

Cognitive tests for SDG 16 survey-based indicators in El Salvador

Background

DIGESTYC, assisted by UNDP-Infosegura, has produced information for public policy indicator systems on Citizen Security and Violence Against Women, including information for SDGs 5 and 16:

- Culture of Peace Surveys, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021.
- Violence Against Women Survey, 2017.
- Survey of Sexual Violence Against Women, 2019.
- National Data System on Acts of Violence against Women with the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, in compliance with the LEIV Law.

2020

COVID-19
first reported case



March 18

Instruments
translation
and
hiring the firm



March 21

Lockdown
until June 14th
Economic
activation began
on June 16

May 21

Amanda
and Cristóbal
Tropical Storms



June 4

Cognitive test
first half
(20 interviews)

Workshop
DIGESTYC
UNDP

June 18

Cognitive test
second half
(20 interviews)

June 27

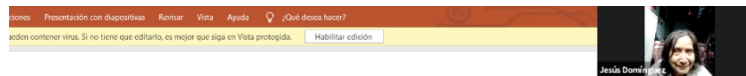
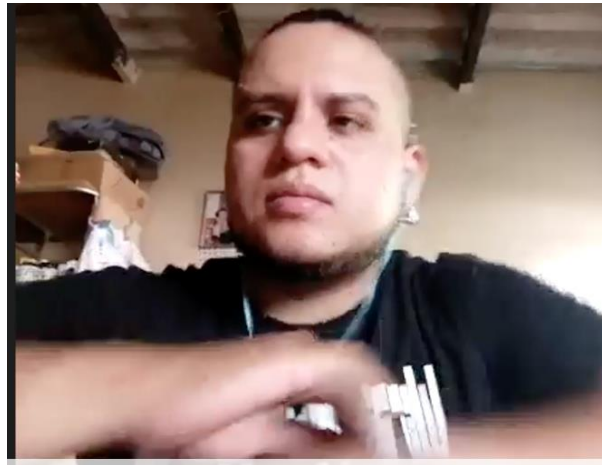
Cognitive test
report
translated

August 21

Cognitive test
report
submitted to
OCC

Sept. 21

The road traveled



TARJETA OPSV ACTOS DE VIOLENCIA PSICOLÓGICA

A.	¿ALGUIEN HA HECHO COSAS PARA ASUSTARLE O INTIMIDARLE A PROPÓSITO, POR EJEMPLO, GRITANDO O DESTROYENDO COSAS?
B.	ALGUIEN QUE LE HAGA DAÑO O DESTRUYA SUS BIENES O PROPIEDADES, INCLUYENDO A SUS MASCOTAS.
C.	ALGUIEN QUE LE CAUSE DAÑO O ESTÉ AMENAZANDO CON CAUSARLE DAÑO, QUE SEA ALGUIEN CERCANO A USTED (ADEMÁS DE LOS CASOS YA MENCIONADOS ANTERIORMENTE)
D.	ALGUIEN QUE RESTRINGE SU LIBERTAD DE MOVIMIENTO, POR EJEMPLO, ENCERRÁNDOLE EN ALGÚN SITIO O QUITÁNDOLE EL PASAPORTE.
E.	¿ALGUIEN INTENTA LIMITAR SU COMUNICACIÓN CON SU FAMILIA O AMIGOS O RESTRINGIR SU ACCESO A LAS REDES SOCIALES COMO FACEBOOK, TWITTER?

Cognitive tests

Interviewing process

- Computer Assisted Web Interviews (CAWI)
- Pilot to test web-based experience.
- Flash cards are displayed on screen.

Participants

- Both genders, 18+
- Selected on the basis of previous experiences as victims of crime.
- Participants received a monetary incentive.

Challenges



LACK OF PARTICIPATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE MADE DIFFICULT TO ATTAIN DESIRED SAMPLE SIZE.



DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS WEAK IN EL SALVADOR AND CAN SUFFER FROM TROPICAL STORMS.



TOTAL TIME OF APPLICATION MAY EXHAUST PARTICIPANTS, REQUIRING A TASK ROTATION

Lessons learned

- The challenges faced have served DIGESTYC as training for future cognitive tests and field works in general.
- Digital channels add value to the data gathering process in a country with high levels of insecurity and new normal due to COVID-19.
- Digital field work allows not only timeliness and quality of the results but also cost reductions.

Conclusions

- DIGESTYC is new to crime, insecurity, victimization and SDG measurements, but it has made huge progress in the field to inform evidence-based policies.
- Contributing from El Salvador to enhance a global instrument to measure progress on SDG16 is really important, for global initiatives need to feed on local experiences to represent reality better.
- The pilot study that we will carry out in March 2021 is our next step in contributing to improve security and justice statistics in El Salvador and we are pleased that it is of benefit to other countries as well.