

Do Other countries do this type of Assessment?

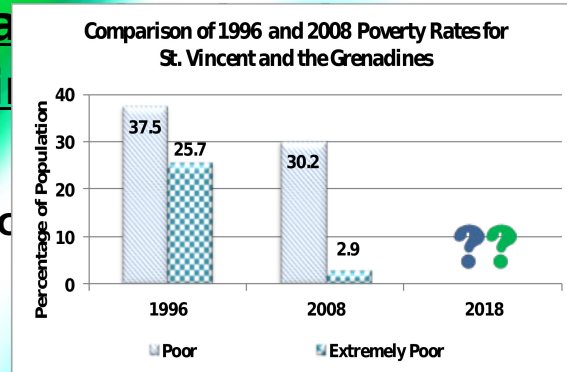
All countries of the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) will be conducting this assessment within the next 5 years. The PPA is done almost every ten years in St Vincent and the Grenadines. In some CARICOM countries, the assessment is done more frequently, like every 5 years.

How is the PPA related to the Country Poverty Assessment (CPA)?

The PPA is one component of the CPA. The Government is currently undertaking a Country Poverty Assessment (CPA). The CPA is a comprehensive poverty study which apply a mixed-method approach involving both quantitative and qualitative research. The PPA is the qualitative element of the CPA.

The CPA has 4 other components:
Survey of Living Condition-Household Budgets
Institutional Assessment
Macro-socio Institutional Assessment
Poverty and Vulnerability Mapping Exercise

The results of the last two SLC-HBS revealed



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Participatory Poverty Assessment

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What is the PPA about?

The Living Conditions and Household Budgetary Survey asks questions about the spending patterns of residents of St Vincent and the Grenadines. The survey looks at how much money households spend on various items such as food, clothing, rent, entertainment, health expenses, car repairs and other items.

The survey also collects socio-economic and demographic information about households, that is, information about age, sex, employment status, social security etc.

What will the information be used for?

The PPA will provide insights into the causes of poverty, deprivation and coping strategies in poor communities. The results — combined with the other findings of the CPA — will be used to:

recommend and inform policies, strategies and action programs to improve the living conditions of the population;

influence decisions regarding income support, labour market, housing and infrastructure, education and health care;

inform local, regional and international interventions;

determine the causes and the extent of poverty.

Why should you participate in this survey?

The more people participate in the PPA, the better will be the portrait of poverty and living conditions of Vincentians. Your participation ensures that every person is represented in the study results – married, single parents, unemployed, young adults, elderly, persons with disabilities, etc. Your participation is necessary for it to be a success.

What type of questions will be asked?

You will be asked questions about your living conditions, challenges faced and coping strategies. You are invited to speak freely, without being forced to answer questions that you are not comfortable with.

How will your information be shared?

The findings of the PPA will be summarized and released in a report. Information published will represent the community situation. However, no information that could identify you or your family will be revealed. The PPA is conducted under the authority of the Census and Statistics Act, no. 24 of 1983, which ensure the information you provide will be kept confidential.

Is the PPA only for the poor?

Everyone's participation is important! Whether poor or non-poor, your voice matters. The portrait of the living conditions of Vincentians would not be accurate without everyone's participation. Persons who are economically challenge needs to let their voice be heard as programmes can better be designed to address their conditions.

Who is conducting the PPA?

The Ministry of National Mobilisation has the responsibility of being responsible for the social impact programmes here on the island, and acts as the government social hub and response agency for the vulnerable within the society.

The Ministry therefore will train a team of individuals who will be responsible for the administering of the instruments to garner the views of the community experts and heads of household to assist the Ministry in being better prepared to advocate on their behalf.

The communities have been selected based on evidence based data that allows for further information gathering on the social implications within the communities, heads of households will assist in providing the information that will give a true reflection of the conditions within their communities so that the outreach programmes and services being offered can be better targeted at the

