# Online Appendix for <br> "Measuring Women's Empowerment in Collective Households" 

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## I. BIHS Questions

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| Are you now doing any work or business that <br> brings in cash, additional food, or allows you <br> to accumulate assets for your household? 1. Yes 2. No <br> Who decides how to spend money on food? 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA <br> Who decides how to spend money on housing? 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA <br> Who decides how to spend money on health <br> care? 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA <br> Who decides how to spend money on <br> education? 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA <br> Who decides how to spend money on clothing? 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA <br> Do you yourself control the money needed to <br> buy food from the market for yourself? 1. Yes 2. No <br> Do you yourself control the money needed to <br> buy clothes for yourself? 1. Yes 2. No <br> Do you yourself control the money needed to <br> buy medicine for yourself? 1. Yes 2. No <br> Do you yourself control the money needed to <br> buy toiletries/cosmetics for yourself? 1. Yes 2. No <br> Who decides whether you can go by yourself <br> to outside the community to visit friends or <br> relatives? 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA <br> Who decides whether you can go by yourself <br> to the haat/bazaar? 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA |


| Who decides whether you can go by yourself <br> to the hospital/clinic/doctor? | 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA |
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| Who decides whether you can go by yourself <br> to the cinema/fair/theatre? | 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA |
| Who decides whether you can go by yourself <br> to outside the training for NGO/programs? | 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA |
| Have you ever used birth control (methods to <br> delay or avoid pregnancy)? | 1. Yourself 2. Your Husband 3. Self and <br> Husband 4. Someone else 5. NA |
| Has your husband ever used any birth control <br> method? | 1. Yes 2. No 3. Not Applicable |
| Has your husband threatened you with divorce <br> in the past year? | 1. Yes, often 2. Yes, sometimes 3. Has <br> threatened and divorced/remarried 4. No 5. <br> Not applicable |
| Has your husband threatened you with taking <br> another wife in the past year? | 1. Yes, often 2. Yes, sometimes 3. Has <br> threatened and divorced/remarried 4. No 5. <br> Not applicable |
| Has your husband, another family member, or <br> household resident verbally abused you in the <br> past year? | 1. Yes, often 2. Yes, sometimes 3. Has <br> threatened and divorced/remarried 4. No 5. <br> Not applicable |
| Has your husband, another family member, or <br> household resident physically abused you in <br> the past year? | 1. Yes, often 2. Yes, sometimes 3. Has <br> threatened and divorced/remarried 4. No 5. <br> Not applicable |
| Did you (singular) participate in food crop <br> farming in the past 12 months? | 1. Yes 2. No |
| Did you (singular) participate in cash crop <br> farming in the past 12 months? | 1. Yes 2. No |
| Did you (singular) participate in livestock <br> raising in the past 12 months? | 1. Yes 2. No |
| Did you (singular) participate in non-farm <br> economic activities in the past 12 months? | 1. Yes 2. No |
| Did you (singular) participate in wage and <br> salary employment in the past 12 months? | 1. Yes 2. No |
| Did you (singular) participate in fishing or fish <br> culture in the past 12 months? | 1. Yes 2. No |
| Do you alone have any money you can decide <br> what to spend on? | 1. Yes 2. No |


| Do you feel comfortable speaking up in public <br> to help decide on infrastructure to be built in <br> your community? | 1. No, not at all comfortable 2. Yes, but with <br> a great deal of difficulty 3. Yes, but with a <br> little difficulty 4. Yes, fairly comfortably 5. <br> Yes, very comfortable |
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| Do you feel comfortable speaking up in public <br> to ensure proper payment of wages for public <br> work or other similar programs? | 1. No, not at all comfortable 2. Yes, but with <br> a great deal of difficulty 3. Yes, but with a <br> little difficulty 4. Yes, fairly comfortably 5. <br> Yes, very comfortable |
| Do you feel comfortable speaking up in public <br> to protest the misbehavior of authorities or <br> elected officials? | 1. No, not at all comfortable 2. Yes, but with <br> a great deal of difficulty 3. Yes, but with a <br> little difficulty 4. Yes, fairly comfortably 5. <br> Yes, very comfortable |
| Do you feel comfortable speaking up in public <br> to intervene in case of a family dispute? | 1. No, not at all comfortable 2. Yes, but with <br> a great deal of difficulty 3. Yes, but with a <br> little difficulty 4. Yes, fairly comfortably 5. <br> Yes, very comfortable |
| When decisions are made regarding <br> agricultural production, who is it that normally <br> takes that decision? | 1. Main male or husband 2. Main female or <br> wife 3. Husband and wife jointly 4. Someone <br> else in the household 5. Jointly with <br> someone else inside the household 6. Jointly <br> with someone else outside the household 7. <br> Someone outside the household/other 98. <br> Decision not made |
| When decisions are made regarding what types |  |
| When decisions are made regarding what <br> of crops to grow for agricultural production, <br> who is it that normally takes that decision? | male or husband 2. Main female or <br> wife 3. Husband and wife jointly 4. Someone <br> else in the household 5. Jointly with <br> someone else inside the household 6. Jointly <br> with someone else outside the household 7. <br> is it that normally takes that decision? <br> someone else inside the household 6. Jointly <br> with someone else outside the household 7. <br> Someone outside the household/other 98. <br> Decision not made |
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| When decisions are made regarding when or <br> who would take crops to the market, who is it <br> that normally takes that decision? | 1. Main male or husband 2. Main female or <br> wife 3. Husband and wife jointly 4. Someone <br> else in the household 5. Jointly with <br> someone else inside the household 6. Jointly <br> with someone else outside the household 7. <br> Someone outside the household/other 98. <br> Decision not made |
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| When decisions are made regarding livestock <br> raising, who is it that normally takes that <br> decision? | 1. Main male or husband 2. Main female or <br> wife 3. Husband and wife jointly 4. Someone <br> else in the household 5. Jointly with <br> someone else inside the household 6. Jointly <br> with someone else outside the household 7. <br> Someone outside the household/other 98. <br> Decision not made |
| When decisions are made regarding non-farm <br> business activity, who is it that normally takes <br> that decision? | 1. Main male or husband 2. Main female or <br> wife 3. Husband and wife jointly 4. Someone <br> else in the household 5. Jointly with <br> someone else inside the household 6. Jointly <br> with someone else outside the household 7. <br> Someone outside the household/other 98. <br> Decision not made |
| When decisions are made regarding your own <br> wage or salary employment, who is it that <br> normally takes that decision? | 1. Main male or husband 2. Main female or <br> wife 3. Husband and wife jointly 4. Someone <br> else in the household 5. Jointly with <br> someone else inside the household 6. Jointly <br> with someone else outside the household 7. <br> Someone outside the household/other 98. <br> Decision not made |
| On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means you <br> are not satisfied and 10 means you are <br> satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction <br> with your available time for leisure activities <br> like visiting neighbors, watching TV, listening <br> to the radio, seeing movies, or doing sports? | On a scale from 1 - 10, with 1 being not <br> satisfied, 5 being neither satisfied nor <br> dissatisfied, and 10 for very satisfied. |
| satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction <br> with your contacts with friends or relatives? | On a scale from 1 - 10, with 1 being not <br> satisfied, 5 being neither satisfied nor <br> dissatisfied, and 10 for very satisfied. |


| On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means you <br> are not satisfied and 10 means you are <br> satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction <br> with your possibilities of going to other places <br> outside of your village? | On a scale from 1-10, with 1 being not <br> satisfied, 5 being neither satisfied nor <br> dissatisfied, and 10 for very satisfied. |
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| On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means you <br> are not satisfied and 10 means you are <br> satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction <br> with your power to make important decisions <br> that change the course of your life? | On a scale from 1-10, with 1 being not <br> satisfied, 5 being neither satisfied nor <br> dissatisfied, and 10 for very satisfied. |
| On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means you <br> are not satisfied and 10 means you are <br> satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction <br> overall? | On a scale from 1-10, with 1 being not <br> satisfied, 5 being neither satisfied nor <br> dissatisfied, and 10 for very satisfied. |
| On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means you <br> are not satisfied and 10 means you are <br> satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction <br> with your available time for leisure activities <br> like visiting neighbors, watching TV, listening <br> to the radio, seeing movies, or doing sports? | On a scale from 1-10, with 1 being not <br> satisfied, 5 being neither satisfied nor <br> dissatisfied, and 10 for very satisfied. |
| Do you cover your head when you go out of <br> the house? | 1. Yes 2. No |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions <br> made in agricultural production? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. <br> Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. <br> Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied <br> 98. Decision not made |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions <br> made in what inputs to buy for agricultural <br> production? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. <br> Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. <br> Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied <br> 98. Decision not made |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions <br> made in what types of crops to grow for <br> agricultural production? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. <br> Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. <br> Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied <br> $98 . ~ D e c i s i o n ~ n o t ~ m a d e ~$ |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions <br> made in when or who would take the crops to <br> market? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. <br> Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. <br> Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied <br> $98 . ~ D e c i s i o n ~ n o t ~ m a d e ~$ |


| How satisfied were you with the decisions made in livestock raising? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied 98. Decision not made |
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| How satisfied were you with the decisions made in nonfarm business activity? | 1. Very satisfied 2 . Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied 98. Decision not made |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions made in your own wage or salary employment? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied 98. Decision not made |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions made in minor household expenditures? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied 98. Decision not made |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions made in what to do if you have a serious health problem? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied 98. Decision not made |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions made in how to protect yourself from violence? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied 98. Decision not made |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions made in whether and how to express religious faith? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied 98. Decision not made |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions made in what kind of tasks you will do in a particular day? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied 98. Decision not made |
| How satisfied were you with the decisions made in whether or not to use family planning to space or limit births? | 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied 98. Decision not made |


|  | 1. Earn more money than him/her 2. Earn <br> less money than him/her 3. Earn about the <br> Hame money as him/her 4. Partner does not <br> partners? your earnings compare to your <br> earn money 5. I do not earn money 6. Both <br> partner and I do not earn money 7. Do not <br> know how much partner earns 98. Not <br> applicable |
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| Can the respondent be interviewed alone? | 1. Alone 2. With other adult females present <br> 3. With other adult males present 4. With <br> other adults mixed sex present 5. With <br> children present |

Source: Bangladesh Integrated Household Survey. Note: Questions and responses have been edited by the authors for clarity.

