

## Migrant Survey 2018

Experience from the 2010 combined household and migrant survey led to the decision to implement a separate migrant survey. Migrants in Thailand were mainly interviewed in the Greater Bangkok Area, while in Vietnam it was Ho Chi Minh City and its satellites as well as Da Nang City. Only a few migrants were in Hanoi. Migrants were interviewed by trained interviewers at their home or work place using a tablet-based questionnaire.

Again the overall response rate was disappointing. In Thailand, only 388 successful interviews could be carried out of a list of 998 migrants equivalent to a response rate of close to 40%. In Vietnam, 372 out of a total 692 migrants as identified from the household survey of 2017 were interviewed, which is equivalent to a response rate of almost 54%. In both countries, it is possible that there was underreporting of migrant household members when compared to the 2010 survey. The migrant questionnaire focused on migration history, job history, housing conditions, shocks, remittances, expenditures, and wealth. It also included questions on personality traits (the Big Five) and ICT knowledge and use.

The survey again showed that tracking rural migrants is increasingly becoming challenging in big cities due to the difficulties in locating them and arranging an interview. This might be due to their high opportunity costs of time, but also due to the lack of a hierarchical structure, as is the case in rural villages with a village head helping to organize the interviews.

**Table 1: Basic Parameters of the 2018 Migrant survey**

Parameter	Thailand		Vietnam	
	Unit	Quantity	Unit	Quantity
Sample Size				
	Migrants	388	Migrants	372
Reference Period	month/year	04/2015-03/2018	month/year	04/2015-03/2018
Survey Period	month/year	07/2018-09/2018		07/2018-09/2018
Survey Mode		CAPI		CAPI
No. of Interviewers		7		5
Local Partner	UBU		S-CAP HCMC	
Response Rate	%	38.8%		53.8%

Notes: S-CAP = Southern Center of Agricultural Policy; Ho Chi Minh City

Source: Own calculations.