# RAPID GENDER ASSESSMENT ON THE ITPACT OF COVID-190N VIOLENEE AGAISST WOWEN 

## TEGHNIGAL REPORT-JORDAN SURVEYFIELDWORK

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## 1 Introduction

Prompted by strong concern that the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified the risk of different forms of violence against women and girls, particularly intimate partner/domestic violence, and realizing the need to collect reliable data that are in line with methodological, safety and ethical standards, UN Women commissioned Ipsos to conduct a study on the impact of COVID-19 on women's well-being and safety in 13 countries across several regions all over the world. The participating countries were Albania, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Nigeria, Paraguay, Thailand and Ukraine.

The core objectives of the study were to:

- collect data on the impacts of COVID-19 on violence against women in low- and middle-income countries.
- strengthen measurement and methodologies for violence against women data collection and use.
- strengthen available knowledge on all forms of violence against women and improve capacities to collect, analyse and use data on violence against women in accordance with globally agreed methodological, safety and ethical standards.
- inform where the policy and programmatic response of UN Women should focus and support UN system-wide efforts to scale up actions to address violence against women in the context of COVID-19.

The following groups contributed to the project's management and execution:

1. the UN Women project team, comprising statisticians, researchers and policy specialists;
2. the Technical Advisory Group - an external reference group established by UN Women to provide independent technical advice and expertise to the project;
3. the Ipsos project team involved in the set-up and delivery of the study; and
4. national fieldwork partners.

## Methodology of the study

| Target group | Women aged 18 + |
| :---: | :---: |
| Timing | - Two-phased approach: Phase I (four countries) took place May-June 2021; Phase II (nine countries) took place August-September 2021 |
| Data collection method | Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) |
| Sampling approach | - Random probability sampling with monitoring of quota on age and region <br> - Random-digit dialling to mobile sample frames |
| Sample Size | - 1,200 women aged $18+$ per country |
| Questionnaire length and type | - Target duration of max. 20 minutes <br> - No open-ended answers <br> - Informed consent asked to each participant at the beginning of the interview <br> - Awareness of safety, privacy and confidentiality of women respondents <br> - Guided by the "do no harm" principle applicable to the women respondents and the interviewers/research team <br> - The questionnaire was adapted in each country by localizing characters' names and cultural references (i.e., popular food, music, sports). |
| Scripting | Central scripting in software applications - iField and Dimensions |
| Language | At least one main language per country |

The country chapters provide information on the set-up of the data collection process (obtaining of ethical clearance, sampling and translation), description of the fieldwork, main characteristics of the achieved sample by several indicators (age group, region, area type, educational attainment), technical information (interview duration, contact outcomes, screen-outs, temporary interview suspension at safety questions, survey dropouts, use of safety word, and item non-response), key field observations and relevant lessons and recommendations.

# 2 Country information 

### 2.1 Jordan

### 2.1.1 Obtaining ethical clearance

UN Women sought general support or tacit approval for the study from the Jordanian National Commission for Women. The 'no objection' letter from the Commission was granted on 9 March 2021 in support of the project.

### 2.1.2 Sampling plan

A single-frame cell-phone random-digit dialling (RDD) survey design was used to reach a nationally representative sample of women aged $18+$. The sample mirrored the telephone database distribution (frame size) by provider. ${ }^{1}$ The gross (unscreened) sample included numbers for each of the providers in the country to the same proportions as in the frame size. In 2020, $68 \%$ of the population had a mobile subscription².

Of the $23,000,000$ numbers available in the sample frame, $6,987,8913$ (30\%) were expected to be working numbers (based on cell subscriptions in 2020). The sample was pulsed, meaning that a signal was sent to the randomly generated phone number to verify if the number existed (i.e., if connection could be achieved). The upfront pulsing of the gross sample closely reflected the market shares of the different operators (in terms of subscriptions). The sample was also screened against business registers so as to exclude numbers that were used by companies. Further details on the sampling frame are provided in section 2.4.1 of the main technical report.

To ensure a representative sample, quotas were set on age (18-29, 30-39, 40-49,50-59, 60+) and region (first-level administrative division), using the following statistical sources:

- Age: Jordan Department of Statistics (Estimated Population of the Kingdom by Governorate and Sex, at End-year 2020, 18+ population): Upon request. ${ }^{4}$
- Region: Jordan Department of Statistics (Estimated Population of the Kingdom by Governorate and Sex, at End-year 2020, 18+ population): Upon request. ${ }^{5}$

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### 2.1.3 Translation

The questionnaire was translated into Arabic. The translation procedure is explained in more detail in section 2.5.3 of the main technical report.

No issues related to equivalence (conceptual equivalence, semantic equivalence, etc.) were encountered during translation.

The questionnaire required localization for several items in the text of the questions and answers, including widely known, yet neutral in meaning, male and female names, which were used in the vignettes in the Safety Section of the survey. In Jordan, the male name used was عاصع (Aasim) and the female, علا (Ola).

### 2.1.4 Fieldwork period

Fieldwork took place between 17 August and 15 September 2021. The fieldwork in Jordan progressed smoothly and this was the first country to reach the target of 1,200 completes during Phase II of the study. The local team needed an extension of two day to the originally planned end date of 13 September.

### 2.1.5 Achieved sample

In total, 1,204 valid interviews were completed in Jordan. For the most part, the distribution of the sample across age groups was in line with the targets, with the exception of the 60+ age group where the number of completed interviews was 2 percentage points below the set target.

Table 1: Achieved sample, by age group (Jordan)

| Age group | Target | Target \% | Completed <br> (unweighted) | Completed \% <br> (unweighted) | Weighted <br> $\% 6$ | Difference <br> unweighted \% <br> vs. target \% | Difference <br> weighted \% vs. <br> target \% |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $18-29$ | 448 | $37 \%$ | 449 | $37 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $30-39$ | 292 | $24 \%$ | 297 | $25 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $40-49$ | 216 | $18 \%$ | 222 | $18 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $50-59$ | 128 | $11 \%$ | 138 | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $60+$ | 117 | $10 \%$ | 98 | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $-2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

The regional targets were met for all regions except Amman and Mafraq with a shortfall of 1 percentage point each.

[^1]Table 2: Achieved sample, by region (Jordan)

| Region | Target | Target \% | Completed (unweighted) | Completed \% (unweighted) | Weighted \% | Difference unweighted \% vs. target $\%^{8}$ | Difference weighted \% vs. target \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Irbid | 224 | 19\% | 226 | 19\% | 19\% | ०\% | ०\% |
| Balqa | 61 | 5\% | 63 | 5\% | 5\% | ०\% | ०\% |
| Zarqa | 164 | 14\% | 173 | 14\% | 14\% | 1\% | ०\% |
| Tafielah | 12 | 1\% | 13 | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | ०\% |
| Amman | 520 | 43\% | 515 | 43\% | 43\% | -1\% | ०\% |
| Aqaba | 21 | 2\% | 20 | 2\% | 2\% | ०\% | ०\% |
| Karak | 41 | 3\% | 43 | 4\% | 3\% | ०\% | ०\% |
| Mafraq | 64 | 5\% | 57 | 5\% | 5\% | -1\% | ०\% |
| Jerash | 29 | 2\% | 27 | 2\% | 2\% | ०\% | O\% |
| Ajloun | 22 | 2\% | 22 | 2\% | 2\% | ०\% | ०\% |
| Madaba | 24 | 2\% | 25 | 2\% | 2\% | ०\% | ०\% |
| Ma'an | 19 | 2\% | 20 | 2\% | 2\% | ०\% | ०\% |

The distribution across rural (1.2\%) and urban (98.8\%) areas (as self-reported by respondents) was relatively close to data from the World Bank that estimate a total urban population of $91 \%{ }^{9}{ }^{9}$

Table 3: Achieved sample, by area type (Jordan)

| Area | Completed (unweighted) | Completed \% (unweighted) | Weighted \% |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Urban | 1189 | $98.8 \%$ | $98.7 \%$ |
| Rural | 15 | $1.2 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ |

A quarter of respondents had completed primary school or had no formal education, while about a third had completed secondary school or attended technical or vocational training, and about 40\% had attended a tertiary education programme.

[^2]Table 4: Achieved sample, by educational attainment (Jordan)

| Education level | Completed (unweighted) | Completed \% (unweighted) | Weighted \% |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No formal education | 57 | $4.7 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ |  |
| Completed primary school | 264 | $21.9 \%$ | $22.0 \%$ |  |
| Completed secondary <br> school | 379 | $31.5 \%$ | $31.4 \%$ |  |
| Technical \& vocational <br> training | 1 | $0.1 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |  |
| Completed <br> university/college | 480 | $39.9 \%$ | $39.7 \%$ |  |
| Completed post-graduate | 23 | $1.9 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ |  |
| Don't know | 57 | 264 | $21.7 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ |
| Refused |  |  | $22.0 \%$ |  |

### 2.1.6 Quality control and data processing

Thirty-four interviews were removed from the Jordan sample because they did not meet the quality criteria in terms of length, straight-lining and/or item non-response. (Section 4.4 of the main technical report provides a detailed description of the implemented quality control procedures and how data were processed).

### 2.1.7 Technical information

The interview duration was shorter than the envisaged 20 minutes, at almost 17 minutes on average (compared with a mean of 23 minutes across the nine countries in Phase II).

Table 5: Interview duration (Jordan)

| Mean | Median | Standard deviation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16.58 | 15.52 | 4.88 |

The response rate in Jordan was $19.53 \%$, calculated by calculated using the first American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) definition of response rate - hat is, the number of complete interviews divided by the number of interviews (complete plus partial) plus the number of non-interviews (refusal and break-off plus non-contacts plus others) plus all cases of unknown eligibility (unknown if housing unit, plus unknown, other). ${ }^{10}$

The table below shows the incidence of each outcome code.

[^3]Table 6: Contact outcomes (Jordan)

| Contact outcomes | Count | \% of all outcomes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fixed appointment | 14 | 0\% |
| Soft appointment | 46 | ०\% |
| Incomplete interview with call-back to resume later | 2 | 0\% |
| Telephone answering device / voicemail / message service | 1,081 | 6\% |
| Busy / engaged | 168 | 1\% |
| No answer | 2,219 | 13\% |
| Complete | 1,236 | 7\% |
| Screen-out | 8,509 | 51\% |
| Incomplete interview with no call-back (terminated) | 185 | 1\% |
| Immediate refusal (before eligibility of respondent has been confirmed) | 1,150 | 7\% |
| Refusal by eligible respondent (after eligibility of respondent has been confirmed, but before the actual interview started) | 68 | ०\% |
| Respondent never available for appointment | 61 | 0\% |
| Deceased respondent | O | ०\% |
| Respondent physically or mentally unable / incompetent | O | 0\% |
| Respondent or household language problem | 20 | 0\% |
| Call blocking / barring / do not call list | 82 | ०\% |
| Fax / data line / modem / pager | 4 | ०\% |
| Non-working / disconnected / dead / bad number | 1,552 | 9\% |
| Non-residential number (business, government office, other organization) | 246 | 1\% |
| Technical issue / CATI system error | 0 | ०\% |

Table 7 provides an overview of specific call outcomes (completed interview, partial interview, and refusals) by the time of the day (morning, afternoon, evening) and the day of the week. The figures should be
interpreted with caution, as they do not reflect the percentage out of all contact attempts performed during this time/on that day, but the split of these specific outcomes across the time of the day/day of the week. Feedback from the field team on the best time and the best day to obtain an interview is provided in section 2.1.8.

Table 7: Call outcome, by time of the day and day of the week (Jordan)

|  |  | Completed interviews |  | Partial interviews |  | Refusals |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| Sunday | Morning | 39 | 3\% | 19 | 8\% | O | O\% |
|  | Afternoon | 108 | 9\% | 30 | 12\% | 1 | 25\% |
|  | Evening | 11 | 1\% | 4 | 2\% | O | O\% |
| Monday | Morning | 64 | 5\% | 14 | 6\% | O | 0\% |
|  | Afternoon | 109 | 9\% | 19 | 8\% | 1 | 25\% |
|  | Evening | 11 | 1\% | 3 | 1\% | O | O\% |
| Tuesday | Morning | 45 | 4\% | 6 | 2\% | O | ०\% |
|  | Afternoon | 128 | 10\% | 25 | 10\% | 2 | 50\% |
|  | Evening | 15 | 1\% | 4 | 2\% | O | 0\% |
| Wednesday | Morning | 57 | 5\% | 16 | 7\% | O | 0\% |
|  | Afternoon | 145 | 12\% | 25 | 10\% | O | 0\% |
|  | Evening | 5 | O\% | 1 | ०\% | O | ०\% |
| Thursday | Morning | 56 | 5\% | 7 | 3\% | O | O\% |
|  | Afternoon | 100 | 8\% | 10 | 4\% | - | ०\% |
|  | Evening | 6 | ०\% | O | ०\% | O | ०\% |
| Friday | Morning | 33 | 3\% | 10 | 4\% | O | 0\% |
|  | Afternoon | 138 | 11\% | 17 | 7\% | O | O\% |
|  | Evening | 6 | ०\% | 3 | 1\% | O | 0\% |
| Saturday | Morning | 51 | 4\% | 11 | 4\% | O | 0\% |
|  | Afternoon | 105 | 8\% | 22 | 9\% | O | ०\% |
|  | Evening | 8 | 1\% | - | O\% | O | 0\% |

Seventy per cent of the sample called were men and so screened out at the very beginning of the survey. Thereafter, only a small number of people were screened out: 12 because they were not yet 18 years old, four because they did not want to participate, and one because they did not understand fully the purpose of the survey.

Table 8: Screen-outs (Jordan)

| Question | Answer | Count | \% of total answered |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S3 | Sex: Male | 5,170 | $70.2 \%$ |
| S4_1 and S4_2 | Age: Below 18 years | 12 | $0.3 \%$ |
| S1 | Willing to participate: No | 4 | $0.2 \%$ |
| S6 | Understand purpose: No | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| S7 | Understand confidentiality: No | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |

The interview was temporarily discontinued in six cases because the respondent answered "no" to one of the four 'safety' questions (listed in Table 1.31 below).

Table 9: Temporary interview suspension due to responses at safety questions (Jordan)

| Question | Answer | Count | \% of total answered |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S2 | Can you let me know if the speaker phone is off? No | 4 | $0.2 \%$ |
| S5 | Can you confirm if now is a good time? No | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| Bo1 | Can you confirm that there is no one around you over the age of <br> two that can overhear our conversation? No <br> Alternatively, if someone over two is listening to our call or is nearby | 0 | 1 |
| C18 | that can hear, please say no. No |  |  |

Two hundred forty-seven respondents dropped out of the survey. The table below shows the questions at which the dropouts occurred. The largest numbers of dropouts were at A01 (37), C31 (22), Ao7 (16), Bo2 (16) and A12 (15).

Table 10: Survey dropouts, by question (Jordan)

| Question | Question text | No. of participants <br> dropped out | \% of total <br> dropouts |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S11 | Great. If you don't have any further questions we can proceed. Now <br> we just need a bit more information about you. Would you consider <br> the area you live in to be urban or rural? | 9 | $3.6 \%$ |
| A01 | What is your marital status? | 37 | $15.0 \%$ |
| Ao7_ASK | How many of the people living in your household are aged o-17? | 16 | $6.5 \%$ |
| Ao8_ASK | How many of the people living in your household are men aged 18 <br> or over? | 6 | $2.4 \%$ |
| Ao6 | How many people, including yourself, live in your household?  <br> What is the highest level of education that you completed? 5 | $2.0 \%$ |  |
| A02 | Which of the following best describes what you mainly do each | 11 | $2.4 \%$ |
| Ao3 | Way...? <br> day | $4.5 \%$ |  |


| Question | Question text | No. of participants dropped out | \% of total dropouts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ao4 | In addition to this, do you do any activity that generates an income, even if only for a few hours a week? | 1 | 0.4\% |
| A04_1 | Would you say that the money that you earn is... | 3 | 1.2\% |
| A05 | Do you have difficulty doing any of the following - walking, seeing (even when wearing glasses), hearing (even with hearing assistance), remembering or concentrating, self-caring or communicating? | 6 | 2.4\% |
| A11 | Has your household's income changed at all since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic? | 6 | 2.4\% |
| A12 | During the last month, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources, you or others in your household... | 15 | 6.1\% |
| B01 | Thank you for your responses so far. I am now going to ask you some questions related to your health. Before we begin this section, can you confirm that there is no one around you over the age of 2 that can overhear our conversation? | 2 | 0.8\% |
| B02 | I would now like to ask you some questions about your thoughts and feelings since the onset of the COVID-19 situation. How often have you been bothered by the following problems since the onset of the COVID-19 situation? Please answer with: not at all, several days, more than half the days, or nearly every day. | 16 | 6.5\% |
| B04 | Overall, would you say your own mental or emotional health (e.g., stress, anxiety, confidence, etc.) has been affected AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 SITUATION? | 2 | 0.8\% |
| Co2 | To what extent, if at all, do you feel safe when walking alone during the day in the area where you live? | 12 | 4.9\% |
| Co3 | To what extent, if at all, do you feel safe when walking alone at night in the area where you live? | 3 | 1.2\% |
| Co4 | How, if at all, has your feeling of safety while walking alone at night changed SINCE THE ONSET OF COVID-19? | 4 | 1.6\% |
| $\mathrm{Co7}$ | To what extent do you think that physical harm, abuse, or harassment of women is a problem in the area where you live? | 3 | 1.2\% |
| Co8 | How, if at all, do you think physical harm, abuse, or harassment of women in the area where you live have changed SINCE COVID-19? | 3 | 1.2\% |
| C10 | How common do you think this type of situation is for women in the area where you live? | 6 | 24\% |


| Question | Question text | No. of participants dropped out | \% of total dropouts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C11 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has made things better, worse or the same for [Scripter: insert Female name] from this story? | 3 | 1.2\% |
| C12 | Do you think [Scripter: insert Female name] would seek help for this situation? | 4 | 1.6\% |
| C13 | Who would [Scripter: insert Female name] most likely seek help from? | 3 | 1.2\% |
| C14 | How common do you think this type of situation is for women in the area where you live? | 3 | 1.2\% |
| C15 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has made things better, worse or the same for [Scripter: insert Female name] from this story in terms of her feelings of safety? | 1 | 0.4\% |
| C17 | Who would [Scripter: insert Female name] most likely seek help from? | 2 | 0.8\% |
| C19 | When people live together in the same household, they usually share both good and bad moments. And it is normal for people who live together to have arguments. How often in the last six months would you say that adults in your household have argued or have had some sort of conflict among themselves? | 3 | 1.2\% |
| C20 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has made conflict between adults in your household more frequent, less frequent or about the same? | 1 | 0.4\% |
| C21 | In the last six months, did you ever feel unsafe in your home? | 2 | 0.8\% |
| C22 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has made things better, worse or the same in terms of how safe you feel in your home? | 1 | 0.4\% |
| C23 | Why do you feel unsafe in your home? | 3 | 1.2\% |
| C25 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has limited your interactions with your friends and social groups, such as seeing or speaking to them? | 3 | 1.2\% |
| C28A_ | Please tell me how many of the following statements you regard as true: <br> 1. I prefer [LOCAL FOOD ONE] to [LOCAL FOOD TWO] <br> 2. I like [NAME OF WELL-KNOWN LOCAL MUSICIAN, BUT NOT ONE EVERYONE LIKES] <br> 3. I have been slapped or hit by my husband or partner BEFORE THE ONSET OF COVID-19 | 3 | 1.2\% |


| Question | Question text | No. of participants dropped out | \% of total dropouts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C29A_ | Please tell me how many of the following statements you regard as true: | 2 | 0.8\% |
| C29_1 | INTERVIEWER: PLEASE ASSESS WHETHER YOU THINK THE RESPONDENT UNDERSTOOD HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION. FOR INSTANCE, DID THE RESPONDENT ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO BE REPEATED? DID THEY TAKE A LONG TIME TO ANSWER? DID THEY SEEM UNSURE? | 1 | 0.4\% |
| $\mathrm{C} 29 \mathrm{~B}_{-}$ | Please tell me how many of the following statements you regard as true: <br> 1. People in my family have played [POPULAR LOCAL SPORT]. <br> 2. I like [NAME OF WELL-KNOWN TV SHOW, BUT NOT ONE EVERYONE LIKES] <br> 3. I prefer [LOCAL FOOD THREE] to [LOCAL FOOD FOUR] <br> 98. Don't know <br> 99. Refused | 1 | 0.4\% |
| C29_2 | INTERVIEWER: PLEASE ASSESS WHETHER YOU THINK THE RESPONDENT UNDERSTOOD HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION. FOR INSTANCE, DID THE RESPONDENT ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO BE REPEATED? DID THEY TAKE A LONG TIME TO ANSWER? DID THEY SEEM UNSURE? | 1 | 0.4\% |
| C30 | Now I'm going to ask you about some situations that you or any other women you know may have experienced. For each situation, please tell if you or any other women you know have experienced this only before the start of COVID-19, only since the start of COVID19, both before and since the start of COVID-19, or not at all. Please listen carefully and just answer "yes" or "no" for each question I ask. | 4 | 1.6\% |
| C31 | Are any of the following support services available for women in your community? | 22 | 8.9\% |
| S12 | And as a final question, I would like to know if you have another mobile phone number besides the one I am calling you on? IF YES: How many other mobile phone numbers do you have? | 12 | 4.9\% |
|  | Total | 247 | 100\% |

As previously explained, and as part of the safety protocols, respondents were given a safe word, a specific popular local food (PLF), that they could use if they were disturbed by a third party or otherwise felt unsafe at any point during the interview. In Jordan, the food used was "منسف" (Mansaf). This word was used five times during the course of fieldwork. The table below shows the questions at which this occurred.

Table 11: Use of popular local food, per question (Jordan)

| Question | Question text | PLF mentioned |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ao5 | Do you have difficulty doing any of the following - walking, seeing (even when <br> wearing glasses), hearing (even with hearing assistance), remembering or <br> concentrating, self-caring, or communicating? | 1 |
| Co8 | How, if at all, do you think physical harm, abuse, or harassment of women in the <br> area where you live have changed SINCE COVID-19? | 1 |
| C11 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has made things better, worse or the same <br> for [Scripter: insert Female name] from this story? | 1 |
| C17 | Who would [Scripter: insert Female name] most likely seek help from? |  |
| C19 | When people live together in the same household, they usually share both good and <br> bad moments. And it is normal for people who live together to have arguments. How <br> often in the last six months would you say that adults in your household have <br> argued or have had some sort of conflict among themselves? <br> Total | 1 |

In terms of item non-response (INR), this varied across the survey but was highest at A01 (21\%). A high INR for questions that ask about marital status is not unusual in Jordan. This question is considered sensitive for women and also caused high dropout rates in Jordan. This difference may in part reflect the fact that the answer options in the question were adjusted for Phase II (discussed in detail in section 2.5 .2 of the technical report), with the original 'Married' option split into two different options: 'Married, spouse partner is residing with you' and 'Married, spouse/partner is residing elsewhere'. It is possible that the new version raised some sensitivities for women - for example, they may have been reluctant to report that their husband did not live with them - and thus contributed to high item non-response at this question.

Other questions with high INR were C31_4 (5.4\%), C31_1 (5.20\%) and Co8 (4.80\%) all related to changes resulting from/the impact of the pandemic and availability of support services for women.

Table 12: Item non-response (Jordan)

| Question | Question text | Item non-response |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| AO1 | What is your marital status? | $21.00 \%$ |
| A03 | Which of the following best describes what you mainly do each day...? | $0.10 \%$ |
| A04_1 | Would you say that the money that you earn is... | $0.30 \%$ |
| A05 | Do you have difficulty doing any of the following - walking, seeing (even <br> when wearing glasses), hearing (even with hearing assistance), remembering <br> or concentrating, self-caring, or communicating? | $0.30 \%$ |
| Ao8 | How many of the people living in your household are men aged 18 or over? <br> A11 | Has your household's income changed at all since the onset of the COVID-19 <br> pandemic? <br> A12_1 |
| During the last month, was there a time when, because of lack of money or <br> other resources, you or others in your household... <br> 1. were worried you would not have enough food to eat? | $0.20 \%$ |  |


| A12_2 | During the last month, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources, you or others in your household... <br> 2. were unable to eat healthy and nutritious food? | 0.20\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A12_3 | During the last month, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources, you or others in your household... <br> 3. ate only a few kinds of food? | 0.10\% |
| A12_4 | During the last month, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources, you or others in your household... <br> 4. had to skip a meal? | 0.20\% |
| A12_5 | During the last month, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources, you or others in your household... <br> 5. ate less than you thought you should? | 0.10\% |
| A12_7 | During the last month, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources, you or others in your household... <br> 7. were hungry but did not eat? | 0.20\% |
| A12_8 | During the last month, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources, you or others in your household... <br> 8. went without eating for a whole day? | 0.10\% |
| B02_1 | I would now like to ask you some questions about your thoughts and feelings since the onset of the COVID-19 situation. How often have you been bothered by the following problems since the onset of the COVID-19 situation? Please answer with: not at all, several days, more than half the days, or nearly every day. <br> 1. Not being able to stop or control worrying | 0.10\% |
| B02_2 | I would now like to ask you some questions about your thoughts and feelings since the onset of the COVID-19 situation. How often have you been bothered by the following problems since the onset of the COVID-19 situation? Please answer with: not at all, several days, more than half the days, or nearly every day. <br> 2. Having little interest or pleasure in doing things | 0.20\% |
| B02_3 | I would now like to ask you some questions about your thoughts and feelings since the onset of the COVID-19 situation. How often have you been bothered by the following problems since the onset of the COVID-19 situation? Please answer with: not at all, several days, more than half the days, or nearly every day. <br> 3. Feeling down, depressed or hopeless | 0.20\% |
| B04 | Overall, would you say your own mental or emotional health (e.g., stress, anxiety, confidence, etc.) has been affected AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 SITUATION? | 0.20\% |
| Co2 | To what extent, if at all, do you feel safe when walking alone during the day in the area where you live? | 0,.40\% |
| Co3 | To what extent, if at all, do you feel safe when walking alone at night in the area where you live? | 2.20\% |


| $\mathrm{Co4}$ | How, if at all, has your feeling of safety while walking alone at night changed SINCE THE ONSET OF COVID-19? | 3.60\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Co7}$ | To what extent do you think that physical harm, abuse, or harassment of women is a problem in the area where you live? | 1.70\% |
| Co8 | How, if at all, do you think physical harm, abuse, or harassment of women in the area where you live have changed SINCE COVID-19? | 4.80\% |
| C10 | How common do you think this type of situation is for women in the area where you live? | 3.60\% |
| C11 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has made things better, worse or the same for [Scripter: insert Female name] from this story? | 1.10\% |
| C12 | Do you think [Scripter: insert Female name] would seek help for this situation? | 2.40\% |
| C13 | Who would [Scripter: insert Female name] most likely seek help from? | 1.50\% |
| C14 | How common do you think this type of situation is for women in the area where you live? | 1.90\% |
| C15 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has made things better, worse or the same for [Scripter: insert Female name] from this story in terms of her feelings of safety? | 1.90\% |
| C16 | Do you think [Scripter: insert Female name] would seek help for this situation? | 1.80\% |
| C17 | Who would [Scripter: insert Female name] most likely seek help from? | 1.80\% |
| C19 | When people live together in the same household, they usually share both good and bad moments. And it is normal for people who live together to have arguments. How often in the last six months would you say that adults in your household have argued or have had some sort of conflict among themselves? | 0.30\% |
| C20 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has made conflict between adults in your household more frequent, less frequent or about the same? | 0.90\% |
| C22 | Would you say the situation of COVID-19 has made things better, worse or the same in terms of how safe you feel in your home? | 0.20\% |
| C23_3 | Why do you feel unsafe in your home? <br> 3. I am unable to communicate/reach out for help | 0.20\% |
| C23_4 | Why do you feel unsafe in your home? <br> 4. I am living with people I cannot trust | 0.10\% |
| C23_11 | Why do you feel unsafe in your home? <br> 11. Something else | 0.20\% |
| C24 | How often, if at all, did you go out of your house by yourself in the last month? | 0.20\% |
| C28A | Please tell me how many of the following statements you regard as true: <br> 1. I prefer [LOCAL FOOD ONE] to [LOCAL FOOD TWO] | 0.10\% |


|  | 2. I like [NAME OF WELL-KNOWN LOCAL MUSICIAN, BUT NOT ONE EVERYONE LIKES] <br> 3. I have been slapped or hit by my husband or partner BEFORE THE ONSET OF COVID-19 <br> 4. Women in my family enjoy watching [POPULAR LOCAL SPORT]. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C28B | Please tell me how many of the following statements you regard as true: <br> 1. People in my family have played [POPULAR LOCAL SPORT]. <br> 2. I have been slapped or hit by my husband or partner AFTER THE ONSET OF COVID-19 <br> 3. I like [NAME OF WELL-KNOWN TV SHOW, BUT NOT ONE EVERYONE LIKES] <br> 4. I prefer [LOCAL FOOD THREE] to [LOCAL FOOD FOUR] | 0.10\% |
| C29A | Please tell me how many of the following statements you regard as true: | 0.20\% |
| C29B | Please tell me how many of the following statements you regard as true: <br> 1. People in my family have played [POPULAR LOCAL SPORT]. <br> 2. I like [NAME OF WELL-KNOWN TV SHOW, BUT NOT ONE EVERYONE LIKES] <br> 3. I prefer [LOCAL FOOD THREE] to [LOCAL FOOD FOUR] <br> 98. Don't know <br> 99. Refused | 0.10\% |
| C3O_1 | Now l'm going to ask you about some situations that you or any other women you know may have experienced. For each situation, please tell if you or any other women you know have experienced this only before the start of COVID19, only since the start of COVID-19, both before and since the start of COVID19, or not at all. Please listen carefully and just answer "yes" or "no" for each question I ask. <br> 1. Been slapped, hit, kicked, had things thrown at them, or other physical harm | 1.60\% |
| C3O_2 | Now l'm going to ask you about some situations that you or any other women you know may have experienced. For each situation, please tell if you or any other women you know have experienced this only before the start of COVID19, only since the start of COVID-19, both before and since the start of COVID19, or not at all. Please listen carefully and just answer "yes" or "no" for each question lask. <br> 2. Been yelled at, called names, humiliated | 1.10\% |
| C3O_3 | Now l'm going to ask you about some situations that you or any other women you know may have experienced. For each situation, please tell if you or any other women you know have experienced this only before the start of COVID19, only since the start of COVID-19, both before and since the start of COVID19, or not at all. Please listen carefully and just answer "yes" or "no" for each question l ask. <br> 3. Had resources (like healthcare) or basic needs (like money, food, water, shelter) denied | 1.10\% |
| C3O_4 | Now l'm going to ask you about some situations that you or any other women you know may have experienced. For each situation, please tell if you or any other women you know have experienced this only before the start of COVID19, only since the start of COVID-19, both before and since the start of COVID19, or not at all. Please listen carefully and just answer "yes" or "no" for each question lask. | 1.00\% |


|  | 4. Been forced to stay alone for long period of time or denied communication with other people |  |
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| C3O_5 | Now I'm going to ask you about some situations that you or any other women you know may have experienced. For each situation, please tell if you or any other women you know have experienced this only before the start of COVID19, only since the start of COVID-19, both before and since the start of COVID19, or not at all. Please listen carefully and just answer "yes" or "no" for each question l ask. <br> 5. Been the subject of inappropriate jokes, suggestive comments, leering, or unwelcome touch/kisses | 1.30\% |
| C31_1 | Are any of the following support services available for women in your community? <br> 1. Information about security/crime prevention | 5.20\% |
| C31_2 | Are any of the following support services available for women in your community? <br> 2. Access to basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing | 1.40\% |
| C31_3 | Are any of the following support services available for women in your community? <br> 3. Medical support | 1.20\% |
| C31_4 | Are any of the following support services available for women in your community? <br> 4. Someone to talk to like professional mental health experts | 5.40\% |
| C31_5 | Are any of the following support services available for women in your community? <br> 5. Legal support or help in reporting the incident or dealing with police | 1.90\% |
| C31_6 | Are any of the following support services available for women in your community? <br> 6. Financial support | 2.70\% |

### 2.1.8 Field observations

This section describes the observations made by Field Managers and interviewers in the course of fieldwork. The observations relate to the most productive days for fieldwork, the main reasons for refusal to take part in the survey; challenges of reaching certain age groups, and the clarity of terms, concepts and questions, among other topics. The observations effectively complement the fieldwork statistics included in the previous section, providing a more nuanced picture of the fieldwork experience.

- According to the field team, best days for calling respondents were the middle of the work week in Jordan (Monday and Tuesday) between 12 pm and 5 pm.
- The main reasons for refusals to take part in the survey were a lack of time because the respondents were busy, not being interested in the survey or having concerns related to the repeated instructions to take the survey in private.
- The oldest age group (60+) were less represented in the RDD sample frame. Based on the observations of the field team, a considerably lower number of women in this age group own mobile phones and were thus harder to reach.
- The (telephone) data-collection method was perceived as appropriate. Interviewers had the impression that women were interested in the study and a lot of them were very motivated to complete the survey in order to share their experiences and opinion in relation to the topic. Women were extra motivated and reassured by the mention that the study is conducted on behalf of UN Women.

In terms of observations relating to the survey questionnaire:

- Regarding specific questions, respondents seemed to be hesitant to answer the question on marital status, which was evident by the higher number of dropouts to this question registered for Jordan.
- The popular local food safe word was used properly by all respondents in order to stop the interview whenever another person entered the room and the respondents were no longer alone.
- There are no questions that respondents found difficult to answer and if respondents had any small difficulties the interviewers took extra effort to clarify questions when respondents did not understand them.
- With more sensitive questions respondents took longer to answer and needed more time to think. They would also lower the tone of their voice whenever they felt somewhat uncomfortable to answer a question they found sensitive.


### 2.1.9 Lessons learned and recommendations

This section draws upon the fieldwork statistics and observations outlined in the previous sections to provide recommendations for future surveys on violence against women in Jordan. Specifically, whether remote data collection can be considered as an appropriate approach to develop an evidence base on perceptions and incidence.

- CATI and the use of a single-frame cell phone RDD design worked well in Jordan and the researchers recommend considering this approach for future data collection activities on violence against women. That said, older women (60+) and those living in certain regions (Amman and Mafraq) were more difficult than other groups to reach with the RDD sample. This should be reflected in the time dedicated to active data collection in future surveys with age- and region-based quotas. A longer fieldwork period would help to ensure the quotas are uniformly achieved. In the case of a face-to-face approach, a longer fieldwork period would be absolutely necessary owing to the extra time required for physical visits to prospective respondents' homes.
- Given the field team's observations that weekdays were among the most productive days for fieldwork, the researchers recommend focusing the data collection activities via CATI on these particular days of the week, specifically in the afternoon hours, while at the same time remaining mindful of the need to avoid skewing the sample by interviewing only the most easy-to-reach women.
- In terms of average length of interviews in Jordan - no specific recommendations are to be made. The local interviewing team managed to reduce the average length of interviews from 31 minutes during the first week of the fieldwork to 17 minutes at the time of completion of the fieldwork.
- Twenty-one per cent did not answer the question on marital status (Ao1), which was placed at the beginning of the survey. The issue was also evident to varying degrees across most of the other Phase II countries. As mentioned previously, the wording of the answer options to Ao1 was adjusted in Phase Il of the study and this may in part have contributed to the higher item non-response rate observed. This point notwithstanding, generally the researchers recommend placing potentially sensitive sociodemographic questions like marital status towards the end of a survey (rather than at the beginning as was the case in the Rapid Gender Assessment Survey), by which point some rapport will have been built between the interviewer and the respondent, making it easier for the interviewer to obtain an answer to the question. Including it at the end will also help to ensure that it does not cause dropouts early on in the survey.

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