

2018 Sierra Leone Integrated Household Survey Survey Documentation

Collaboration with the MICS

The 2018 SLIHS and the MICS-6 cooperated on the selection of the sample of EAs and households so that over 5000 households are covered as part of both surveys, and the data merge-able on the household and individual level. The MICS covered 507¹ of the 684 EAs sampled for the SLIHS (referred to as shared EAs). The SLIHS datasets are mergeable with the MICS datasets at the household and individual level as follows:

- **slrhs2018_cluster.dta** contains the variable *_mics_cluster_no* (which can be merged into another SLIHS dataset using the variable *_cluster*) for all shared EAs (it is missing for SLIHS-only EAs). *_mics_cluster_no* corresponds to *HH1* in the MICS-6 datasets.
- Each SLIHS dataset contains the variable *_hhno* which corresponds to *HH2* in the MICS-6 datasets for EAs that were covered by both surveys. *HH2* is between 1 and 26. There are some SLIHS households in shared EAs with values of *_hhno* between 90 and 99. These are households that were interviewed by the SLIHS team in the shared EA, but do not actually seem to be the target household that was interviewed by the MICS team.
- **slrhs2018_ind.dta** is all the individual level data for the SLIHS. It has a variable *a18* which corresponds to *LN* in the MICS-6 datasets.

The data has been carefully cleaned so that any household / individual linked by these IDs is very likely to be actually the same household / individual.

¹ It should have been 508, but there was one EA where the SLIHS team was unable to find any of the target households, either the MICS or the SLIHS team must have gone to the wrong EA.