

MALAYSIA AGEING AND RETIREMENT SURVEY  
(MARS)  
WAVE 1 – 2018/2019  
PACKAGE A  
BACKGROUND & SOCIO ECONOMIC

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**A3: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Variable Name	Question text
A200b	Were you born in Malaysia?
A201_a - d	In which state, district, country were you born?
A202	What is your ethnicity?
A203	What is your religion?
A204_1	What is your marital status?
A204_2	If widowed, since what year?
A204_3	If divorced or separated, since what year?
A205	What is the highest level of education?
A206_1	What is the language you used most at home? Please state only one.
A207_1	What is your native language? Please state only one
A208	How well do you speak your native language
A209	How proficient are you in writing in your native language?

## B1: FAMILY SUPPORT - CHILDREN

Variable Name	Question text
B101	Including step child and adopted child, how many living children do you have?
B102a	Please tell me the first name of your living children, including step children and adopted children, starting with the eldest child/
B102b	How old is [Name]?
B102c	Is [Name] male or female?
B102d	Is [Name] your child from current spouse, child from ex-spouse, child from spouse's previous relationship or adopted child?
B102e	What is [Name] highest level of education?
B102f	What is [Name] working status?
B102g	What is [Name] marital status?
B102i	Including step children and adopted children, how many children does [Name] have?
B103a	Where does [Name] live?
B103b	Did this child move to live with you, you moved to live with this child, you and this child moved to live together or this child has always lived with you?
B103c	Why did you and [Name] live together?
B103d	In the last 12 months, how often did you meet this child in person?
B103e	In the last 12 months, how often have you had contact with [Name], either by phone or email?
B104	Now I would like to ask you about the support you have <u>received</u> from your children. Excluding any shared living cost such as rent, utility and/or food (in case of living together), did you <u>receive</u> any kind of support, either financial/nonmonetary support, from [Name] in the last 12 months?
B104a	Did you <u>receive</u> any financial support from [Name]?
B104b_1	How much did you receive?
B104b_2	(How much did you receive?) RM by (Month/Year)
B104c_1	If you occasionally receive financial support, in which situation would you receive support from [Name]?
B104d	Did you receive non-monetary support from [Name]?
B104e_1(1)	What kind of non-monetary support did you receive from [Name]?

B105	Now I want to ask about the support you have <u>given</u> to your child. Excluding any shared living cost such as rent, utility and/or food (in case of living together), did you <u>give</u> any kind of support, either financial/nonmonetary, to [Name] in the last 12 months?
B105a	Did you <u>give</u> any financial support to [Name]?
B105b_1	If yes, how much did you give?
B105b_2	(How much did you give) [Name] RM by (Month/Year)
B105c_1	If you occasionally gave financial support, in which situation would you give support to the child?
B105d	Did you <u>give</u> non-monetary support to [Name]?
B105e	What kind of non-monetary support did you give to [Name]?

## B2: FAMILY SUPPORT - PARENTS

Variable Name	Question text
B200b	Are your parents/ parents-in-law still alive?
B201	Which of your parents, including your father-in-law and mother-in-law, are still alive?
B205	Please state whether your father, your mother, your father-in-law and your mother-in-law require care or assistance in daily activities such as going to the washroom, eating, cooking etc.?
B202a	What is your [Parent] first name?
B202b	How old is [Name]?
B202c	What is [Name] marital status?
B202d	Does [Name] live with you, live close by within 5km, live elsewhere or abroad or live at nursing home or caring facility?
B202e_1	For the last 12 months, with whom does [Name] live with the most?
B202f	How close is [Name]'s residence to you? (If travel by car).
B2023g	In the last 12 months, how often did you meet [Name] in person?
B202h	In the last 12 months, how often have you had contact with [Name], either by phone or email?
B203	Now I want to ask you about the support you have received from your parents. Excluding any shared living cost such as rent, utility and/or food (in case of living together), did you <u>receive</u> any kind of support, either financial or nonmonetary support, from [Name] in the last 12 months?

B203b	In the last 12 months period, did you receive any financial support from [Name]?
B203b_1	How much did you receive?
B203b_2	(How much did you receive?) by (Month/Year)
B203c	If you occasionally receive financial support, in which situation would you receive support from [Name]?
B203d	In the last 12 months, did you <u>receive</u> non-monetary support from [Name]?
B203e_1	What kind of non-monetary support did you receive from [Name]?
B204	Now I want to ask you about the support you have <u>given</u> to your parents. Excluding any shared living cost such as rent, utility and/or food (in case of living together), did you <u>give</u> any kind of support, either financial or nonmonetary support to [Name] in the last 12 months?
B204a	In the last 12 months, did you <u>give</u> any financial support to [Name]?
B204_1	How much did you give?
B204_2	(How much did you give?)
B204c_1	If you occasionally give financial support, in which situation would you give support
B204d	In the last 12 months, did you <u>give</u> non-monetary support
B204e_1	What kind of non-monetary support did you give
B205b_1	If [Name] requires care or assistance in daily activities, who will usually will help the most?
B205c	Does [Name] require nursing care?
B205d	How many hours of your time per week were spent on taking care of [Name] every week?

### B3: FAMILY SUPPORT - SIBLINGS

Variable Name	Question text
B301	How many siblings did you receive/ give support in the last 12 months? This includes monetary and non-monetary support.
B302a	Can you tell me their first names? (Only those who receive/ give support.) If R refuses to give name. Can use alias names
B302c	How old is [Name]?
B302c	Is ^B302a male or female?
B302d	What is [Name] marital status?
B302e_1	Does [Name] have any children including step children and adopted children?
B302e_2	How many living children?
B302f	In the last 12 months, did this sibling work for pay/ salary?
B302g	How would you compare [Name] economic status to yours?
B303a	Where does [Name] live?
B303b	If [Name] lives together with you, did [Name] move live with you, you moved to live with [Name], you and [Name] moved live together or [Name] has always lived with you?
B303c	Why did you and [Name] live together?
B303d	If [Name] live together with your parents, did [Name] move to live with your parents, parents moved to live with [Name], your parents and [Name] moved to live together or [Name] has always lived with your parents?
B303e_1	Why did your parents and [Name] move to live together?
B303f	In the last 12 months, how often did you meet [Name] in person?
B303g	In the last 12 months, how often have you had contact with [Name], either by phone or email?
B304	Now I want to ask about the support you have <u>received</u> from your sibling. Excluding any shared living cost such as rent, utility and/or food (in case of living together), did you <u>receive</u> any kind of support from [Name] in the last 12 months?
B304a	In the same period, did you <u>receive</u> any financial support from [Name]?
B304b_1	If yes, how much did you receive?
B304b_2	(If yes, how much did you receive?)

	RM by (Month/Year)
B304c_1(1)	If you occasionally receive financial support, in which situation would you receive support from [Name]?
B304d	In the last 12 months, did you <u>receive</u> non-monetary support from [Name]?
B304e_1	What kind of non-monetary support did you receive from [Name]?
B305	Now I want to ask about the support you have <u>given</u> to your sibling. Excluding any shared living cost such as rent, utility and/or food (in case of living together), did you <u>give</u> any kind of support either financial or nonmonetary support to [Name] in the last 12 months?
B305a	In the last 12 months, did you <u>give</u> any financial support to [Name]?
B305b_1	If yes, how much did you give?
B305b_2	(How much did you give?) RM by (Month/Year)
B305c_1(1)	If you occasionally gave financial support, in which situation would you give support to [Name]?
B305d	In the last 12 months, did you <u>give</u> non-monetary support to [Name]?
B305e_1	What kind of non-monetary support did you give to [Name]?

## D1: EMPLOYMENT

Variable Name	Question text
D101	What is your current employment status?
D101a	Do you expect to go back to this job?
D101a_1	In what month did you last work on this job?
D101a_2	In what year did you last work on this job?)
D101b_1	In what month did you become unemployed?
D101b_2	In what year did you become unemployed?)
D101c_1	In what month did you become disabled?
D101c_2	In what year did you become disabled?)
D101d_1	In what month did you retire/ stop working?

D101d_2	In what year did you retire/ stop working?
D102	Are you doing any work for pay at the present time?
D103	Have you worked for pay in the last 12 months?
D104	For your primary work, are you self-employed or working for someone else?
D105a	If self-employed, is your business registered?
D105b	Do you have business partner(s)?
D105c	What is the percentage of your ownership?
D106a_1	If you work for someone else, who do you work for?
D107	Now I would like to ask about your employer.
D107a	What is the name of the company or organization you work for?
D107b	In which department/ unit/ ministries are you working?
D107c	What is your job position?
D108	Now I would like to ask about your business.
D108a	What is the name of your business?
D109	What is your occupation?
D110	What industry do you work in?
D111	At what age were you employed for your current work?
D112	At what age have you started this business?
D113	How long do you expect to work for your current employer/ business?
D114	Before you work at this job, how many other jobs have you previously worked? If you have worked more than 3 jobs, please include the following information in the last 3 jobs.
D116	For your current job/ business, how many hours are you working in a week?
D117	In the last 12 months, how many days of work did you miss due to health problems?
D118	Except for national holidays, how many days of paid leave per year are you entitled at your current workplace?
D119	Do you have a secondary job?
D120	How many hours do you work in a week for your secondary job?
D121	For your main job, what is the usual retirement age for people who work with you or have the same kind of job?



D122	Now I would like to ask you some questions about your retirement planning.
D123	How often have you thought about retirement?
D124_1	When you retire, do you plan to stop work altogether or reduced work hours, have you not given it much thought, or what?
D125	At what age do you plan to stop work altogether?
D126	At what age do you plan to start working fewer hours?
D127	At what age do you plan to change the kind of work you do?
D128	At what age do you plan to start working for yourself?
D130	Now, I would like to ask you about certain aspects of your current job.
D130a	How often does your job require lots of physical effort?
D130b	How often does your job require lifting heavy loads?
D130c	How often does your job require stooping, kneeling or crouching?
D130d	How often does your job require good eyesight?
D130e	How often does your job require intense concentration/ attention?
D130f	How often does your job require skills in dealing with other people?
D130g	How often does your job require you to work with computers?
D130h	How often do you feel your job is more challenging than your previous job?
D131	Now, I would like to ask whether you agree with the following statements concerning your current job.
D131a	In promotion, seniority is important at your company.
D131b	Your co-workers make older workers feel that they ought to retire before the retirement age.
D131c	Your employer would let older workers move to less demanding job with less pay if they wanted to.
D131d	Your salary is adequate.
D131e	Your job security is good.
D131f	You are satisfied with the work environment of your job.
D131g	You are satisfied with the work you are assigned to do.
D131h	Your job involves a lot of stress.
D131i	You really enjoy going to work.
D131j	Overall, you are satisfied with your current job.

D132_1a	What was the main reason for your retirement decision?
D133	Thinking back to the time you completely retired, was that something you wanted to do or something you felt you were forced into?
D134	Overall, are you satisfied with your retirement?
D135	Comparing before and after retirement, what would you say about your life after retirement?
D136	I am going to read statements which are positive about retirement. Please tell me whether, for you, these were not at all important, not important, fairly important, important and very important.
D136a	Being your own boss.
D136b	Being able to take it easy/ relax.
D136c	Having the chance to travel.
D137	I am going to read out to you statements which are negative about retirement. Please tell me if, during your retirement, they have not bothered you at all, not bothered you, slightly bothered you, bothered you or bothered you a lot.
D137a	Not doing anything productive or useful.
D137b	Illness or disability.
D137c	Not having enough income to get by.

## E1: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Variable Name	Question text
E101	For the last 12 months, did you receive any income or payment, excluding income received by the household members?
E102_1	What type of income or payment did you receive?
E105_1	Who manages your household finances?
E106	What is your total monthly income after tax? (including income from salary, profit from business, remittances, rental, etc.)
E107	Now, I would like to ask the average monthly expenditure for your typical household needs, excluding housing costs, and the purchase of durable goods.
E107a	What is the average monthly expenditure for your transportation

	(Petrol, Touch n' Go, public transport, parking, school van, etc.)?
E107b	What is the average monthly expenditure for your electricity?
E107c	What is the average monthly expenditure for your water?
E107d	What is the average monthly expenditure for your telephone/ mobile phone/ prepaid?
E107e	What is the average monthly expenditure for your Indah water?
E107f	What is the average monthly expenditure for your internet?
E107g	What is the average monthly expenditure for your ASTRO/ Netflix/ TV Box?
E107h	What is the average monthly expenditure for your payment for domestic services (e.g. domestic help, cleaner, gardener, etc.)?
E107i	What is the average monthly expenditure for your) newspapers, magazines, other reading materials, etc.?
E107j	What is the average monthly expenditure for your toiletries/ personal care?
E107k	What is the average monthly expenditure for your food (including eating out)/ groceries/ household needs (e.g. detergent, floor cleaner, garbage bags, etc.)?
E107l	What is the average monthly expenditure for your membership fees (e.g. club, gym, resident association etc.)?
E107m	What is the average monthly expenditure for your house repairs (e.g. plumbing, etc.)?
E107n_1	Do you have any other monthly expenditures (e.g. Education, condominium/ community maintenance, donation, etc.)?
E107n_2	What is the household expenditure on?
E107n_3	What is the average monthly expenditure?
E108	To what extent can you manage your monthly expenditure? On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being very difficult and 10 can manage very well.
E109	Do you have any monthly instalment?
E110_1	What kind of monthly instalment do you have to pay?

## F1: SAVINGS AND ASSETS

Variable Name	Question text
F101	Is the house that you are currently staying rented?
F102	How much is your monthly rental?
F103	For the last 12 months, who mostly pays for the rental?
F104	Do you have any savings?
F104a_1	What type of savings do you have?
F105	Do you own any assets?
F105a_1	What type of assets do you have?