Example of sample design:

Baseline Assessment of the Children Under Five Wellbeing Programme

MAIN OBJECTIVE

The main purpose of the baseline assessment is to contribute to evidence-based and equity-focused social protection programming ensuring better coverage and impact of the programme for children.

The objectives of baseline assessment are to:

- Gather data for measuring the impact of the social security allowances on reducing poverty, and supporting vulnerable households and children.
- Assess the situation of children, and the extent of the programme's coverage and gaps in reaching different social security schemes in selected districts.

The baseline data will be used to compare the situation of children and assess the performance of the programme through impact evaluation planned to be conducted in 2021.

BASELINE SCOPE

Until today, the programme has provided cash grants to over 600,000 children in 8 districts, and aims to cover over 1,214,000 in 20 districts by 2020. The baseline data will cover children under 5 and their families. The baseline assessment will cover children and their families in 20 programme districts and proposed districts for child grant expansion.

The baseline study will gather representative data on the situation of children in all districts. It will additionally assess the extent to which the programme has been addressing the needs of children of refugee households, as they are considered especially vulnerable and marginalised.

Year	Population of U5 children ('000s)	Districts with full coverage	Target Population of Child programme ('000s)	% of all Under-5 children
2016-2017	2,950	5	466	15.80%
2017-2018	2,981	8	614	20.60%
2018-2019	3,006	14	924	30.70%
2019-2020	3,024	20	1,214	40.10%

This means that, at the time of the survey, 5 districts will have been covered for 2 years, 3 districts for 1 year, and the remaining 12 districts will not have started programme implementation. It is expected that the survey will report estimates for the four types of district by "year of start" of implementation.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The main research questions will focus on issues revolving around effectiveness in identification, registration, access, timely payment, and impact of the child grant on ECD, Nutrition, health education of children and other social indicators.

Findings will be compared to the situation of children during the impact evaluation, which will further examine to what extent the programme mainstreamed equity, gender equality and human rights into the programme implementation and targeting. The baseline data will support the evaluation in examining the extent to which the programme addressed the needs of children; how girls and boys were affected differently by the programme and how the programme helped children realize their basic rights in all aspects of early childhood development.

Preliminary research questions to target groups in selected districts:

1. How effectively are the social assistance grants implemented?
2. How has the Social Security Allowance contributed to the socio-economic empowerment of vulnerable people?
3. **How prevalent are severe and moderate malnutrition among children under 5 in target districts?**
4. To what extent do children under 5 and their families have access to health services?
5. How many children have access to education and how? What is the attendance rate among children in primary schools?
6. What is the level of sanitation and hygiene practices among children and their families?
7. What is the poverty rate and how does it effect on social inclusion among households in target districts?
8. How many children have birth registrations?

SOME EXTRA INFORMATION:

The latest estimate of prevalence of stunting, height for age (% of children under 5) in-country: 35.8% in 2016

The administrative structure of the country is as follows:

Hierarchy of units	Sampling frame comments
District	A full list of the 20 districts is available with information about length of programme implementation

Example of sample design:

Ward	A full list of the wards in each district is available, including estimates of the size of the population in each ward. We have key informant information about the density of refugee population at ward level. It will be tricky to get accurate figures, but it should help with finding refugee households.
Enumeration Area	A list of Enumeration Areas would be available once the selected wards are known.
Household	A list of households will have to be built in each enumeration area selected. A screening process of refugee and non-refugee households will be required to draw a sample for each type.
Children	All children under 5 in selected household will be included in the sample