



Questionnaire on Private Remittances

Good afternoon, my name is _____ and I work for GfK Skopje. For the needs of academic study implemented by the University of American College Skopje, financially supported by the Regional Research Promotion Program of University of Fribourg, Switzerland, we are conducting a research about remittances with the aim of better analysis of national economy and your answers will be of great help to us. The information is strictly confidential, the survey is anonymous and data will be used in aggregated (statistical form) according to survey objectives. Therefore, I would like to speak with the head of your family. Do you have several minutes for answering the questions?

Your answers are very important. Any answer of yours is anonymous. Can I start with the questions?

Selection

Are you the head of your family?

1. Yes - CONTINUE

2. No - MAKE AN APPOINTMENT (INT. Ask if you can talk to the person who is head of the family). **If the head of the family is not abroad, interview the person who is currently responsible for decisions in the family, otherwise END (In case the head of the family is not available for the interview for some other reason, write it down in the Table for rejections)**

Ask when the person is going to be at home and make an appointment for interview.

INSTRUCTIONS: SECTION A IS OBLIGATORY FOR ALL THE RESPONDENTS. THE OTHER SECTIONS (B, C, D, E) ARE OBLIGATORY FOR RESPONDENTS WHO RECEIVE REMITTANCES FROM ABROAD.

CIRCLE THE SAMPLE ACCORDING TO GfK SKOPJE INSTRUCTIONS

1) Main sample

2) Booster

Section A. Family Profile

Q1. Write initials in the table below in the column P1 for each family member. Example: if there are 5 members in a family, there should be initials from 1 to 5 (The head of the family is always entered the first).

Q2. For each family member, except for the head of the family, enter a code in the column Q2, e.g. Wife – code 2, brother/sister – code 5, etc.

Q3. For each family member enter a code for gender in Q3.

Q4. For each family member enter age.

ID CODE	Q1	Q2		Q3		Q4	
	Initials <i>The initials of the head of the family should be written down first.</i> Please fill in Q1-4 with initials, relation to the head of the family, gender and age of each family member (exclude family members who live abroad)	What is [INITIAL]'s relationship to the head of the family?			GENDER?		AGE?
Head		1			How old are you?		
Wife/husband		2					
Son/daughter		3					
Father/mother		4	Male	1	(FOR CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN ONE YEAR, WRITE THE AGE IN MONTHS)		
Brother/sister		5					
Father/mother in law		6	Female	2			
Brother/sister in law		7					
Grandparent		8					
Grandchild		9					
Other relative		10					
Other non-relative		11					
				Age			
				Years	Months		
01 Head							
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Q5. Currently you are ...

1. Married
2. Not married
3. Divorced
4. Widow/widower
5. Lives with partner
6. DK/NA

Q6. What is the highest education level you achieved?

1. Never attended school
2. Incomplete primary school
3. Primary school
4. Incomplete gymnasium/vocational school
5. Gymnasium/vocational
6. College
7. University
8. Master studies
9. PhD

Q7. What is your ethnicity?

1. Macedonian
2. Albanian
3. Other, please specify _____
9. DK/NA

Q8. Currently, you are...

1. Unemployed, not receiving social assistance
2. Unemployed, receiving social assistance
3. Permanently employed in public sector
4. Permanently employed in private sector
5. Seasonal/non-permanent employment
6. Retired
7. Housewife
8. Student
9. Other, please specify _____
10. DK/NA

Q9. Working experience

_____ years

- 8) No work experience
- 9) DK/NA

Q10. Only for those who have completed at least secondary education

NOTE: Ask only if CODE 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 unde Q6

Profession _____

- 9) DK/NA

Q11. What is your housing status at the moment?

1. Private apartment/house
2. Rented apartment/house
3. Temporary residence (collective residence, etc.)
5. Other, please specify _____
6. DN/NA

Q12. How would you evaluate the current socio-economic situation of your family on each of the following aspects on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means “very difficult” and 5 means “excellent”?

	Aspect	Very difficult	Difficult	Good	Very good	Excellent	DK/NA
1	Nourishment/food	1	2	3	4	5	9
2	Housing	1	2	3	4	5	9
3	Clothes	1	2	3	4	5	9
4	Health	1	2	3	4	5	9
5	Education	1	2	3	4	5	9
6	Leisure time	1	2	3	4	5	9
7	Productive assets (land, tractor, sheep, cows)	1	2	3	4	5	9

Q13. Approximately how much money - expressed in MKD, has your family spent for each of the following items in the last month – self-evaluation?

	Aspect	MKD
1	Nourishment/food	_____
2	Alcohol	_____
3	Cigarettes	_____
4	Clothes	_____
5	Housing (rent and expenses – utilities, electricity, water, telephone, central heating)	_____
6	Medicines and medical services	_____
7	Hygiene	_____
8	Transport (including petrol)	_____
9	Leisure time (going out, travelling, vacation)	_____
10	Other expenses (TV, wedding, etc.)	_____
	Total expenses	_____

Q14. The last time you needed to see a doctor or a medical specialist, to what extent did each of the following factors made it difficult for you to do so?

	Very difficult	Fairly difficult	Average	Fairly easy	Very easy	DK/NA
1. Cost for seeing the doctor	1	2	3	4	5	9
2. Cost of buying medicines	1	2	3	4	5	9

Q15. For the members of your family who attend formal education, to what extent each of the following factors makes it difficult for them regarding regular attendance?

	Very difficult	Fairly difficult	Average	Fairly easy	Very easy	DK/NA
1. Cost of travelling to education facilities	1	2	3	4	5	9
2. Cost of buying books	1	2	3	4	5	9
3. Cost of paying the tuition fees	1	2	3	4	5	9

Q16. What is the minimum level of monthly wage for which you would accept to work (in Macedonia)?

- 1) up to 6000 MKD
- 2) 6001-12000 MKD
- 3) 12001-18000 MKD
- 4) 18001-24000 MKD
- 5) 24001-30000 MKD
- 6) 30001-36000 MKD
- 7) 36001-42000 MKD
- 8) 42001-48000 MKD
- 9) 48001-54000 MKD
- 10) 54001-60000 MKD
- 11) More than 60000 MKD
- 12) DK/NA

Q17. Do you have specific plans to migrate in the near future?

1. Yes. Where? _____
2. No

Q18. At what level of monthly income would you be willing to migrate?

- 1) Less than 30000 MKD
- 2) 30001 - 60000 MKD
- 3) 60001 - 90000 MKD
- 4) 90001 - 120000 MKD
- 5) More than 120001 MKD
- 6) I don't want to migrate
- 7) DK/NA

Q19. What is your total household monthly income, from all sources of revenues of all members (without including remittances from abroad)?

- 1) up to 6000 MKD
- 2) 6001-12000 MKD
- 3) 12001-18000 MKD
- 4) 18001-24000 MKD
- 5) 24001-30000 MKD
- 6) 30001-36000 MKD

- 7) 36001-42000 MKD
- 8) 42001-48000 MKD
- 9) 48001-54000 MKD
- 10) 54001-60000 MKD
- 11) More than 60001 MKD, Specify _____ MKD
- 12) DK/NA

Q20. How many members of your family can be categorized in each of the categories listed below?

Q21. Can you specify your average monthly family income from all your sources, excluding remittances from abroad? (Average of the last three months in MKD)

		Q 20	Q 21
No.	Average monthly income	Number of persons	Total monthly income
1	Permanent employment	_____	_____
2	Non-permanent employment	_____	_____
3	Income from full-time self-employment	_____	_____
4	Pension	_____	_____
5	Social financial assistance	_____	_____
6	Student loan/scholarship	_____	_____
7	Other	_____	_____

Q22. Does your household own a business?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

RESPONDENT'S PROFILE

Q 23	Q 24	Q 25	Q 26	Q 27
Name	Contact phone	Address	City	Type of settlement
_____	_____	_____	_____	1) Urban 2) Rural

Q28. Name of interviewer: _____

Q29. How many members of your family live outside of Macedonia? (If there are no such family members, write 0) _____

Q30. Do you receive money or goods from anyone living as immigrant outside of Macedonia?

- 1) YES - CONTINUE
- 2) NO – END OF INTERVIEW. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME**

Section B. REMITTENT/S PROFILE

Please provide detailed information about the remittent/s.

Q31. Year of migration 1st member: _____ 9) DK/NA

Q32. Year of migration 2nd member: _____ 9) DK/NA

Q33. Year of migration 3rd member: _____ 9) DK/NA

Country of migration

Country		Q34	Q35	Q36
		1st member	2nd member	3rd member
1	USA	1	1	1
2	Canada	2	2	2
3	Australia	3	3	3
4	Germany	4	4	4
5	Italy	5	5	5
6	Switzerland	6	6	6
7	England	7	7	7
8	Austria	8	8	8
9	Belgium	9	9	9
10	Denmark	10	10	10
11	France	11	11	11
12	Nederland	12	12	12
13	Sweden	13	13	13
14	Afghanistan	14	14	14
15	Iraq	15	15	15
99	Other _____	_____	_____	_____

Employment/occupation of the remittent:

		Q 37	Q 38	Q 39
		Member 1	Member 2	Member 3
1	Unemployed - not receiving social assistance	1	1	1
2	Unemployed - receiving social assistance	2	2	2
3	Permanently employed in public sector	3	3	3
4	Permanently employed in private sector	4	4	4
5	Seasonal/non permanent employment	5	5	5
6	Retired	6	6	6
7	Other _____			

Gender

Gender		Q40	Q41	Q42
		Member 1	Member 2	Member 3
1	Male	1	1	1
2	Female	2	2	2

Q43. What were the key reasons for your family member(s) to migrate?

	Most important One answer	Second most important One answer	Third most important One answer
1. Economic reasons	1	1	1
2. Political reasons	2	2	2
3. Education	3	3	3
4. Marriage/Family reunion	4	4	4
5. War/Refugee	5	5	5
6. Other, specify _____			

Section C. Characteristics of remittances

Q44. When did you start receiving money from abroad?

_____ (Year. Please write the exact year, e.g. 2005)

9) DK/NA

Q45. In which currency do you most frequently receive money? INT. One answer

Euro	1
USA Dollar	2
Swiss Franc	3
Australian Dollar	4
Other _____?	5
DK/NA	99

Q46. Could you please assess the total value of funds you received during the last 12 months? INT. PLEASE WRITE DOWN THE CURRENCY NEXT TO THE AMOUNT, e.g. 1000 USD

_____ (In currency stated under Q45)

Q47. Based on your best estimate, was that amount more, less or at the same level as in the previous year?

- 1) More
- 2) Less
- 3) At the same level
- 4) DK/NA
- 5) I didn't receive money in the previous year

Q48. Do you expect your household to receive more or less money in 2013, when compared with the last 12 months?

- 1) More
- 2) Less
- 3) At the same level
- 4) DK/NA

Q49. Who is the decision-maker regarding spending money received?

- 1) Sender 1
- 2) Sender 2
- 3) Sender 3
- 4) The person with ID No. _____ (write down the ID code from the Table on page 2)

Q50. In your opinion, what are the most important purposes/reasons for your family member to send money to Macedonia?

	Most important	Second most important	Third most important
Support family	1	1	1
Saving in a bank (savings of remittent)	2	2	2
Buying real estate property	3	3	3
Invest in a business	4	4	4
Lending to friends and family	5	5	5
Other (specify)	_____	_____	_____

Q51. On average, how often does the remittent living abroad visit Macedonia on annual basis?

1. Less than once a year
2. Once a year
3. Twice a year
4. Three to four times a year
5. More than four times a year
6. Other _____

Q52A. Please specify in what way you receive remittances from abroad.

Q52B. INT.: If the respondent receives remittances in more different ways ask him/her to allocate in percentage shares up to 100% the amount he/she received in the last 12 months in one of the below stated ways.

	Q52A Multiple answer	Q52B Percent
A relative brings the money when coming for a visit	1	
A friend brings the money when coming for a visit	2	
You or a family member to take the money	3	
Relative sends through fast money transfer (Western Union, Money Gram)	4	
Relative sends them through bank	5	

By mail	6	
Tourist agencies	7	
Buses, trucks or bus/truck drivers	8	
Other way, please specify _____	9	
TOTAL		100%

Q53. Did you receive in-kind remittances during the last 12 months?

1. YES
2. NO (go to Q56)

Q54. If yes, please specify:

1. Vehicle
2. Home appliances/furniture
3. Machinery
5. Other _____

Q55. What is the estimated value of these in-kind remittances?

_____ MKD

9)DK/NA

Section D. Use of remittances

Q56. How much did you spend from the remittances received in the last 12 months on each of the listed categories? INT. Please write down the amounts in the currency/-ies that the respondent is saying. TOTAL SUM HAS TO BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT STATED IN Q45.

Expenditures type		Amount	Currency
Everyday expenditures for the needs of the family (food, clothes, utilities – electricity, heating, water)	1	_____	_____
Household durables (furniture and home appliances, such as TV, washing machine, dishwasher)	2	_____	_____
Automobile	3	_____	_____
Family events (wedding, etc.)	4	_____	_____
House/aparments investments/improvements (renovation/buying)	5	_____	_____
Education	6	_____	_____
Buying medicines or other expenses related to health	7	_____	_____
Starting own business	8	_____	_____
Buying construction land for business	9	_____	_____
Buying agricultural land for business	10	_____	_____
Bank savings	11	_____	_____
“Under mattress” savings	12	_____	_____
Lending	13	_____	_____
Debt repayment	14	_____	_____
TOTAL		_____	_____

Q57. (ONLY FOR THOSE WHO STATED THAT THEY HAVE PRIVATE BUSINESS AT Q22) Has the money you are receiving from abroad helped you to start your own private business?

- 1) YES
- 2) NO

Section E. Benefits from remittances

Q58. On a scale from 1 to 5, whereas 1 means “very difficult” and 5 means “excellent”, how would you evaluate the social and economic situation of your family?

	Aspect	Very difficult	Difficult	Good	Very good	Excellent	DK/NA
1	Nourishment/food	1	2	3	4	5	9
2	Housing	1	2	3	4	5	9
3	Clothes	1	2	3	4	5	9
4	Health	1	2	3	4	5	9
5	Education	1	2	3	4	5	9
6	Leisure time	1	2	3	4	5	9
7	Productive assets (land, tractor, sheep, cows)	1	2	3	4	5	9

Q59. On a scale from 1 to 5, whereas 1 means “have not improved my welfare at all” and 5 means “significantly improved my welfare”, how have the remittances improved the welfare of your family in each of the following areas?

	Aspect	Have not improved my welfare at all	Have not improved my welfare	Neither improved or not improved my welfare	Partially improved my welfare	Significantly improved my welfare	DK/NA
1	Nourishment/food	1	2	3	4	5	9
2	Housing	1	2	3	4	5	9
3	Clothes	1	2	3	4	5	9
4	Health	1	2	3	4	5	9
5	Education	1	2	3	4	5	9
6	Leisure time	1	2	3	4	5	9
7	Productive assets (land, tractor, sheep, cows)	1	2	3	4	5	9

Q60. What do you think the government could do, to make sure that remittances have a better impact on quality of life in Macedonia? INT. Multiple answers

- 1) Invest in public infrastructure – roads, electricity, etc.
- 2) Improve the work of the public service providers - schools, hospitals, public administration
- 3) Improve the business climate (improve the conditions for business start-ups and operation)
- 4) Reduce crime and make the country a safer place to live
- 5) Encourage Macedonian citizens who live abroad to invest more in Macedonia
- 6) Provide tax relief for every remittances’ receiver who will become self-employed
- 7) I don’t think that the government can do anything – IF THIS IS THE ANSWER, THAN IT SHOULD BE A SINGLE ONE

Thank you for your time