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CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Household Size: Number of family members in a household

Sex Ratio: Basic measure to explain the sex composition of Population

Literacy: The ability to read and write a short text in Dzongkha, *Lotsham*, English or any other languages.

Educational Attainment: Six years is the official minimum age for entering primary school

General Literacy Rate: Percentage of population who can read and write a short, simple statement in English, Dzongkha or any other Language

Youth Literacy Rate: Percentage of Population aged 15 to 24 years who can read and write a short, simple statement in English, Dzongkha or any other Languages.

Adult Literacy Rate: Percentage of Population aged 15 years and above, who can read and write a short, simple statement in English, Dzongkha or any other Languages.

Gross Attendance Rate: The total number of students attending school at a given level of education, irrespective of their Age, to the total number of children in the age group.

Net Attendance Rate: The total number of student in a specific age group who are currently attending school at a particular level to the total number of children in that specific group.

Adjusted Net Attendance Ratio: Total number of students of the official primary school age group, who attended primary or secondary education at any time during the reference academic year, expressed as a percentage of the corresponding population.

Age Specific Fertility Rate: Number of live births per 1000 women in a specific age group for a specified geographic area and for a specific point in time, usually a calendar year.

Child Survival Rate: The number of children surviving expressed as percentage of the number of children born in their life time to women aged 15-49

Crude Birth Rate: Is the number of live births in a year per 1000 population.

General Fertility Rate: Is the number of births per 1000 women of reproductive age (15-49 Years) in a population per year.

General Marital Fertility Rate: Is the number of births during a year per 1000 married women of reproductive age (15-49 years)

Total Fertility Rate: Is the average number of children a women bears during her reproductive years, at the prevailing schedule of age-specific fertility rate.

Disability Prevalence Rate: All the new and old cases of disability in the given population and time

Labor Force Participation Rate: Includes the sum of employed and unemployed person expressed as a percent to the total population.

Unemployment Rate: Is the proportion of unemployed person to the labor force expressed in percentage.

1. SAMPLE SIZE ALLOCATED:

1. Total PSUs	:	61
2. Total Households	:	4077
3. Sample Households	:	616
4. Households Interviewed	:	608
5. Response Rate	:	98.7

2. DEMOGRAPHY

Estimated Population	:	15363
Households	:	4228
Average Households Size	:	3.6
Proportion of Female Headed Households (%)	:	41.4
Age at first Marriage	:	23

3. EDUCATION

3.1 Literacy Rate

3.1.1 Literacy Rates by Sex (%)

Indicators	Male	Female	Total
General Literacy Rate	67.1	52.1	59.1
Youth Literacy Rate	98.3	91.5	94.4
Adult Literacy Rate	59.1	39.8	48.8

3.2 Attendance Rates

3.2.1 Attendance Rates by Sex (%)

Indicators	Male	Female	Total
Gross Attendance Rate	97.4	94.6	95.9
Net Attendance Rate	69.6	71.1	70.4

3.2.2 Attendance Rates by level of Education

Level of Education	Gross Attendance Rate			Net Attendance Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Primary	100.6	99.5	100.1	89.6	90.1	89.9
Lower Secondary	92.3	123.2	109.3	44.6	62.5	54.5
Middle Secondary	141.4	95.8	114.2	50.6	45.7	47.7
Higher Secondary	51.6	40.0	45.4	22.1	24.1	23.2

3.2.3 Adjusted Primary Net Attendance Ratio

Sex	Primary (NAR)	Lower Secondary	Middle Secondary	Traditional/NFE/Self-learning	Adjusted Primary NAR
Total	89.9	4.5	0.0	0.4	94.8
Male	89.6	4.8	0.0	0.9	95.3
Female	901	4.3	0.0	0.0	94.4

3.2.4 Adjusted Lower Secondary Net Attendance Ratio

Sex	Lower Secondary (NAR)	Primary	Middle Secondary	Higher Secondary	Traditional/NFE/Self-learning	Adjusted Lower Secondary NAR
Total	54.5	31.0	11.1	0.0	1.7	98.3
Male	44.6	39.0	8.6	0.0	3.9	96.1
Female	62.5	24.4	13.1	0.0	0.0	100.0

3.2.5 Adjusted Middle Secondary Net Attendance Ratio

Sex	Middle Secondary (NAR)	Primary	Lower Secondary	Higher Secondary	Above Higher Secondary	Traditional/NFE/Self-learning	Adjusted Middle Secondary NAR
Total	47.7	3.5	29.3	13.1	0.0	0.0	93.5
Male	50.6	2.5	20.9	14.9	0.0	0.0	88.9
Female	45.7	4.1	35.0	11.8	0.0	0.0	96.6

3.2.6 Adjusted Higher Secondary Net Attendance Ratio

Sex	Higher Secondary (NAR)	Primary	Lower Secondary	Middle Secondary	Above Higher Secondary	Traditional /NFE/Self-learning	Adjusted Higher Secondary NAR
Total	23.2	1.9	10.2	32.4	0.0	0.9	68.6
Male	22.1	0.0	7.6	40.7	0.0	2.1	72.4
Female	24.1	3.5	12.4	25.3	0.0	0.0	65.3

3.4 School Completion Rate

3.4.1 Primary and Middle Secondary School Completion Rate

Sex	Primary Completion Rate	Secondary Completion Rate
Male	81.2	120.9
Female	113.9	115.0
Total	96.1	117.8

4. HEALTH

4.1 Fertility Rates

4.1.1 Fertility Rates by Area (Per 1000 Population)

Indicators	Urban	Rural	Total
Crude Birth Rate	28.3	10.8	14.7
General Fertility Rate	102.1	42.0	56.4
General Marital Fertility Rate	139.1	64.9	84.4
Total Fertility Rate	3.4	1.4	1.9

4.1.2 Age Specific Fertility Rate (%)

Age Specific	Rate (%)
15-19	0.0
20-24	95.2
25-29	120.9
30-34	114.8
35-39	25.9
40-44	15.2
45-49	0.0

4.2 Mortality Rate

4.2.1 Crude Death Rate by Sex and Area (per 1000 Populations)

Sex	Area		
	Urban	Rural	Total
Male	3.8	12.8	10.7
Female	0.0	4.1	3.2
Total	1.8	8.1	6.7

4.2.2 Disability

Disability Prevalence Rate by Area and Sex

Disability by Type	Urban			Rural			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mild	4.9	9.0	7.0	14.9	14.9	14.9	12.6	13.6	13.1
Moderate	1.1	1.9	1.5	2.7	3.6	3.1	2.3	3.2	2.8
Severe	0.5	1.6	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.5

5. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

5.1 Labor Force Participation Rate by sex (%)

Indicators	Male	Female	Total
Labor Force Participation Rate	72.6	44.7	57.6
Unemployment Rate	0.9	1.8	1.3

6. HOUSING, HOUSEHOLD AMENITIES AND ACCESS TO SERVICES

6.1 Share of Food and Nonfood Consumption Expenditure by Dzongkhag (Nu)

Consumptions	Expenditure (Nu)
Food	10473
Nonfood	15795
Total	26268

6.2 Distribution of Households by Tenure Status, by Housing Provider (Numbers)

Tenure Status	Numbers of Households	Share (%)
Owned	3325	78.6
Rent Free	114	2.7
Government	262	6.2
Public Corporation	21	0.5
Employer	0	0
Private Person	506	12.0
Others	0	0
Total	4228	100.0

6.3 Mean House Rent Paid by Households by Area (Nu)

Area	Nu.
Rural	1660
Urban	3142
Total	2580

6.4 Distribution of Households by Main Exterior Wall Materials Used in Dwelling by Area (%)

Main Exterior Wall Materials	Households	%
Mud Bonded Bricks or Stones	3128	74.2
Cement Bonded Bricks or Stones	808	19.1
Concrete	42	1.0
Mud	0	0.0
Wood or Branches	195	4.6
Other Materials	55	1.3
Total	4228	100

6.5 Distribution of Housing by Roofing Materials Used in Dwelling by Area (%)

Main Roofing Materials Used	Households	%
Metal Sheets	3437	81.3
Concrete or Cement	50	1.2
Tiles or Slate	29	0.7
Thatch	16	0.4
Plank or Shingles	688	16.3
Other Materials	8	0.2
Total	4228	100

6.6 Distribution of Households by Main Flooring Materials Used in Dwelling by Area (%)

Main Flooring Materials Used	Households	%
Wood	2059	48.7
Cement or Tiles	583	13.8
Concrete	13	0.3
Clay or Earth	68	1.6
Plank or Shingles	1505	35.6
Other Materials	0	0.0
Total	4228	100

6.7 Distribution of Population with Access to Water Source and Improved Sanitation Facility and Using Solid Fuels by Area (%)

Indicators	Urban	Rural	Total
Improved Water Source	100.0	100.0	100.0
Improved Sanitation	88.3	83.3	84.4
Using Solid Fuels	58.7	78.2	74.1

6.8 Distribution of Household by Access to Electricity (%)

Dzongkhag	With Electricity				Without Electricity				
	Major Source				Reasons				
	Total	Grid	Generator	Solar	Total	No need	Not Available	Too Expensive	Other Reasons
Trashiyangtse	99.8	99.6	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0

6.9 Distribution of Households by Source of Energy used for Lighting by Area, Numbers and %

Source of Energy Used for Lighting	Households access to the source	% Share
Electricity	4152	98.2
Kerosene or Gas Lamps	17	0.4
Candles	55	1.3
Others	4	0.1
Total	4228	100

6.10 Distribution of Household by Source of Energy Used for Cooking by % Share

Source of Energy Used For Cooking	Percentage Share
Gas (LPG)	56.9
Electricity	97.0
Wood	19.4
Coal	0.1
Kerosene	0.0
Dung cake	0.0
Bio-Gas	0.5
Other	0.3

6.11 Distribution of Household by Source of Energy Used for Heating in Dwellings in Numbers and %

Source of Energy Used For Heating	Households	Percentage Share
Bukhari	1483	35.1
Electric Heater	561	13.3
Kerosene Heater	21	0.5
Gas Heater	0	0.0
Straw, Bush or Manure Stove	0	0.0
Traditional Stove (Thab)	1648	39.0
No Heat in Dwelling	515	12.2
Total	4228	100

6.12 Distribution of Household by Type of TV connection by Percent and Numbers

Type of TV Connection	Households	Percentage Share
Cable TV	1081	25.6
DTH Satellite	1475	34.9
Cable TV and DTH	54	1.3
Others	8	0.2
No TV	1610	38.1
Total	4228	100

6.13 Distribution of Household by Length of Computer Ownership (%)

Length of Ownership	%
Acquired in Past Year	1.7
Acquired More Than 1 Year Ago	13.7
Total	15.5

6.14 Distribution of Household by Ownership of Kitchen and laundry Appliances (%)

Kitchen and Laundry Appliances	% share
Refrigerator	27.1
Microwave Oven	2.6
Modern Stove	28.0
Rice Cooker	98.2
Curry Cooker	92.1
Water Boiler	75.1
Washing Machine	8.5
Electric Iron	6.6

6.15 Distribution of Households by Ownership of Recreational, Telecommunication and Cultural Equipments (%)

Kitchen and Laundry Appliances	% share
Television	66.0
VCR/VCD/DVD	13.0
Camera	3.6
Radio	26.4
Wrist Watch	8.7
Foreign Bow	2.2
Smart Phone	29.0
Tablet	1.0
Other Mobile Phone	35.5

6.16 Distribution of Households by Ownership of Furniture and Fixtures by (%)

Furniture and Fixtures	% share
Choesham	43.4
Sofa set	18.8
Bukhari	35.1
Heater	19.8
Fan	1.4

6.17 Distribution of Households by Ownership of Machinery and Equipment (%)

Kitchen and Laundry Appliances	% share
Sewing Machine	2.1
Grinding Machine	6.0
Power chain	12.5
Tractor	0.2
Power Tiller	2.3

6.18 Distribution of Household by Ownership of Transport Equipments (%)

Transport Equipment	% share
Bicycle	1.4
Motorbike or Scooter	1.7
Family Car	18.1
Other Vehicles	1.3

7. HAPPINESS PERCEPTIONS

7.1 Distribution of Households by Self-rated Happiness (%)

Level of Happiness	% share
Very happy	38.7
Moderately happy	36.4
Neither happy nor Unhappy	19.1
Moderately Unhappy	3.5
Very Unhappy	2.3
Total	100

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