

From Guidelines to Impact: The Experience with the IAEG-AG Food Consumption Measuring Guidelines

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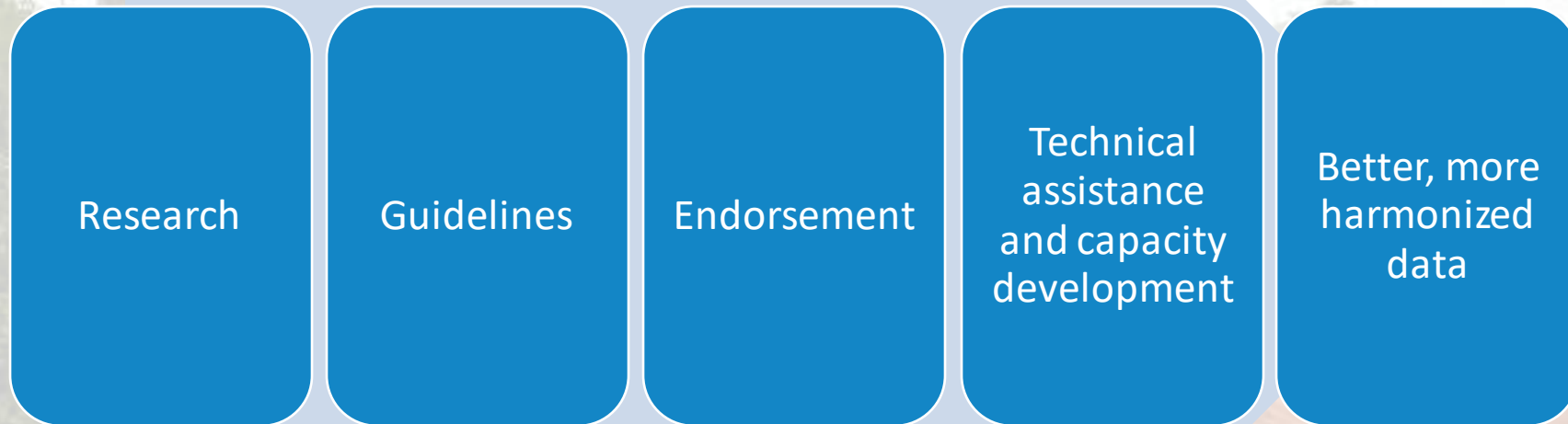
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The research

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Assessment of the Reliability and Relevance of the Food Data Collected in National Household Consumption and Expenditure Surveys

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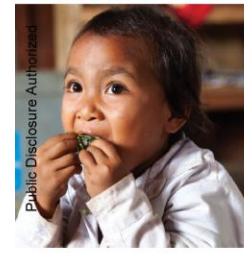
RESEARCH TOPICS	STUDIES
<i>Food away from home</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peru, Brazil• Vietnam, India
<i>Length of food list</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indonesia• Brazil
<i>Length of recall (and diary)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bangladesh• Niger, Tanzania• Canada
<i>Acquisition vs. consumption</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mongolia
<i>Household vs. individual</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethiopia• Bangladesh



Special Issue: [Food Counts](#)

The Guidelines: Main areas of attention and contention

- Diary and recall
 - Length of recall
- Food Away from Home
- Seasonality
- Acquisition & Consumption
- Food list
- Meal participation
- Non-standard units



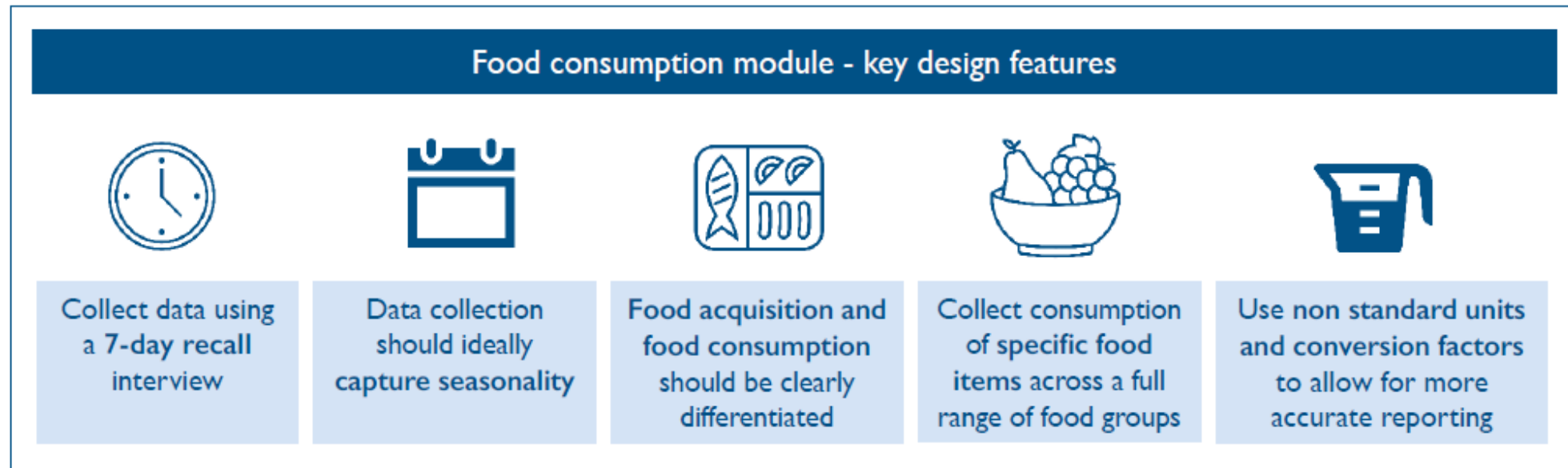
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Food Data Collection in Household Consumption and Expenditure Surveys

Guidelines for Low- and Middle-Income Countries

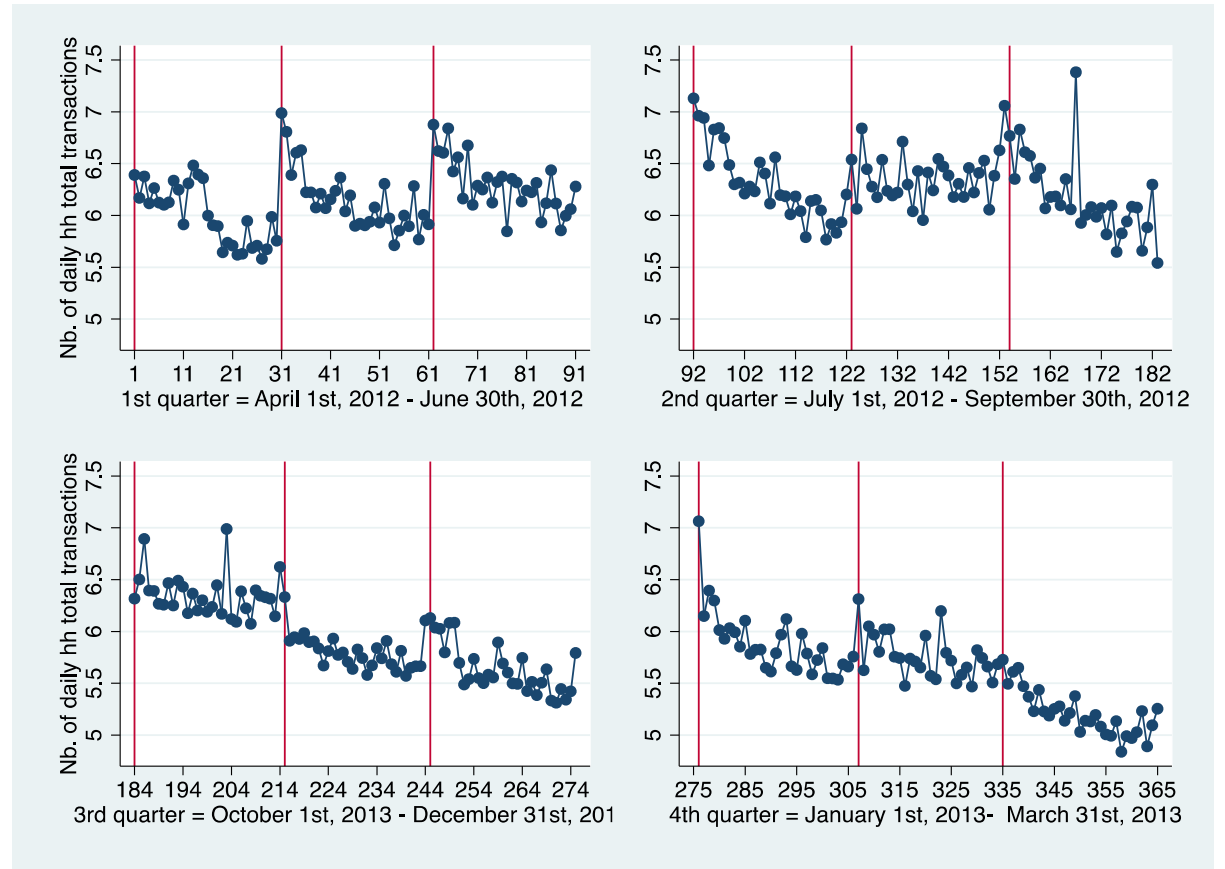
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Recommendations – at home consumption



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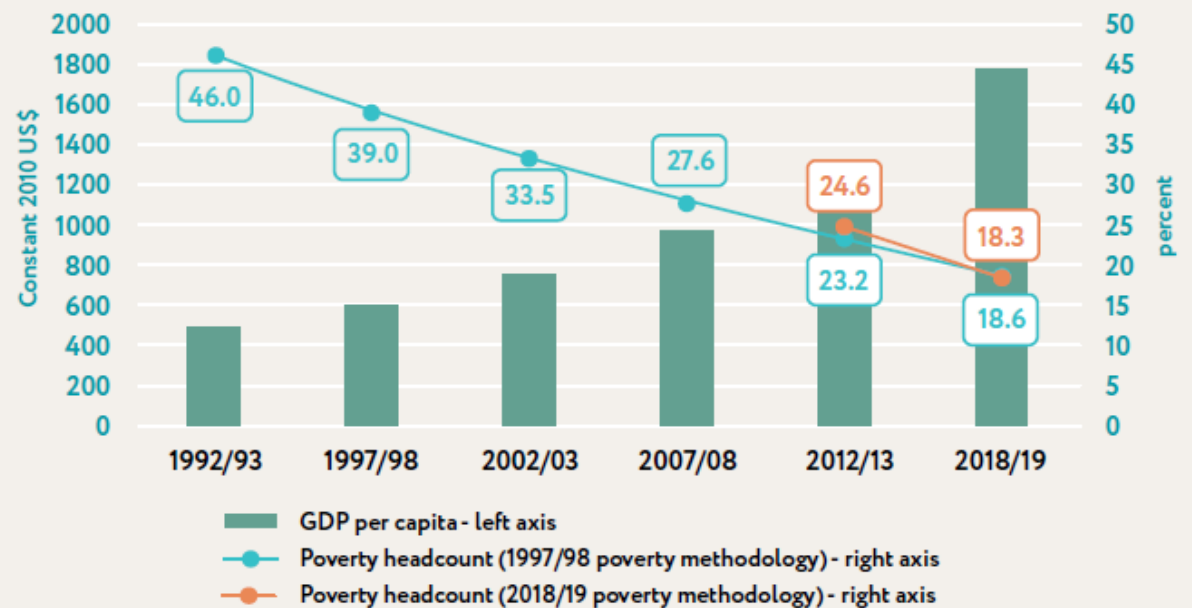
Number of reported transactions declines over diary period, and over the 12 months of the survey

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FIGURE 2.2.

National poverty trend, poverty headcount 1992/93–2018/19



Source: Government of Lao PDR and WDI, World Bank.

Lao PDR switched from 30- to 14-day diary, while assessing the comparability of their poverty estimates

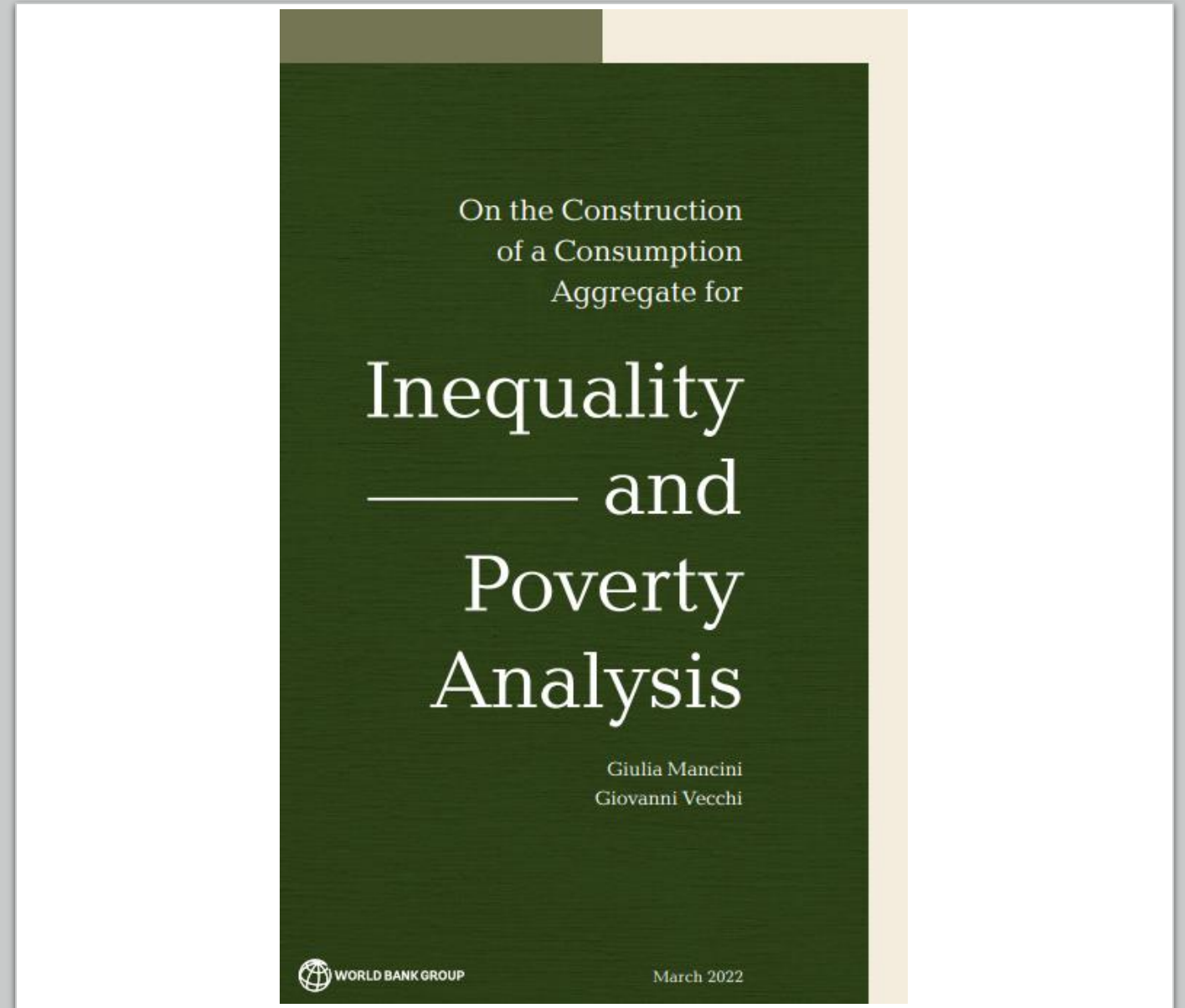
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- Reference document for other initiatives
 - Harmonized analysis (poverty, food security)



What next?

- Capacity, capacity, capacity...
- Methodological research gaps remain
 - FAFH
 - Individual level
- Integration with other data sources has opportunities, but not easy
- Importance of commitment of UN-CEAG to push the agenda
 - Partnership is key
 - Consensus goes a long way

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