

HI012: CHANGE IN INCOME AS AN OUTCOME OF COVID-19 (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Current
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	No changes
Values and Format	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (HI010=2) -7 Not applicable (HB010 ≠ 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

DESCRIPTION

This variable collects the subjective opinion of the household on whether the change in income is an outcome of the COVID-19 crisis.

This variable should be asked after HI020 and HI030.

Suggested question

Did the change in income happen as an outcome of COVID-19?

1. Yes
2. No

HY150: FINANCIAL SUPPORT (GOVERNMENT FUNDED) FROM THE COVID-19 RELATED SUPPORT SCHEMES (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	<p>Multiple replies possible (for the transmission format please refer to the variables HY150_1-HY150_4)</p> <p>1 Yes 2 No</p>
Flags	<p>1 Collected via survey/interview 2 Collected from administrative data 3 Imputed 4 Not possible to establish a source -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country) -4 Amount included in another income component -5 This scheme does not exist at national level -7 Not applicable (HB010≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)</p>

DESCRIPTION

Financial support from the COVID-19 related support schemes are defined as payments made, during the income reference period, by government for the benefits of the household or household members. It includes benefits received to support the COVID-19 pandemic with different types and different sources as: children, unemployed, sickness, etc. The financial information included in the variables HY150 is provided in addition to the nucleus income variables, the **COVID-19 benefits should be included in the nucleus variables** in full amount according to the recommendations provided in the **Annex 9. The optional variables are not included in the definition of the disposable income and intend to provide additional information related to COVID 19 financial support but not replace the nucleus income variables.**

HY150 does include:

- Government support during the income reference period, directly to the household as support to pensioners, disabled, sick persons, unemployed, student etc;
- Government support during the income reference period, given indirectly to the household via supporting enterprises and they were paying employees (for reduced working hours, for period when the employees are forced to stay at home, for temporary lay-off, additional wage support);
- Government support during the income reference period, for the self-employed (support that aims to replace loss of the income);
- Government support during the income reference period, other than ones listed above.

HY150 does not include:

- Support in monetary amounts, during the income reference period, given to enterprises directly to keep their business;
- Support in monetary amounts received, during the income reference period, given from the company to their employees;

- Support in monetary amounts received, during the income reference period, from other households or persons.

Description of flags

This income source uses one-digit flags. One-digit flag '-4': Amount included in another income component, could not be recorded separately from this component or is not collected at all separately and in cases when the amount is not collected or does not exist at all in national level the flag '-5' should be used. In cases of overlap of the flags, priority should be given to the flag '-2'.

Suggested question

HY150. Did you/ your household receive any financial support (government funded) from the COVID-19 related support schemes during the last year (income reference period)? (1 Yes; 2 No)

1. HY150_1: Additional financial allowances or benefits to overcome the crisis (housing allowances, social benefit for families and for families with children...)
2. HY150_2: Support for employees (for reduced working hours, for period when the person is forced to stay at home, for temporary lay-off, additional wage support, support that aims to replace loss of the income, ...)
3. HY150_3: Special allowance for the self-employed
4. HY150_4: Other

FILTER: If HY150 = 1 then GO TO HY155. Else GO TO HY170.

Variable transmission

Information about variable transmission

HB030	HY150_1	HY150_2	HY150_3	HY150_4
12100	1	1	2	2
12201	2	1	2	2
44601	2	2	1	1

HY150_1: Financial support (government funded) from the COVID-19 related support schemes (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Collected via survey/interview 2 Collected from administrative data 3 Imputed 4 Not possible to establish a source -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country) -4 Amount included in another income component -5 This scheme does not exist at national level -7 Not applicable (HB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

Additional COVID-19 related financial allowances or benefits to overcome the crisis (housing allowances, social benefit for families and for families with children).

HY150_2: Financial support (government funded) from the COVID-19 related support schemes (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Collected via survey/interview 2 Collected from administrative data 3 Imputed 4 Not possible to establish a source -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country) -4 Amount included in another income component -5 This scheme does not exist at national level -7 Not applicable (HB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

COVID-19 related support for employees (for reduced working hours, for period when the person is forced to stay at home, for temporary lay-off, additional wage support, support that aims to replace loss of the income, ...)

HY150_3: Financial support (government funded) from the COVID-19 related support schemes (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Collected via survey/interview 2 Collected from administrative data 3 Imputed 4 Not possible to establish a source -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country) -4 Amount included in another income component -5 This scheme does not exist at national level -7 Not applicable (HB010≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

COVID-19 related special allowance for the self-employed.

HY150_4: Financial support (government funded) from the COVID-19 related support schemes (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Collected via survey/interview 2 Collected from administrative data 3 Imputed 4 Not possible to establish a source -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country) -4 Amount included in another income component -5 This scheme does not exist at national level -7 Not applicable (HB010≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

COVID -19 related other government funded financial assistance.

HY155G: AMOUNT RECEIVED AS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE COVID-19 RELATED SUPPORT SCHEMES (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	<p>Multiple replies possible (for the transmission format please refer to the variables HY155G_1-HY155G_4)</p> <p>1 - 999999.99 Income (national currency)</p> <p>0 No income</p>

FLAGS

Type of variable	Flag name	Flag comp.	Type of information	Values	
Income variable	-_F	Two-digit flag: first digit	Most common source or method	1	Collected via survey/interview
				2	Collected from administrative data
				3	Deductive/logical imputation (also including top- and bottom-coding)
				4	Gross/net conversion
				5	Model-based imputation
				6	Donor imputation
				7	Not possible to establish the most common source or method
	-_F	Two-digit flag: second digit	Type of collected value	1	Net of tax on income at source and social contributions
				9	Not applicable (the value was not collected)
				-1	Missing
	-_F	Alternative: One digit		-2	Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country)
				-4	Amount included in another income component
				-5	This scheme does not exist at national level
				-7	Not applicable (HB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023)
				-8	Not applicable (variable not collected)
				-	Collected value / Recorded value *100
				.	If problem of dividing by 0 appears

DESCRIPTION

Amount received as financial support from the COVID-19 related support schemes are defined as payments made, during the income reference period, by government for the benefits of the household or household members. It includes amount of each benefits received to support the COVID-19 pandemic with different types and different sources as: children, unemployed, sickness, etc.

The variable collects the amount the household received from any of the above listed benefits.

Description of flags

This income source uses one or two digit flags.

One digit flag '-4 Amount included in another income component' is used when the amount considered for the variable could not be recorded separately from another component or is not collected at all separately and in cases when the amount is not collected or does not exist at all in national level the flag '-5' should be used.

In case of two-digit flags used, the first digit of the flag collects information for 'most common source or method' used, the second digit of the flag collects information for the 'type of collected value'. This income source does not have three digit and one digit flag. In such cases when one does not have alimonies received than the value should be '0'.

The imputation factor shows what percentage of a recorded (transmitted) value is collected and what percentage is imputed. The value should be recorded with two decimal places. Negative values are allowed.

Suggested question

FILTER: If HY150 = 1 then GO TO HY155G. Else GO TO HY170.

Question is to be asked separately for each scheme, meaning that there are 4 questions:

HY155G_1: Additional financial allowances or benefits to overcome the crisis (housing allowances, social benefit for families and for families with children ...)

HY155G_2: Support for employees (for reduced working hours, for period when the person is forced to stay at home, for temporary lay-off, additional wage support, support that aims to replace loss of the income ...)

HY155G_3: Special allowance for the self-employed

HY155G_4: Other

HY155G. During last year (income reference period), what amount did you receive from the scheme you stated above?

Please indicate the amount (in national currency) received in the last year

_____ (amount in national currency)

Variable transmission

Information about variable transmission

HB030	HY155G_1	HY155G_2	HY155G_3	HY155G_4
12100	500	1500	0	0
12201	0	50	0	0
44601	0	0	120	80

HY155G_1: Amount received as financial support from the COVID-19 related support schemes (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1 - 999999.99 Income (national currency) 0 No income

Additional COVID-19 related financial allowances or benefits to overcome the crisis (housing allowances, social benefit for families and for families with children).

FLAGS

Type of variable	Flag name	Flag comp.	Type of information	Values	
Income variable	_F	Two-digit flag: first digit	Most common source or method	1	Collected via survey/interview
				2	Collected from administrative data
				3	Deductive/logical imputation (also including top- and bottom-coding)
				4	Gross/net conversion
				5	Model-based imputation
				6	Donor imputation
				7	Not possible to establish the most common source or method
	_F	Two-digit flag: second digit	Type of collected value	1	Net of tax on income at source and social contributions
				9	Not applicable (the value was not collected)
	_F	Alternative: One digit		-1	Missing
				-2	Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country)
				-4	Amount included in another income component
				-5	This scheme does not exist at national level
				-7	Not applicable (HB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023)
				-8	Not applicable (variable not collected)
				-	Collected value / Recorded value *100
				.	If problem of dividing by 0 appears

HY155G_2: Amount received as financial support from the COVID-19 related support schemes (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1 - 999999.99 Income (national currency) 0 No income

COVID-19 related support for employees (for reduced working hours, for period when the person is forced to stay at home, for temporary lay-off, additional wage support, support that aims to replace loss of the income, ...)

FLAGS

Type of variable	Flag name	Flag comp.	Type of information	Values	
Income variable	-_F	Two-digit flag: first digit	Most common source or method	1	Collected via survey/interview
				2	Collected from administrative data
				3	Deductive/logical imputation (also including top- and bottom-coding)
				4	Gross/net conversion
				5	Model-based imputation
				6	Donor imputation
				7	Not possible to establish the most common source or method
	-_F	Two-digit flag: second digit	Type of collected value	1	Net of tax on income at source and social contributions
				9	Not applicable (the value was not collected)
				-1	Missing
	-_F	Alternative: One digit		-2	Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country)
				-4	Amount included in another income component
				-5	This scheme does not exist at national level
				-7	Not applicable (HB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023)
				-8	Not applicable (variable not collected)
				-	Collected value / Recorded value *100
				.	If problem of dividing by 0 appears

HY155G_3: Amount received as financial support from the COVID-19 related support schemes (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	Household
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1 - 999999.99 Income (national currency) 0 No income

COVID-19 related special allowance for the self-employed.

FLAGS

Type of variable	Flag name	Flag comp.	Type of information	Values	
Income variable	-_F	Two-digit flag: first digit	Most common source or method	1	Collected via survey/interview
				2	Collected from administrative data
				3	Deductive/logical imputation (also including top- and bottom-coding)
				4	Gross/net conversion
				5	Model-based imputation
				6	Donor imputation
				7	Not possible to establish the most common source or method
	-_F	Two-digit flag: second digit	Type of collected value	1	Net of tax on income at source and social contributions
				9	Not applicable (the value was not collected)
				-1	Missing
	-_F	Alternative: One digit		-2	Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country)
				-4	Amount included in another income component
				-5	This scheme does not exist at national level
				-7	Not applicable (HB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023)
				-8	Not applicable (variable not collected)
				-	Collected value / Recorded value *100
				.	If problem of dividing by 0 appears

HY155G_4: Amount received as financial support from the COVID-19 related support schemes (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions	
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023	
Unit	Household	
Reference period	Income reference period	
Mode of collection	Household respondent	
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)	
Series' differences	Not applicable	
Values and Format	1 - 999999.99	Income (national currency)
	0	No income

COVID-19 related other government funded financial assistance.

FLAGS

Type of variable	Flag name	Flag comp.	Type of information	Values	
Income variable	_F	Two-digit flag: first digit	Most common source or method	1	Collected via survey/interview
				2	Collected from administrative data
				3	Deductive/logical imputation (also including top- and bottom-coding)
				4	Gross/net conversion
				5	Model-based imputation
				6	Donor imputation
				7	Not possible to establish the most common source or method
	_F	Two-digit flag: second digit	Type of collected value	1	Net of tax on income at source and social contributions
				9	Not applicable (the value was not collected)
				-1	Missing
	_F	Alternative: One digit		-2	Not applicable (No benefits schemes were applied in country)
				-4	Amount included in another income component
				-5	This scheme does not exist at national level
				-7	Not applicable (HB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023)
				-8	Not applicable (variable not collected)
				-	Collected value / Recorded value *100
				.	If problem of dividing by 0 appears

HD225: DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES/SCHOOL DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	All current household members 5-17 years old (household level)
Reference period	Last 12 months
Mode of collection	Household respondent
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1. Yes 2. No, no internet connection or internet connection is not sufficient 3. No, no sufficient computers/mobile devices 4. No, no online courses available or not sufficient extend 5. No, other reasons
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (no children attending school) -4 Not applicable (no children aged between 5 to 17) -5 Not applicable (not restrictions) -7 Not applicable (HB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

DESCRIPTION

This variable indicates the possibility of having access to education from home whenever needed during the period when physical presence in school was not authorized due to COVID-19 safety reasons.. It collects information on all children aged between 5 and 17 in the household. If there are no children aged between 5 and 17 in the household, the flag "-4" should be used.

The answer should be based on the self-assessment of the respondent. When more than one reason can be applied, the answer should refer to the main reason, which is the one that the respondent perceives as the most important or difficult to overcome. When no restrictions were applied in the country, the respective flag '-5' should be used.

If in a given household at least one child does not have internet connection or computer/mobile device, it is then assumed that all the children belonging to that household are limited in accessing the lessons online.

This variable should be asked directly after the question about suitable place to study or to do homework (HD220)

Suggested question

HD225: Does your child/each child in your household who attend school (aged 5 to 17) had the possibility to follow distance learning courses/school in an appropriate way (each had available when necessary computer/mobile device, good internet connection) during covid-19 restrictions in last 12 months?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No, no internet connection or internet connection is not sufficient
- 3. No, no sufficient computers/mobile devices
- 4. No, no online courses available or not sufficient extend
- 5. No, other reasons

PL220: WORKING FROM HOME DURING PANDEMIC (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	All current household members aged 16 years and over or selected respondent (where applicable)
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Personal interview (proxy as an exception for persons temporarily away or in incapacity)
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, full time 2. Yes, but only partially 3. No, it was not possible because I have no or insufficient internet connection at home 4. No, it was not possible because my job is not adapted to teleworking 5. No, teleworking not allowed / proposed by my employer 6. No, it was not possible for another reason
Flags	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (PL211A-PL211L not in (1, 2, 3 or 4)) -3 Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3)) -4 Not applicable (The work was finished before pandemic started) -7 Not applicable (PB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

DESCRIPTION

This variable provides information about work flexibility and the possibility of working from home. It indicates if working life has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. It should be filled for persons declaring at least one month working in the calendar of activity, full or part time (PL211A to PL211L).

When respondents have more than one job, the information on their main work should be provided. This main job can be a full-time job or a part-time job. When respondents cannot spontaneously choose one category, particularly when several reasons apply to them, the main reason should be chosen. The distinction of main reason should be based on the respondent's own perception or select the one which is the most difficult to overcome. If more than one activity status applies in the same month, respondents should select answer based on their self-assessment. The criterion of most time spent may be useful where applicable.

Working '1 Full time' from home means that respondents moved fully to teleworking. Category '2. Yes, but only partially' refers to alternating working hours or days between working place and home. When work could not be adapted to teleworking due to its type (e.g. construction), then category '4. No, it was not possible because my job is not adapted to teleworking' should be chosen.

Suggested question

Were you able to work from home during the COVID-19 pandemic?

1. Yes, full time
2. Yes, but only partially
3. No, it was not possible because I have no or insufficient internet connection at home
4. No, it was not possible because my job is not adapted to teleworking
5. No, teleworking not allowed / proposed by my employer
6. No, it was not possible for another reason

PH051: UNMET NEED FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT DUE TO COVID-19 CRISIS (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	All current household members aged 16 years and over or selected respondent (where applies)
Reference period	Last 12 months
Mode of collection	Personal interview (proxy as an exception for persons temporarily away or in incapacity)
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1. Yes 2. No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (the person did not really need any medical examination or treatment (PH040 not equal to 1)) - 3 Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3)) -7 Not applicable (PB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

DESCRIPTION

This variable is a follow up variable for PH040 'Unmet need for medical examination or treatment' and PH050 'Main reason for unmet need for medical examination or treatment'. It indicates if COVID-19 was a reason for unmet need for medical examination or treatment based on personal assessment.

This variable should be asked after PH040 and directly after PH050.

Suggested question

(FILTER: If PH040_Q2 = 2 then GO TO PH050_Q1 and PH051. Else GO TO PH060_Q1).

PH051: Is the unmet need for medical examination or treatment because of the COVID-19 crisis?

1. Yes
2. No

PH071: UNMET NEED FOR DENTAL EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT DUE TO COVID-19 CRISIS (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	All current household members aged 16 years and over or selected respondent (where applies)
Reference period	Last 12 months
Mode of collection	Personal interview (proxy as an exception for persons temporarily away or in incapacity)
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1. Yes 2. No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (the person did not really need any medical examination or treatment (PH060 not equal to 1)) - 3 Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3)) -7 Not applicable (PB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

DESCRIPTION

This variable is a follow up variable for PH060 'Unmet need for dental examination or treatment' and PH070 'Main reason for unmet need for dental examination or treatment'. It indicates if COVID-19 was a reason for unmet need for dental examination or treatment.

This variable should be asked after PH060 and directly after PH070.

Suggested question

(FILTER: If PH060_Q2 = 2 then GO TO PH070_Q1 and PH071. Else GO TO [next module]).

PH071: Is the unmet need for dental examination or treatment because of the COVID-19 crisis?

1. Yes
2. No

PMH010: MENTAL HEALTH AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 CRISIS (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	All current household members aged 16 years and over or selected respondent (where applies)
Reference period	Last 12 months
Mode of collection	Personal interview (proxy as an exception for persons temporarily away or in incapacity)
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	1. Yes, has been negatively affected 2. Yes, has been positively affected 3. No, has not been affected
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -3 Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3)) -7 Not applicable (PB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

DESCRIPTION

This variable indicates whether mental health /well-being is directly or indirectly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The variable should collect information on respondents self-assessment and not be based on any diagnose or doctor prescription. These conditions may be situational (short-term) or long-lasting (chronic).

Mental health is a state of well-being in which an individual can realize his or her own potential, cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively and make a contribution to the community (WHO, 2001). It's related to a person's thinking, feeling, mood or behaviour in a way that influences their ability to relate to others.

Mental health is often divided into two major dimensions: positive and negative mental health. Concepts of mental health include subjective well-being, perceived self-efficacy, autonomy, competence, and self-actualization of one's intellectual and emotional potential. Other dimensions include self-acceptance, self-esteem, personal growth (reflected in one's sense of continual psychological growth and development), positive relations with others, a sense that one's life has purpose and meaning, self-determination and the ability to control one's own life, environmental mastery, etc.

During the interview, all answer options should be systematically read out to respondents. The concept of mental health is subjective. The notion is restricted to an assessment coming from the individual and as far as possible not from anyone else, whether an interviewer, healthcare professional or relative.

Suggested question

Has your mental health/well-being been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic during the last 12 months?

(With mental health it will be understood as the emotional reactions including relief, fear and worry, stress, sadness, anger, happy, safe, etc. influencing your daily mood or behavior)

1. Yes, has been negatively affected
2. Yes, has been positively affected
3. No, has not been affected