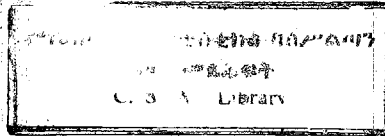


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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the need for comprehensive economic statistics has been growing rapidly in most developing countries in view of the use of such statistics in formulating socio-economic development plans in general, and to assess the socio-economic situation at the micro level, in particular. Thus, reliable and timely economic statistics data at the household level such as the ones obtained from Household Income, Consumption and Expenditure Surveys, on a regular basis are the major sources of socio-economic information. These surveys provide valuable data, especially for assessment of the impact of policies on the conditions and levels of living of households.

A report on the 1995/96 Household Income, Consumption and Expenditure Survey was published and distributed to users as "Statistical Bulletin 170", Jan. 1997. However, due to inconsistencies and various outliers observed in the data set during later stage of data processing the data were processed all over again. **Hence, the Authority would like to advise users with apology to ignore the information given in "Statistical Bulletin 170" and to use strictly the revised version of the report in Statistical Bulletin 204.**

This is a report on the 1995/96 Household Income, Consumption and Expenditure Survey, (HICES), conducted on a sample basis throughout the country. In this report, the principal results of the survey and major tabular reports are presented at country, rural, and urban levels. In addition, summary tables of basic characteristics (i.e., distribution of households by domestic expenditure group,

distribution of households by income group, average value of expenditure by major expenditure items, average calories intake per person per day by major food and drink groups and total receipts by source) for regions (rural part) and selected urban centers are presented. The format of this volume is arranged in such a way as to facilitate easy comparability among the levels, i.e., country, rural, and urban levels. To achieve this, tabular reports signifying the same title are designated by the same table number but subscripted by the letters "a", "b" and "c" for country, rural and urban level reports, respectively. For instance, the tabular report "Distribution of Households by Income and Domestic Expenditure Group" is designated by the same table number, i.e., Table 10, thus "10a" is for country, "10b" for rural and "10c" for urban level reports. However, in some cases tables are further subscripted by letters "r" and "u"; i.e. "r" is for rural regional and "u" is for selected urban centers.

Finally, as the major results presented here are descriptive, it is in the belief of the Authority that the result of this survey could serve, among other things, as a valuable tool for taking policy measures at micro level and to undertake further research on economic situation of the country. However, the data presented in this report could be, enriched by further investigation and in depth analysis.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY

It is a well known fact that surveys of Household Income, Consumption and Expenditure usually have the major goal of providing basic data needed for policy making purposes as well as other related issues that might arise at the micro level. The major objectives of the Survey are to :

- a. provide data on the levels, distribution and pattern of household income, consumption and expenditure that will be used for analysis of changes in the levels of living standards of households over time in various socio-economic groups and geographical areas.

- b. obtain information for the formulation of socio-economic plans and policies.
- c. furnish bench mark data for assessing the impact of existing or proposed socio-economic programs on household living conditions.
- d. provide data for compiling household accounts in the system of national accounts, especially in the estimation of private consumption expenditure.
- e. obtain weights and other useful information for the construction of consumer price indices at various levels.

NOTE:-

1. Symbols used

-	Not available or negligible
PHH	Per household
PP	Per person
HH	Household
M	Male
F	Female
M+F	Both sexes
Agri	Agricultural
SNNPR	Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region

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CHAPTER II

SURVEY METHODOLOGY, DATA COLLECTION AND DATA PROCESSING

1. SURVEY METHODOLOGY

1.1 SCOPE AND COVERAGE

The 1995/96 Household Income, Consumption and Expenditure Survey covered the population in the country on a sample basis excepting the non sedentary population in Afar and Somali Regions. Moreover, residents of collective quarters, homeless persons and foreigners were not covered in this survey. The survey population constitutes all the eleven administrative regions each of which is composed of rural and urban parts.

A total of 943 Enumeration Areas (EAs) were selected to be covered in each round of the survey in all regions. Nevertheless, due to various factors beyond the control of the CSA, 51 and 14 EAs were closed in the first and second rounds of the survey, respectively. Thus, the survey succeeded to cover 572 EAs in the rural and 320 EAs in the urban areas in the first round and 606 EAs in the rural and 323 EAs in the urban areas in the second round. In each round the survey was conducted on the basis of 12 rural and 15 urban households selected in each EA and in total the survey covered 23,369 households, (for detail refer to summary Tables A, B, C and D).

In the survey, data were collected on basic population characteristics; consumption of food, drinks and tobacco; expenditure of the household on various consumption and non-consumption items; and household income and receipts. The data collection exercise took into account the two major seasons of the country, i.e., the slack/wet season and the peak/dry (harvest) season. For details on the scope and the content of the survey refer to survey questionnaire in **Appendix III**.

1.2 CONCEPT AND DEFINITIONS

- i) **Household**: A household denotes a group of persons who often live in the same housing unit or in connected premises and have common arrangements for cooking and eating food. A household could consist of a single person, but usually it consists of a husband, his wife, children, relatives, etc.
- ii) **Member of Household**: Person constituting a household is called member of the household. The following are considered as members of a household:-
- All persons who lived with the household for at least six months including those who were not within the household at the time of the survey and were expected to be absent from the household for less than six months.
 - All guests and visitors who stayed with the household for six months and above.
 - House maids, guards, baby-sitters, etc. who lived with the household even for less than six months.
- iii) **Head of Household**: For the purpose of this survey a head of a household is a person who economically supports or manages the household or for reasons of age or respect, is considered as head by the household or declares himself as such or by members of the household is called head of the household. The head of the household could be a male or a female.
- iv) **Household Size** : Is the total number of members of a household.
- v) **Collective Quarter**:- A collective quarter is a premise (a housing unit, a building or a compound) in which a number of unrelated persons reside together, and share common facilities. Examples of collective quarters are monasteries, prisons, boarding schools, hostels, home for aged, children's homes, work camps, military