

Press release

After nearly four years of work and preparation by the Kurdistan Regional Statistics Office in coordination with the World Bank, today, on July 19 2023, the field work of the the third round of the "Household Socio-economic Survey" began at the level of the Kurdistan Region. This survey is considered to be one of the most important and largest of its kind, with the field work continuing for one year, and will interview 4608 households in the region to get their answers on the questionnaire, which consists of 24 parts.

This survey when finished and the data analyzed, will give us the new poverty line at the governorate level based on household expenditures, after 10 years from the second round of the similar survey which was conducted in 2012 and its results were revealed the following year. Later, the Poverty Map was produced at the level of sub-districts relying on the results of this survey and another big survey known as the Poverty Map and Maternal Mortality.

In this round, as in the previous rounds, in addition to the poverty line and poverty rate, other important indicators such as education level, health status, social status, migration, food rations and food security, housing, job seeking, agriculture, income, household durables, debt, shocks, recreation, justice, satisfaction, and trust will be obtained.

Relying on this survey, the consumer basket will be renewed, which covers all goods that household daily, monthly, bi-annual, and yearly consume. Also, CPI will be measured according to the new basket that is economically vital as it shows the currency power of purchase and economic status of the country.

Therefore, after the census, this survey is considered the most important statistical work, where KRSO uses all its capacity to get the indicators to provide them to the relevant authorities to assess their strategies and projects implemented in previous years.

It is worth mentioning that this survey should be conducted every five years to know the changes that have occurred in the above-mentioned areas. In the case of Iraq and the Kurdistan Region, the survey is of great importance to be conducted due to the wide array of changes which have happened in terms of demography, economy, and social matters during the past two 5-years periods, since the last one was carried out.

In this regard, the teams of the statistical departments in the region will start field work in all districts and we ask the citizens to cooperate with them to implement the survey in the best way that will eventually benefit them.