Valuable Household Information for Better Decisions

2019-20 HOUSEHOLD INCOME & EXPENDITURE SURVEY

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Fiji Bureau of Statistics
MAKING SENSE of the HOUSEHOLD INCOME & EXPENDITURE SURVEY

WHAT IS HIES?

The HIES is a nationwide survey of selected households undertaken once every 5 years by the Fiji Bureau of Statistics.

Its major objective is to gather detailed information on household income and their expenditures.

It is carried out over a one year period from February 2019 to January 2020.

Information gathered in the HIES helps with decision-making that facilitates the development of socio-economic policies - enhancing the welfare of the population.

WHY CONDUCT A HIES?

One of the main purpose of a HIES is to evaluate the consumption and welfare of a country’s population.

- Determining the poverty line and the percentage of households that lives above it and those below.

Update the weighting pattern and the basket of goods and services for the Consumer Price Index.

- CPI measures the price changes in the basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households.
- It measures inflation which is often used by employers in wage negotiations and salary adjustments.

Findings from the HIES are also published for use by public and private sector organisations as well as members of the public.
WHO WILL BE VISITED?

Every sampled household within every selected Enumeration Area (EA).

An established sampling methodology is used to ensure accurate representation and geographical distribution of the whole population.

Persons who will not be included;
- Non-private dwellers [e.g. Prisons, Hotels, etc.]
- Overseas Visitors
- Foreign Diplomats

HOW IS HIES CONDUCTED?

Similar to that of the 2017 Census, Mobile Electronic Devices will be used to collect information.

Survey officers carry an official identification card and a letter of Authorisation issued by the Fiji Bureau of Statistics.

The selected households are visited regularly for 2 weeks – enumerators capture data on their regular expenses.

DATA SECURITY & CONFIDENTIALITY

Once data collected is sent to HQ, it is encrypted and stored in a safe and secured environment.

The Fiji Bureau of Statistics takes privacy very seriously and with utmost assurance, your information is kept in confidence.

The Census Act 1978 enforces protection on any information gathered during and after the Census. Information gathered is released in aggregated form. This means data on individual household or personal information will not be released.

Whether it is Government Agencies, Private Organisation or any Agency for that matter, personal or household information will not be accessible. This is protected by law through the Statistics Act.