***Overview of data availability Myanmar***

There are no **population census microdata** in the IPUMS database for Myanmar.

Not surprising, since the government has only conducted a **population census** in 2014. Aggregate tables with (regional/state reports as well) for standard census data are available on the UNFPA website (UNFPA 2015)

Before it hadn’t conducted a **population census** since 1983 (and even that one was arguably deeply flawed):

“Data availability and reliability are major constraints to proper assessment in Myanmar. The Government of Myanmar (GOM) has not conducted a population census since 1983 and this inaction casts doubt on all other survey work since.” (Wilson et al 2013).

This is particularly problematic as it puts all **survey data reliability** under question, since without

“[…] a reliable sampling frame, survey designers struggle to assign proper sampling weights, set appropriate sample sizes and determine standard errors for estimated parameters. Every statistical sample survey conducted in Myanmar over the past several decades remains subject to a cloud of uncertainty over possibly wide but unknown levels of bias and sampling error.” (Haggblade et al 2013)

There were **agricultural censuses** in 1953, 1993, 2003 and 2010, the latter two have complete enumeration of >50ha landholders and samples of small and medium sized holdings. (FAO 2010). But not clear how accessible the data is beyond “main results reports” e.g FAO (2003)

The reliability of these is also questionable as they routinely yield very high ranges of estimates, e.g. the rate of rural landlessness is estimated between 25% and 50% (Haggblade et al 2013)

Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has an extremely limited amount of data available on their website, a total of 18 summary tables on **agricultural statistics** (MOAI 2016). Ministry of Livestock, fisheries and rural development has even less (MLFRD 2016)

**International Rice Research Institute** has aggregate data on rice related longitudinal trends e.g. land use, production, imports, exports, fertilizer use, yield, going back to 1960/1985 (IRRI 2016)

**Integrated Household Living Conditions Survey in Myanmar (2009-2010)** is a nationwide survey of 18660 households looking at the poverty profile in the MDG context (summary report IHLCA (2011) again survey data accessibility not clear.

**Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (**international consortium (incl UKAid) aimed at securing livelihoods and food security of 2 million poor people) conducted a baseline survey as part of its evaluation strategy (252 villages – 4000 households). Summary report available (LIFT 2012), again not clear on actual survey data accessibility.

**Household Income and Expenditure Survey** 2006, national sample of  32,000 households, only 1 aggregate table available (CSO 2006).

**Household Expenditure** Data aggregate, urban/rural distinction only, 1989,1997, 2001, 2004-5 tables available at MNPED. Also aggregate trends on **agricultural** area, fertilisation, irrigation etc. No geography.

**World Health Survey** 2003, microdata available after licence application (confidentiality, scientific only). (WHO 2003)

**Demographic and Health Survey**: ongoing (Dec2015-April 2016) (DHS 2016)

**Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey** 1995, 2000, 2010 – women and children, MDG etc. Only 2000 survey data available (after application, for legitimate research purposes) (UNICEF 2000)

World Bank **Informal Economy Survey** 2014 – non-agricultural economy! (WB 2014)

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