

## **Module 2014: “Material deprivation”**

Regulation (EU) № 112/2013 of the Commission shall submit a list of target second priority variables on material deprivation. Module 2014 includes issues related to financial difficulties in households, basic needs and social activities of individual respondents basic needs of all children in the household, as well as educational and recreational needs.

Basic characteristics of 2014 module – “Material deprivation”:

- **Units of observation:**

The target variables relate to three different types of units:

The first variable is related with the financial deprivation and it is applied at household level.

The information about the basic needs, leisure and social activities, durable goods and mobility must be provided for each current household member.

All children’s needs are related to all household members aged under 16 except for the two variables about educational needs, which are related to the children who are visiting school. The household respondent is responsible about the questions for the whole group of children in the household. If the needs cannot be met for even one of the children, this relates to others as well. The age refers to the age of the end of the income reference period.

- **Mode of data collection:**

For variables asked at household level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with the household respondent. For variables asked at individual level, the mode of data collection is individual interview with all current household members aged 16 and older.

Owing to the characteristics of the information to be collected, only personal interviews (proxy interviews as an exception for persons temporary absent or incapacitated) are allowed.

- **Reference period:** All target variables relate to the current situation of the reference period.
- **Target variables**

Module 2014 includes 21 variables, one of which (HD080) is at household level, seven (PD020 – PD090) – at individual level and they cover persons aged 16 and older. The other thirteen variables (HD100 – HD240) gather information about persons aged under 16 at the household.

The variables in the module are as follows:

### **Material deprivation at household level**

- **HD080 Replacing worn-out furniture** – corresponds to objects such as tables, chairs, beds, desks, dressers, cupboards, etc. kept in the dwelling to make it suitable and comfortable for living. The variable aims to capture problems of shortage of money and the ability for changing the old and worn-out furniture with new one as well as with second hand one.

### **Basic needs at individual level**

- **PD020 Replace worn-out clothes with new ones (not second hand)** – the focus is on the replacement of the worn-out clothes by some new clothes. It is not necessary all replaced clothes to be new, some of them can be second hand. It also refers to worn out clothes, not to old-fashioned ones.
- **PD030 Two pairs of properly fitting shoes (including a pair of all-weather shoes)** – the concept of shoes has to be broadly understood. It includes boots, sandals, etc. On the other hand, all-weather shoes could be defined as any daily life shoes with the exception of sandals and boots.

### **Leisure and social activities at individual level**

- **PD050 Get-together with friends/family (relatives) for a drink/meal at least once a month** – this relates to spending time eating and/or drinking with friends or family at home or elsewhere (restaurant, pub, etc.).
- **PD060 Regular participation in leisure activity** – the term “regular” is linked to the considered activity(ies) and is to be self-defined by the respondent. However, a “yes” answer should imply that leisure activities (all together) are done several times per year. The considered activities such as sport, cinema, concerts, etc. should occur out of home and they should cost some money for entrance and/or travel costs, for purchase costs or for participating costs in an organized play events.
- **PD070 Spend a small amount of money each week on yourself** – this means to freely spend money, e.g., to go to the movies, to buy a gift for a friend, to go to hairdresser, etc.

### **Durable goods at individual level**

- **PD080 Internet connection for personal use at home** – the internet access can be via smartphone, other wireless handheld device (tablet, etc.), video games console, laptop, desktop computer, TV, etc.

### **Mobility at individual level**

- **PD090 Regular use of public transport** – this includes any form of transportation that charges set fares, runs fixed routes, and is available to the public, such as buses, subways, boats, trains, etc. in the city or intercity.

**Basic needs for all children at the household** – the next variables are related to all of the children at the household aged under 16 years. Even if only one child does not have fulfilled needs, the entire group of children in the household are assumed not to have fulfilled needs.

- **HD100 Some new (not second-hand) clothes** – the variable refers to worn out clothes, not to old-fashioned ones. The focus is on new clothes, but not all clothes must be new, some can be second-hand.
- **HD110 Two pairs of properly fitting shoes (including a pair of all-weather shoes)** - the concept of shoes has to be broadly understood. It includes boots, sandals, etc. depending on weather conditions, including for all seasons (daily life shoes).
- **HD120 Fruits and vegetables once a day** – the variable refers to providing fresh fruits and vegetables at least once a day for all the children at the household. Frozen fruits and vegetables are related to the fresh ones, but canned fruits and vegetables should be excluded.
- **HD140 One meal with meat, chicken or fish (or vegetarian equivalent) at least once a day**

**Educational and recreational needs for all the children at the household** – next variables refers to the entire group of children aged under 16 years. Even if only one child does not have fulfilled needs, the entire group of children in the household are assumed not to have fulfilled needs.

- **HD150 Books at home suitable for their age** – this means that the books are adapted to the age and the level of knowledge of the child. School books are not to be taken into account.
- **HD160 Outdoor leisure equipment** – this covers the cases where there is at least one piece of outdoor leisure equipment (such as bicycle, roller, skates, racket, etc.) for each child at the household, which is adapted to their age and physical conditions. It is not strictly required that all children in the household have leisure equipment/games of their own, since they can be shared.
- **HD170 Indoor games** – this includes the cases where there is at least one indoor game for each child at the household, which is adapted to their age and physical conditions, e.g., educational games, building blocks, board games, computer games, etc. It is not strictly required that all children in the household have leisure equipment/games of their own, since they can be shared.
- **HD180 Regular leisure activity** – the term “regular” is linked to the considered activity(ies). A “yes” answer should imply that leisure activities are conducted several times per year. Leisure activity should occur outside home. This would cost some money for entrance and/or travel costs, for purchase costs or for participating costs in an organized play events.
- **HD190 Celebration on a special occasion** (birthday, name days, religious event, etc.)
- **HD200 Invite friends round to play and eat from time to time** – this includes inviting friends, classmates of the children in the household to play and/or eat. It most likely takes place at home, but external activities are to be considered as well.
- **HD210 Participate in school trips and school events that cost money** – it only concerns activities that are organized by school.
- **HD220 Suitable place to study or do homework** – this means a silent place with enough room and light. The place is to be at home and not in a library for example.
- **HD240 Go on holiday away from home at least one week per year** – it is not mandatory all of the children in the household to go on a holiday together at the same time. It is necessary every child to spend at least one week (7 days) on a holiday away from home per year, whatever the context is (holiday with family, relatives, friends, etc.).