

## Caucasus Barometer 2011

### Short description of the Survey

The Caucasus Barometer (formerly Data Initiative (DI) is a cross-border yearly project, initiated by the Eurasia Partnership Foundation Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC), aimed at studying public opinion on social, political and economic processes in the South Caucasus (SC) region. The CRRC teams of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia have been collecting reliable data from households on the region annually since 2004, which give a continuous opportunity to make comparisons between countries by developing the observing long-term regional trends. Since 2006 the survey has been carried out not only in the capitals of regions, but also in rural and urban areas<sup>1</sup>.

### Survey Instrument

The questionnaire as a survey instrument was developed by the teams of researchers from three SC countries, and it has been revised year after year: new questions were added, several ineffective questions were eliminated, and some questions were interchangeably included or removed. The main questionnaire contains about 100 questions regarding information about demographic, social, political and economic developments of the South Caucasus region. In 2011 the questionnaire was enriched with questions about refugees, Nagorno Karabakh conflict and government's activity.

### Survey Methodology

The electoral rolls of the last nationwide election served as a sampling frame for multistage cluster sampling. The electoral districts in capitals, rural and urban areas of all regions were randomly chosen proportionate to the quantity of households, and quantity of the households to be interviewed was calculated. The latter was defined using the systematic step method, with a polling station entry as an initial point. The Kish table was used for choosing the respondents. In Armenia, the adult members of 2300 households took part in face-to-face interviews in 2011.

### Data availability

The survey instruments: questionnaires, show cards, the detailed sampling methodology document, the survey databases (in SPSS format) and some findings can be found on the CRRC regional website at [www.crrccenters.org](http://www.crrccenters.org), as well as on the website of CRRC-Armenia <http://crrc.am/index.php/lo/14/164>. For more information please contact CRRC-Armenia.

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<sup>1</sup> The survey was not carried out in Nagorno Karabakh, Nakhichevan, Abkhazia and the Southern Ossetia.