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“Living standards measurement survey (LSMS) in the RM”

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The basic idea for this project is to produce a comprehensive monetary measure of welfare and its distribution, and households behaviour in response to changes in the economic environment or government programs in Republic of Macedonia.

Only LSMS Survey Data can give answers to important questions concerning government policies and their impact. Questions such as who is rich and who is poor and why, who uses government services such as schools, clinics, agricultural extensional policies, welfare programs, and old-age pensions, and also if those who don't use government services are able to get services in private sector.

The living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) was established by the World Bank in 1980 to explore ways of improving the type and quality of household data collected by government statistical offices in developing countries. This kind of surveys is done in our neighboring countries, such as Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, etc. The survey is not yet done in the Republic of Macedonia.

The finding will give contribution in fostering use of household data as a base in policy decision making in RM. It will help to understanding household economic decisions and the effects of social and economic policies in Republic of Macedonia.