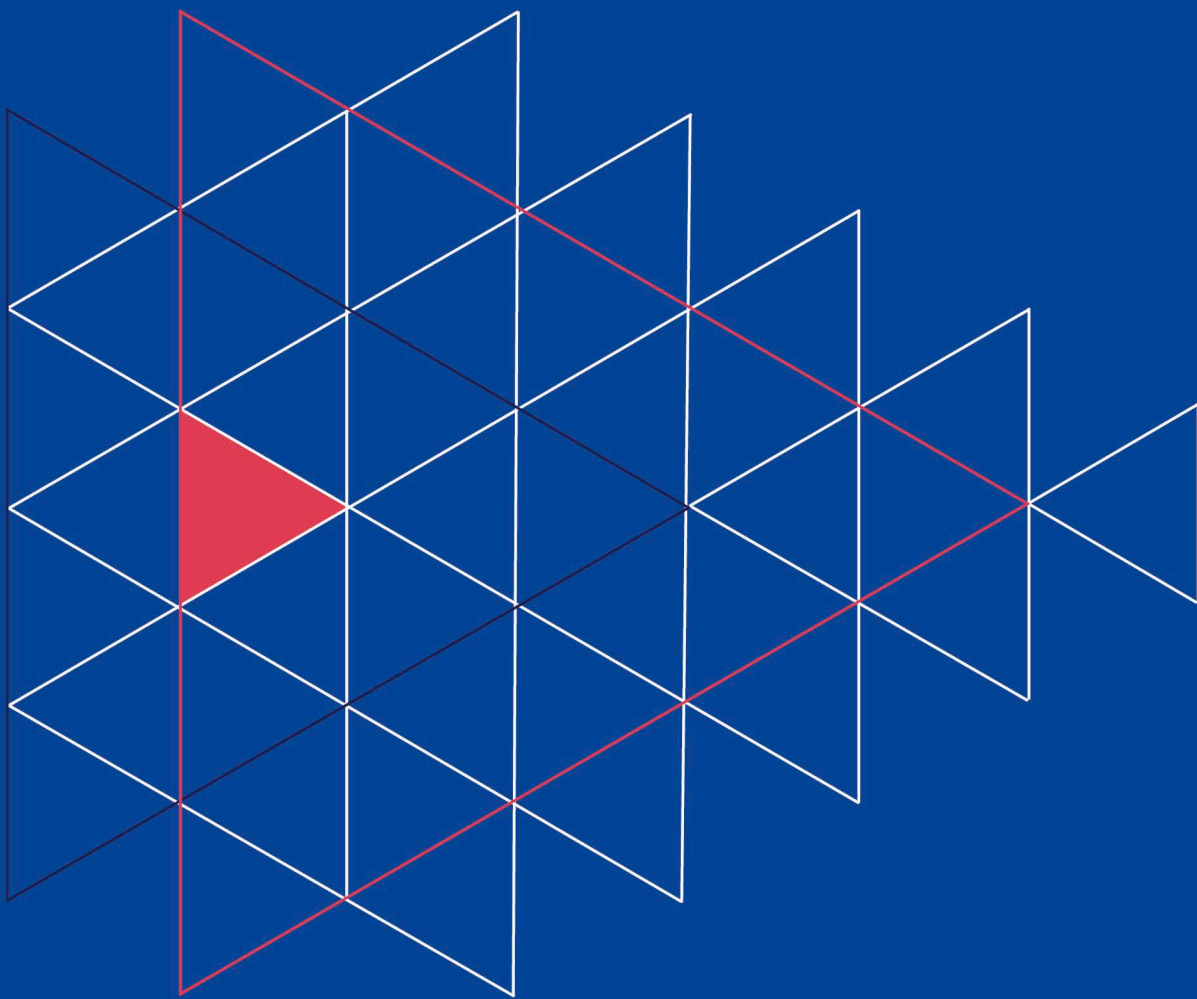




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► Introduction

The questionnaire for child labour modular surveys is meant to measure child labour according to the amended international standards adopted by the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (2018).¹ The questionnaire is designed to have a limited number of questions so that it can be incorporated as a module in surveys on more general topics such as labour force surveys or household living conditions surveys.

The questionnaire is shown in the annex of the present note. It is structured in five parts as follows:

Part	Topic	Number of questions
A	Demographic and education characteristics	7
B	Employment work by children	11
C	Unpaid trainee work by children and Own-use production of goods	18
D	Hazardous work by children	20
E	Unpaid household services (household chores)	20
Total		76

Parts B is based on the ILO Model LFS questionnaire for PAPI Approach 1 (version 3) July 2019, developed by the ILO for the measurement of employment and labour underutilization of the working age population according to the 19th ICLS Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization (2013).² The ILO LFS model questionnaire has been simplified and adapted to the situation of children.

For the purpose of the international standards concerning statistics of child labour, children comprise all persons in the age group from 5 to 17 years, where age is measured as the number of completed years at the child’s last birthday, identified by the questionnaire in terms of

Topic	Question
Child	5<= A5 <=17

In principle, the questionnaire should measure the engagement of children in different forms of work during a specified reference week as shown below. Children may be engaged in more than one form work during the same reference period.

¹ ILO, “Resolution to amend the 18th ICLS Resolution concerning statistics of child labour,” adopted by the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, Geneva, 10-19 October 2018.

² ILO, “Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization,” adopted by the 19th International Conference of Labour statisticians, Geneva, 2013.

Topic	Combination of questions
Employment work by children	Employment work by children = 01 IF [B1=01 OR (B2=01 AND B6=04) OR (B3=01 AND B6=04) OR (B4=01 AND B6=04) OR (B2=01 AND B6=01-03 AND B7=01-02) OR (B3=01 AND B6=01-03) AND B7=01-02 OR (B4=01 AND B6=01-03) AND B7=01-02 OR (B5=01-03 AND B7=01-02) OR (B2=01 AND B6=01-03 AND B7=03-04) AND B8=01 OR (B3=01 AND B6=01-03) AND B7=03-04 & AND B8=01 OR (B4=01 AND B6=01-03) AND B7=03-04 AND B8=01 OR (B5=01-03 AND B7=03-04) AND B8=01]
Own-use production work by children	-
Own-use production of goods	Own-use production work by children = 01 IF [(B2=01 AND B6=01-03 AND B7=03-04) AND B8=02 OR (B3=01 AND B6=01-03) AND B7=03-04 AND B8=02 OR (B4=01 AND B6=01-03) AND B7=03-04 AND B8=02 OR (B5=01-03 AND B7=03-04) AND B8=02 OR C3_01-07=01]
Unpaid household services (household chores)	Own-use provision of services = 01 IF [E1_01=01 OR E1_04=01 OR E1_07=01 OR E1_11=01 OR E1_15=01 OR E1_19=01]
Unpaid trainee work by children	Unpaid trainee work by children = 01 IF [C1=01]

According to the 20th ICLS Resolution, “working children are those who were engaged in any activity falling within the general production boundary as defined in the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA).” This means that “working children” comprise all children below 18 years of age engaged in activity to produce goods or to provide services for use by others or for own use. In terms of the questionnaire these may be identified by

Topic	Combination of questions
Working children	A5<18 & (Employment work by children = 01 OR Own-use production work by children = 01 OR Unpaid household services = 01 OR Unpaid trainee work by children = 01)

The questionnaire should also measure the child labour and its three components of child labour as follows:

Topic	Combination of questions
Worst forms of child labour	-
Hazardous work by children	A5, B9, B10, B11, C2, C4, D01-20
Worst forms of child labour other than hazardous work	Not measured with questionnaire
Work within SNA production boundary performed by children below the minimum age	A5, Employment work by children, Own-use production work by children, Unpaid trainee work by children
Hazardous unpaid household services	A5, E1_02, E1_03, E1_05, E1_06, E1_08, E1_09, E1_10, E1_12, E1_13, E1_14, E1_16, E1_17, E1_18, E2


Finally, the questionnaire should provide the base for comparing the results of surveys based on the amended international standards and the earlier international standards adopted by the 18th ICLS (2008).³

³ ILO, “Resolution concerning statistics of child labour,” adopted by the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, Geneva, 2008.

► Annex

Model questionnaire for modular questionnaire on child labour

Part A. Demographic and education data

<p>READ:</p>  <p>[This household has been selected to participate in a modular survey about children's activities, including different forms of work that they perform. In order to establish the extent, nature and characteristics of the work children undertake, and provide a database for designing appropriate intervention programmes and policies in the country, this survey is being implemented throughout the country. The information that you provide is confidential and will not be shared, but it will help better understand how people in this area live, and the jobs they do. Your participation is voluntary. The survey will take approximately [MIN] minutes.</p> <p>Before I continue with the survey, I need some information about the members of this household] ...</p>				
A1	Name	Name of child		→ A2
A2	Relation with reference person of household			→ A3
A3	Sex	Male Female	01 02	→ A4
A4	Date of birth	Day Month Year	— —	→ A5
A5	Age	Completed years at last birthday	—	→ A6
A6	What is the highest level of education that CHILD has completed?	Never attended school Less than primary Primary Lower secondary Upper secondary Other education, specify	01 02 03 04 05 09	
A7	Last week, was CHILD attending at any school? During short school leaves, such as sport leave, winter leave, Christmas, Ramadan or other public holidays to be coded as "01". Summer leave to be coded separately as answer alternative "03" Any longer absence from school to be coded as "02".	Yes No Summer leave	01 02 03	→ B1 → B1 → B1

Part B. Employment work by children

B1	Last week, that is from [DAY] to [DAY], did (you/NAME) work for someone else for pay for one or more hours? (Including casual or piece work for cash payment, or in-kind payment or in exchange for food or housing)	Yes	01	→B8
		No	02	
B2	Last week, did (you/NAME) do any kind of business activity, farming or other activity to generate income? <i>READ IF NEEDED</i> <i>(Don't count normal housework)</i> (e.g. Producing farm products for sale or exchange; Making or repairing things for sale; Selling things in the street, local market, or in a shop; Shining shoes, guarding cars or similar activities for tips; Any other activity to generate income; etc.)	Yes	01	→B6
		No	02	
B3	Last week did (you/NAME) help in a business or farm? <i>READ IF NEEDED:</i> (e.g. Help a family member engaged in an activity to generate income for the family; Help to produce farm products for sale or exchange; Help to make or sell things for sale or exchange; Guarding or cleaning the family business; etc.)	Yes	01	→B6
		No	02	
B4	Although (you/NAME) did not work last week, did (you/NAME) have a work activity from which (you/NAME) (were/was) temporarily absent?	Yes	01	→B6
		No	02	
B5	Last week, did (you/NAME) do any work in...? <i>Read and mark all that apply</i>	FARMING	a.	→B7
		REARING ANIMALS	b.	→B7
		FISHING OR FISH FARMING	c.	→B7
		NONE OF THE ABOVE	d.	→C1
B6	Was this work that you mentioned in...? <i>Read and mark all that apply</i>	FARMING	a.	→B7
		REARING FARM ANIMALS	b.	→B7
		FISHING OR FISH FARMING	c.	→B7
		ANOTHER TYPE OF JOB OR BUSINESS	d.	→B9



B7	In general, were the products intended ...?	Only for sale	01	→ B9
		Mainly for sale	02	→ B9
		Mainly for family use	03	
		Only for family use	04	
B8	(Was/were) (you/NAME) hired by someone else to do this work?	Yes	01	→ B9
		No	02	→ C1
B9	What is the main activity of the place or business where CHILD works? For example: Farming – growing cotton; Garment factory – producing shirts; Street restaurant – preparing meals; Bicycle shop – selling and repairing bicycles	Main activity	ISIC code	
		Goods or services produced	—	
B10	What kind of work does CHILD do in that place or business? For example: Farmer - harvesting crops; Weaver – stitching and folding garments; Waiter – serving meals; Assistant – delivering bicycles; Domestic worker – cleaning garden.	Occupational title, if any	ISCO code	
		Main tasks and duties	—	
B11	In total, how many hours did CHILD actually worked in his/her job(s) last week?	Number of hours [Mark 00 if temporary absent from job] [Mark 97 for Don't know]		→ C1

Part C. Unpaid trainee work by children and Own use production of goods

C1	<p>In the last week from [START DATE] up to [last END DAY/yesterday] did (you/NAME) participate in any unpaid apprenticeship, internship or similar training in a work place?</p> <p>([e.g. Unpaid work as trainee or apprentice in a farm, workshop, factory, enterprise, or other production units, Unpaid work as trainee or intern in a shop, bank, hospital or other service providing institutions...])</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02</p>	<p>→ C2 ↓ C3</p>	<p>C2. How _ hrs → C3 many hours did CHILD 97 DK spend on such activities last week?</p>
C3	<p>Last week, did (you/NAME) do any of unpaid activity to produce goods for consumption by own household or family? Such as:</p> <p><i>Read and mark all that apply</i></p>		<p>C4. How _ hrs → D0 many hours did CHILD 97 DK spend on such activities last week?</p>	
C3_01	<p>Work in farming, rearing animals, and/or fishing for consumption by your household or family?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02</p>		
C3_02	<p>help to gather wild food such as [mushrooms, berries, herbs, etc.] for consumption by your household or family, ...</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02</p>		
C3_03	<p>go hunting for [bush meat, etc.] for consumption by your household or family</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02</p>		
C3_04	<p>help to prepare preserved food or drinks for storage such as [flour, dried fish, butter, cheese, etc.] for consumption by your household or family</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02</p>		
C3_05	<p>do any construction work to build, renovate or extend the family home or help a family member with similar work?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02</p>		
C3_06	<p>spend any time making goods for use by your household or family such as [mats, baskets, furniture, clothing, etc.]?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02</p>		
C3_07	<p>fetch water from natural or public sources for use by your household or family?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02</p>		
C3_08	<p>collect any firewood [or other natural products] for use as a fuel by your household or family?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02</p>		

**IF ONE OF MORE C3_01-C3_08 = 01, PROCEED TO C4,
OTHERWISE GO TO D0**

Part D. Hazardous work by children

D0		<p>INTERVIEWER CHECK</p> <p>Ask part D of questionnaire, only if child is working, that is (B1=01 B2-B4=01 C1=01 C3_01-C3_08=01)</p>
D1		<p>READ:</p> <p>We would like to know more about the things that children and adolescents around the world are doing when they are at work. These questions will help people to know how to keep children safe.</p> <p>Now I want you to think about work that (you/NAME) (have/has) been doing during the past week. Were (you/NAME) doing any of these things at work?</p> <p><i>(Read each situation and for each mark 1=Yes or 2=No)</i></p>
D1_01	<p>Carrying or pushing or pulling heavy loads? e.g. firewood or water, crops, bricks, rubbish/waste, rocks or cement, other heavy items? Show carry loads reference sheet</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
D1_02	<p>Working where (you/NAME) have to climb high off the floor/ground, from where if (you/NAME) fell, (you/NAME) might be injured? e.g. ladders taller than you, high up on trees, scaffolding, construction platforms?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
D1_03	<p>Using powered tools (electric or gas)? e.g. drills, saws, chain/table saws, electric sanders, jackhammers</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
D1_04	<p>Using sharp tools? e.g. axes, knives, machetes?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
D1_05	<p>Using big or heavy machines, or driving vehicles? e.g. machines that are bigger than you such as assembly machines, tractors, forklifts, cranes, trucks, motorcycles</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
D1_06	<p>Working with fire, ovens or very hot machines or tools, or unsafe electric wires/cables, where (you/NAME) might get burned? e.g. fires ovens, irons, welding tools, hot metal surfaces, burners, electric wires/cables, brick kilns</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>

<p>D1_07 Working in very a noisy place, so that (you/NAME) had to shout to speak? e.g. very loud noisy machines, loud traffic</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_08 Working indoors or outdoors where dust, sand, smoke or fumes make it hard to breathe or see clearly? e.g. insufficient ventilation</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_09 Working in a place that is very cold, or working outdoors in very rainy or wet weather? e.g. in cold stores/fridges, working in rain/storms</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_10 Working long hours in the hot sun without a break?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_11 Working below the ground in mining wells or tunnels or other very small spaces? e.g. going down into mines to bring out rocks/stones/coal, cutting rocks/stones/coal below the ground</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_12 Working underwater? e.g. diving for shells, untangling nets in seas, lakes, rivers?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_13 Working with or around agricultural chemicals? Or helping someone else to do this. e.g. spraying or spreading fertilizers to help crops/plants grow, spraying or spreading pesticides/herbicides to kill bugs or weeds, cleaning pesticide containers e.g., cleaning products, oil or gas, paints, glues, bleach, disinfectants, dyes, solvents, batteries, mercury or other chemicals</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_14 Working with liquids or powders that irritate your skin, burn easily, give off vapours that smell bad or can explode?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>

<p>D1_15 Working during the night-time or very early in the morning, when it is dark? including going to or from work when it is dark</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_16 Working in contact with large domestic animals (e.g., camels, cattle), wild animals (e.g., snakes, insects) or around animal manure (e.g., manure pits, cleaning stalls)?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_17 Doing the same task over and over again at a fast pace for long hours? <e.g., weaving, pounding rocks></p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_18 Do (you/NAME) generally feel safe at work?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_19 Have (you/NAME) ever been punished for mistakes made at work?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>
<p>D1_20 Would (you/NAME) be allowed to leave your workplace if (you/NAME) were very ill, injured, had a serious family problem or wanted to quit?</p>	<p>Yes 01 No 02 DON'T KNOW 97 REFUSE 98</p>

Part E. Unpaid household services in the own household (household chores)

E1	Last week, from [DAY] to [last DAY], did (you/NAME) help with or do any shopping for this household?	Yes 01 No 02	→E3	E20. How many hours did CHILD spend on such activities last week? _ hrs 97 DK
E2	Last week, did (you/NAME) carry heavy loads while shopping?	Yes 01 No 02		
E3	Last week, did (you/NAME) help with or do any repair of household equipment for this household?	Yes 01 No 02		
E4	Last week, did (you/NAME) help with or do any cooking for this household?	Yes 01 No 02	→E07	
E5	Last week (were/was) (you/NAME) cooking using a hot stove (with fire, gas or flames)?	Yes 01 No 02		
E6	Last week (were/was) (you/NAME) cutting or preparing food with sharp knives?	Yes 01 No 02		
E7	Last week, did (you/NAME) help with or do any cleaning of the house/utensils for this household?	Yes 01 No 02	→E11	
E8	Last week (were/was) (you/NAME) cleaning with soaps or chemicals/bleaches/liquids that irritate or burn your skin, eyes or nose?	Yes 01 No 02		
E9	Last week (were/was) (you/NAME) climbing or cleaning hard to reach places from where if you fell, you might get injured?	Yes 01 No 02		
E10	(Were/was) (you/NAME) sweeping, vacuuming or mopping floors for long periods of time?	Yes 01 No 02		
E11	Last week, did (you/NAME) help with or do any washing of the clothes for this household?	Yes 01 No 02	→ E15	
E12	In the past week, (were/was) (you/NAME) washing clothes by hand?	Yes 01 No 02		
E13	Last week (were/was) (you/NAME) ironing clothes?	Yes 01 No 02		

E14	(Were/Was) (you/NAME) carrying heavy washing baskets?	Yes 01 No 02	
E15	Last week, did (you/NAME) help with or care for children/old/sick for this household?	Yes 01 No 02	→E19
E16	Last week (were/was) (you/NAME) carrying or lifting an adult/older person or a heavy child?	Yes 01 No 02	
E17	Last week (were/was) (you/NAME) bathing, showering or dressing any adults?	Yes 01 No 02	
E18	In the past week, (were/was) (you/NAME) caring for a sick person?	Yes 01 No 02	
E19	Last week, did (you/NAME) help with or do any other household tasks for this household? (e.g. washing dishes, throwing garbage in the trash bin, etc.)	Yes 01 No 02	

**IF [E1=01 OR E4=01 OR E7=01 OR E11=01 OR E15=01 OR E19=01], PROCEED TO E20,
OTHERWISE END INTERVIEW**

