXIMATE COST CAUSED BY SEXUAL HARASSMENT
EVEN THOUGH IT IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE >>

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

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| | | —————→ | (77) Other reason (please specify in observations) (99) Does not know / Does not answer |
| (1) | Police | _ | _ |
| (2) | Office of the Prosecutor or Public Ministry | _ | _ |
| (3) | Judicial authority | _ | _ |
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Da.20. When reporting the incident to the competent authority, did you or any other member of your household receive a copy of verification of your report or the crime register number?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

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

<< GO TO Da.22 >>

Da.21. Why was the incident not reported to the competent authority?

<< DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS. WAIT UNTIL THE RESPONDENT INDICATES TO YOU THE CORRECT ANSWER(S). MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

- (1) Not serious enough
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- (5) Lack of evidence
- (6) The Police / competent authority would not have done anything
- (7) Dislike or fear of the Police / I did not want anything to do with the Police
- (8) Fear of reprisals
- (9) The bureaucratic process is very complicated
- (10) I do not know the procedure to report crimes
- (11) The cost of the reporting procedure is expensive
- (12) They did not speak my language
- (13) They discriminated against me
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Da.22. In some countries, centers or agencies have been set up to help victims of this situation(s) by giving information, or practical or emotional support. Were you supported by such a specialized agency?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
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- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << GO TO SECTION Db >>

Da.22. 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

Db. Physical harassment

Db.01. Apart from the behaviours already mentioned about sexual harassment, people sometimes may be harassed, physically or otherwise. In the past 3 years, have you experienced any of the following behaviours directed against you?

Please exclude incidents already discussed. As previously, these behaviours could be either by a stranger or someone you knew for example from your workplace, or someone from your family, or even your current or former partner. [IF NEEDED ADD: By a partner we mean a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife or civil partner].

- (1) Received non-sexual threatening or offensive MESSAGES, E-MAILS OR CALLS
- (2) Somebody personally made OFFENSIVE, THREATENING OR HUMILIATING COMMENTS to you, such as insulting you or calling you names
- (3) Somebody made OFFENSIVE OR THREATENING GESTURES to demean, insult or humiliate you
- (4) Somebody posted OFFENSIVE, demeaning OR EMBARRASSING COMMENTS, PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF YOU ONLINE
- (5) Somebody FOLLOWED YOU AGAINST YOUR WILL, EITHER PHYSICALLY OR ONLINE in a way that made you feel uncomfortable

- (1) **Yes**
- (2) **No** → << END THIS MODULE >>
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<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

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Value in
local currency:

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<< ENTER THE AMOUNT
IN FIGURES >>

<< ENTER THE AMOUNT
IN LETTERS >>

Db.16. Did you or someone else formally report the incident to the Police?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) **Yes**
- (2) **No** → << GO TO Db.21 >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << GO TO Db.22 >>

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

<< INCLUDE ONLY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES >>

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| | <p>Db.17. 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="margin-left: 150px;">} << GO TO THE NEXT LINE >></p> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p> | <p>Db.18. 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="margin-left: 150px;">} << GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN Db.17 >></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">} << GO TO THE NEXT LINE IN Db.17 >></p> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p> | | <p style="text-align: center;"><< IN THIS QUESTION, MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE ALLOWED. DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS. WAIT UNTIL THE RESPONDENT INDICATES YOU THE CORRECT ANSWER(S) >></p> <p>Db.19. 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, or they were not interested (2) They made me feel uncomfortable or made me feel it was my fault (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/unprofessional) (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 | _ | _ | 1 _ 2 _ 3 _ |

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

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<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
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<< GO TO Db.21 >>

Db.21. Why was the incident not reported to the competent authority?

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- (1) Yes
 - (2) No → << END THIS MODULE >>
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<< END SECTION D >>

<< CONTINUE WITH MODULE E. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS. IN CASE THE MODULE ON POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IS NOT APPLIED, END THE INTERVIEW >>

COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:
