

Malawi
ISSP 2018 – Religion IV
Method Information

***INTERNATIONAL
SOCIAL
SURVEY
PROGRAMME***

Study Monitoring Questionnaire

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE

ISSP 2018 RELIGION IV STUDY



RETURN TO: Smith-Tom@NORC.org

Details of Your Institute

1a. Please enter the name of your institute and your country:

Institute:

Tsogolo La Thanzi- Health
Future

Country:

Malawi

1b. Please enter the name of the principal investigator and your contact person for questions about the study:

Principal
Investigator:

Tom. W. Smith

Contact
Person:

Abdallah Chilungo

2a. What kind of institute fielded the module?

An institute principally doing market research ☐

An institute principally doing academic research ☐

An institute doing both market and academic research ☐

Other (please write in details) ☒
An institute principally doing research and interventions

2b. Which institute carried out the fielding?

Name:

Tsogolo La Thanzi-Health Future

Questionnaire Languages

3a. Was the questionnaire fielded ...

only in English ☐ → Question 12

in English plus other language(s) ☒ → Question 3b

only in translation ☐ → Question 3b

3b. Please enter the language(s) the module was fielded in.

Please write in: Language 1 to Language X

1. Chichewa
2. Chitumbuka
3. Chiyawo and
- X. English

Translation

Note: If your translation process was different for different languages, please answer questions 4 to 10 for your most common practice and note any differences for other languages in question 11.

4. Was the questionnaire ...?

a written translation (a questionnaire/application) ☒ → Question 5

an oral translation (interviewer translated on the spot) ☐ → Question 11

5. Who carried out translation? Please tick all that apply.

A member or members of the research team ☐

A translation bureau ☐

One or more specially trained translators ☒

Other (please write in details) ☐

6. Was translation checked?

Yes, all of the questionnaire ☒ → Question 7

Yes, only the new questions ☐ → Question 7

No ☐ → Question 8

7. How was translation checked?

Group discussion ☒

Expert checked it ☐

Back translation ☒

Other (please write in details) ☒

Each of the questions were also reviewed by the interviewers who speak English and native speakers of the local language during training and orientation of the study. They also conducted role plays in the local languages before pre-testing.

8. Was the translation questionnaire pre-tested?

Yes ☒

No ☐

9. Were there any questions, sections, words or concepts which caused problems when translating? Please tick all that apply.

No problems ☒ →Question 11

Answer scales ☐

Instructions ☐

Whole questions ☐

Words or concepts ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

Please write in details of problems checked/ticked above:

10. What did you do about any problems in translation?

Please enter details:

11. If your translation process was different for different languages, please note any differences for other languages in the box below.

Please enter details:

Fielding the ISSP Module

12. How was the ISSP Religion module fielded in your country?

As an individual survey, the ISSP Religion module was the whole survey) ☒ →Question 15

As part of a larger survey ☐ →Question 13

13. Please provide information about the other stud(ies) the ISSP was fielded with (e.g., topic, survey name).

Please enter:

14. What was the approximate position of the module in the larger questionnaire?

Start of questionnaire ☐

Middle of questionnaire ☐

End of questionnaire ☐

15. Were the substantive questions in the module all asked in the prescribed order?

Yes ☒ → Question 17

Yes, apart from omissions ☐ → Question 17

No ☐ → Question 16

16. Why was the question order changed?

Please enter:

17. Were all the core ISSP questions included in your questionnaire (by core we mean all required substantive and background questions)?

Yes – all questions and background questions included ☒ → Question 19

No – substantive question(s) from module missing ☐ → Question 18

No – required background ISSP question(s) missing ☐ → Question 18

18. Please provide details of the questions missing and indicate why they are missing.

Source questionnaire: question number or description of question:

Reason(s) why missing:

Sampling

19. Was your sample designed to be representative of ...

Only adult citizens of your country? ☒

Adults of any nationality residing in your country? ☐

20. Was your sample designed to be representative of ...

Only adults living in private accommodation? ☒ → Question 21

Adults living in private and in institutional accommodation
(e.g., residential homes for the elderly, asylum accommodation)? ☐

If private and institutional, please enter details in box below.

Please enter in:

21. What was the lower age cut-off for your sample?

WRITE IN :

22. Was there any upper age cut-off for your sample?

Yes - please write in cut-off

No cut-off ☒

23. Were any groups excluded or under-represented in your sample design,
apart from the age cut-offs or citizenship requirements just asked
about?

No ☒

Yes (please write in details) ☐

If yes, write in details:

24. Did you use any variables for stratification?

Yes ☐ → Question 25

No ☒ → Question 26

25. Please describe the stratification variables used?

Please write in:

26. How many of stages did your sampling design have?

One stage ☐

Two stages ☐

Three stages ☐

Four stages ☒

27. Did your sampling frame consist of...?

Addresses ☐

Households ☒

Named individuals (the target persons) ☐

Named individuals (not the target persons) ☐

Areas ☐

Something else (please write in details) ☐

28. Please describe your sampling frame (e.g., population register, electoral roll, telephone directory and its coverage and updating).

Please write in:

2008 Malawi Population and Housing Census Sampling Frame

29a. Please describe your sampling method and your sampled units for the first stage?

Please write in:

In the first stage 16 districts were selected from 28 districts based on concentration of a particular ethnic group.

29b. Please describe your sampling method and your sampled units for the second stage?

(Only if you have two or more stages, otherwise continue with question 30.)

Please write in:

In the second stage, 200 clusters or PSUs were selected in the 16 districts. The sample was clustered into domains; urban and rural. EAs were selected proportional to population size. NSO sample frame is already ordered by TA and EA which made it easy to randomly select a cluster within a TA.

29c. Please describe your sampling method and your sampled units for the third stage?

(Only if you have three or more stages, otherwise continue with question 30.)

Please write in:

In the third stage, 8 households per EA were selected to identify eligible respondents.

29d. Please describe your sampling method and your sampled units for the fourth stage?

(Only if you have four stages, otherwise continue with question 30.)

Please write in:

In the fourth stage, one eligible individual aged 18+ years was randomly selected for interviews

30. What selection method was used to identify a respondent?

(Do not answer if your sampling frame consists of named individuals – which are the target persons. Continue with question 32.)

Kish grid ☐

Last (or next) birthday ☐

Quota ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

Once the household is chosen, the interviewer will be responsible for randomly selecting the individual respondent within the household who will be interviewed. At the sampled household an interviewer will list (in any order) the first names of all the household members who are 18 years and older presently at home at the day of interview. From the list (which is numbered), the interviewer will randomly select the actual person to be interviewed by asking a household member to choose a numbered card from a blind deck of cards. The interviewer will interview only the person whose number is selected and no one else in that household.

31. Please describe your quota procedures.

(Only if you used quota, otherwise continue with question 32)

Please write in:

32. Was substitution or replacement permitted at any stage of your selection process or during fieldwork?

Yes ☒ →Question 33

No ☐ →Question 34

33. Please provide details of the substitution or replacement procedures used.

Please write in:

If the household selected refused to be interviewed or the individual selected to be interviewed refused, the interviewers replaced the household by continuing the walking pattern and selecting the next household using the SI dwelling along the road or path, again counting households on both the right and the left.

34. All in all, what are the known limitations (biases) of your net sample?
For example: is there differential coverage of particular groups, either because of sample design or response differences?

Please write in:

Concentration of ethnic groups in a district was not the case. Some districts had heterogenous ethnicity due to intermarriages and internal migration.

Data Collection

35. What data collection methods were used for the module (substantive and background questions)?

Face-to-face ☒

Self-completion (with some interviewer involvement in delivering or collecting) ☐

'Mixed mode': part self-completion, part face-to-face (please write in details) ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

If 'mixed mode' or other, please write in:

36. Please write in the approximate start and end dates of fieldwork.

DD MM YY

Start date

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End date

1	3	1	1	1	8
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37. Were postal or telephone components used at any point (e.g., advance contacts)?

Yes - postal ☐ → Question 38

Yes - telephone ☐ → Question 38

No ☒ → Question 39

38. Please give details of the postal and/or telephone components.

Please enter details:

39. Were incentives offered?

Yes, to respondent ☐

Yes, to interviewer ☐

No, neither to respondent nor to interviewer ☒

Interviewer Procedures

40. Were interviewers paid according to realized cases?

Yes ☐

No ☒

41. Which, if any, of these rules governed how an interviewer approached an address/household?

Tick all that apply

Calls/visits must be made at different times of day ☒

Calls/visits must be made on different days of week ☐

Neither of the above ☐

42. Were interviewers required to make a certain number of calls/visits before they stopped approaching an address or household?

Minimum number of calls/visits required - please write in number

No minimum call requirement ☒

43. Were any interviews supervised (that is, supervisor accompanies interviewer)?

Yes - please write in approximate proportion %

No ☐

44. Were any interviews back-checked (e.g. supervisor checks later whether interview conducted)?

Yes - please write in approximate proportion

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No

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Response and Outcome Information

45. Please fill in the following details about your issued sample.

Some categories may not apply, but please complete to the highest level of detail possible.

Issued sample (n)	Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size)	1598
Ineligible (n)	Addresses which could not be traced at all/ selected respondents who could not be traced	0
	Addresses established as empty, demolished or containing no private dwellings	0
	Other ineligible (please specify)	0
Eligible (n)	<i>Issued sample minus Ineligible</i>	1598
Refusal (n)	Personal refusal at selected address	2
	Proxy refusal (on behalf of selected respondent)	0
	Other refusal at selected address	0
Non-contact (n)	No contact at selected address	0
	No contact with selected person	0
Other unproductive (n)	Selected respondent too sick / incapacitated to participate	0
	Selected respondent had inadequate understanding of language of survey	0
	Selected respondent away during survey period	0
	Other type of unproductive reaction (please specify)	0
Valid cases (n)	Full productive interview	1598
	Partial productive interview (50% of the module or more)	0

More information on "Other ineligible":

Please write in:

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More information on "Other type of unproductive reaction":

Please write in:

Coding and Verifying

46. Were any measures of coding reliability employed?

Yes ☒

No ☐

47. Was keying of the data verified?

Yes - please write in approximate level of verification

1	0	0
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No ☐

48. Were any reliability checks made on derived variables (that is variables constructed on the basis of other variables collected)?

Yes ☒

No ☐

No derived variables ☐

49. Were data checked/edited to ensure that filter instructions were followed correctly?

Yes ☒

No ☐

50. Were data checked/edited for logic or consistency?

Yes ☒

No ☐

51. Were data checked/edited to ensure they fell within permitted ranges?

Yes ☒

No ☐

**If you answered YES for any question from Q46 to Q51, continue with Question 52.
If you answered NO for all questions Q46 to Q51, continue with Question 53.**

52. Were errors corrected?

Tick all that apply

Yes - individually ☒

Yes - automatically ☒

No - not corrected ☐

53. Were the data weighted or post-stratified?

Yes ☐ → Question 54

No ☒ → Question 55

54. Please briefly describe the weighting or post-stratification strategy used.

Please write in:

55. Is a national methods report available for your study?

Yes ☐

No ☒

56. If there is anything you would like to comment on, please do so here.

Please write in:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

ISSP WEIGHTING

In order for the documentation on weighting to be both more complete and more comparable, the Weighting group asks you to provide the following information which in the future will be collected as part of the SMQ or otherwise. It wants the weighting documentation to allow other researchers to fully understand the nature of the weighting and how it was implemented.

Please enter the name of your institute and your country:

Institute

Tsogolo La Thanzi- Health Future

Country

Malawi

IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, PLEASE REFER TO THE LATEST ISSP SURVEY YOU HAVE ARCHIVED AND ANSWER ABOUT YOUR NATIONAL DATA.

1. Was a weight variable(s) included for your data?

Yes ☐

No ☒ Please skip the rest of the weighting questionnaire but return to Tom Smith:
SMITH-TOM@norc.org

2. Was a single weight included or were there two or more weights?

One ☐ Please skip # 3

Two+ ☐

3. If Two+: How many weighting variables were included with your data?

Please enter number

4. Who calculated the weight(s)?

The data collection agency ☐

The ISSP member organization ☐

Other and combinations ☐
explain what it is in detail

5. Is the weight personal-level, household-level, or something else?

Person ☐

Household ☐

Other – ☐
explain what it is in detail

6. **What type of weight was it?**

(Please see definitions below)

Single type weights

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Design weight | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Post-Stratification weight | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-response weight | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Combined, summary weights

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Design + Post-Stratification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Design + Non-response | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Design + Post-Stratification + Non-response | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Post-Stratification + Non-response | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other (Other single type or a combined/summary weight using another weight as one component, including total population projection weights) ☐

Provide full details on the other weight.

Design weights are adjustments that must be made to produce a representative sample of the target population because of features of the sample design. Examples include, adjustments for the number of eligible respondents in a household when one random member is selected as the target respondent, the oversampling of regions or social groups, and the sub-sampling of initial non-respondents for further follow-up.

Post-stratification weights are usually adjustments based on differences between the distributions of selected demographics on the survey and a reference standard such as a census, large-scale, high-quality demographic survey, and/or administrative records that are judged to have more accurate and representative coverage of the target population.

Non-response weights are adjustments for non-response based on case-level information about the attributes of all sampled cases. Examples are - using geocoded data for address-based samples to correct for any bias due to differential non-response by community type and/or region and using case-level data from variables in a population register sample to correct for differential non-response.

7. What external standards were used to calculate the weight?

Please provide complete references to the data source(s) including the date of the census, survey, administrative database, or other source used.

a. Data source

b. Date of source

8. What variables were used in constructing the weight?

a. List all variables and define them as needed.

b. Indicate precisely what categories (e.g. age recodes, racial/ethnic groups) were utilized for each variable.

9. How were multiple variables used together?

a. Was raking (also known as iterative proportional fitting, sample---balancing, or raking ratio estimation) employed when using multiple variables?

Yes ☐

No ☐

b. Was any other procedure used besides raking?

Yes ☐

No ☐

c. Provide full details on how multiple variables were used together.

10. What was the range of weighting values (high to low)?

Please enter numbers

Low _____

High _____

11. Were the weights capped, trimmed, or attenuated in some way?

Yes ☐

No ☐ Please skip # 12 and # 13

12. If Yes: What exactly were the caps or other recodings used?

13. On what basis, by what procedures were the caps or other recodings determined?

14. What is the mean value of the weight?

Please enter number

15. If some combination of design, post-stratification, non-response, and other weights were used to make a summary weight:

- a. How were the different types of weights combined together to make the summary weight?**

- b. Were separate weights made for each type of weights or were the different weighting components used directly to calculate the summary weight?**

Separate sub-weights ☐

Just a summary weight calculated ☐

- c. If separate weights were initially calculated, how were they combined to make the summary weight?**

Provide full details on the sub-weights and how they were combined.

IF MORE THAN ONE WEIGHT WAS INCLUDED, QUESTIONS 4 - 15 WOULD HAVE TO BE REPEATED FOR EACH WEIGHT.

PLEASE COPY THE RESPECTIVE PART OF THE FORM AND ANSWER FOR EACH WEIGHT INDIVIDUALLY.