

# An Introduction to Korean Longitudinal Survey of Women and Families



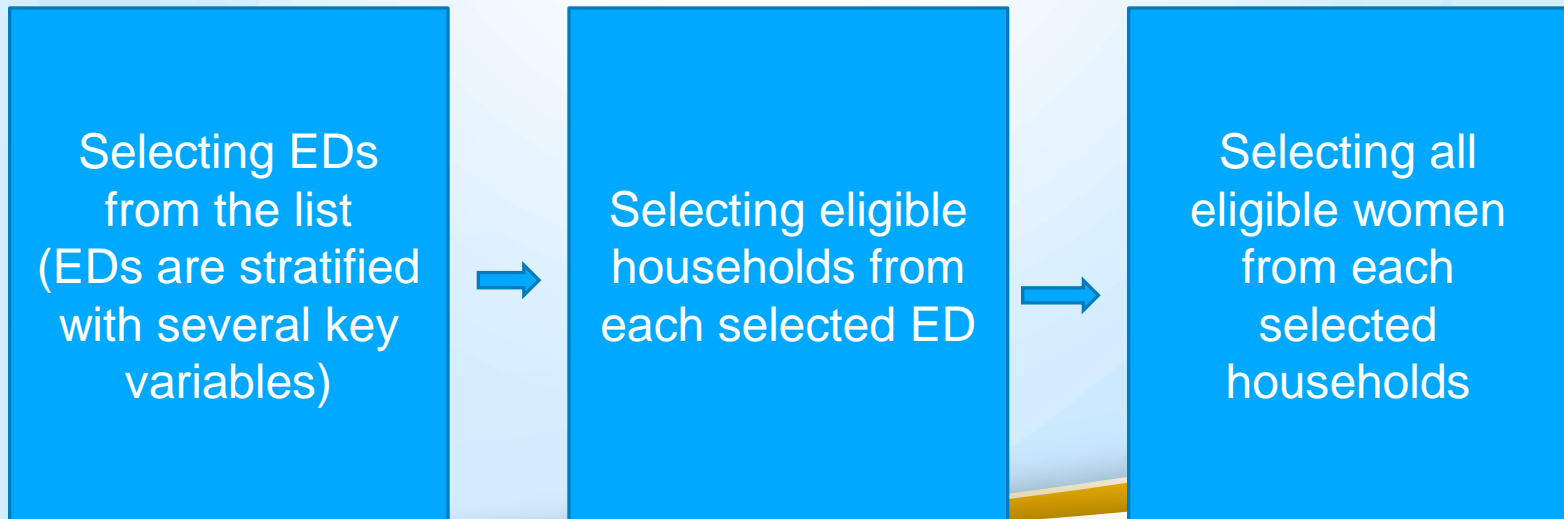
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# Purposes of the Survey

- ▶ To collect longitudinal data of women living in Korea and their families
- ▶ To provide quantitative data resources for the analyses of academic and policy issues concerning gender equality in Korean society.
- ▶ To lay an empirical foundation for redesigning and reassessing gender and family policies implemented by Korean government.
- ▶ Ultimately, to help each and every member of Korean society to enjoy more rights endowed to them as parents and workers.

# The Sample

- sampling frame: the ED(enumeration districts) list of the 2005 census.
- sampling method: two-stage cluster sampling



# The Sample

- “eligible households” : households in which women aged between 19 and 64 are living
- “eligible women” : women aged between 19 and 64
- 1,771 EDs were selected, from which 9,068 households and 9,997 women were selected as the original sample of the survey.

# The Questionnaires

- Two sets of questionnaires are administered, a household questionnaire and a personal questionnaire.
- Each and every eligible women in the household are required to answer the personal questionnaire.
- One of women living in the household, who is supposed to represent the household, is also required to answer another questionnaire, the household questionnaire.

# The Questionnaires

- Key variables of the household questionnaire

- Demographic trait of each and every household member.
- Housing (address of the residence, housing types, ownership, size, etc.)
- Income(total annual income of each household member, before tax)
- Consumptions
- Assets and debts

# The Questionnaires

## - Key variables of the personal questionnaire 1

- Siblings
- Education level
- Marital status
- Attitude towards marriage
- Satisfaction with marriage
- Attitude towards the spouse
- Activities done together with the spouse
- Conflicts with the spouse
- Household work(care work included)
- Husband(age, education, income, occupation, etc.)
- Questions to the separated
- To the divorced

# The Questionnaires

- Key variables of the personal questionnaire 2
  - To the widowed
  - Pregnancy and child-birth(histories)
  - Intention to have a child in near future
  - Education of the children(costs of childcare included)
  - Relationships with adult children(concerns and problems, frequency of conversations)
  - Relationships with parents(husband's parents included)
  - Sharing among siblings the burdens of supporting parents
  - Attitudes towards the family
  - Self estimation of one's own health
  - Leisure time



# The Questionnaires

- Key variables of the personal questionnaire 3

- employment status(employed, unemployed, not participating in the work-force)
- types of jobs
- types of industries
- employment contract
- wages and salaries
- work hours
- human resources management in workplaces
- maternity programs in workplaces
- social insurances provided by employers
- questions to employers and the self-employed
- questions to independent contractors

# The Questionnaires

- Key variables of the personal questionnaire 4
  - questions to the unemployed and economically inactive women
  - job satisfaction
  - job training
  - perceptions about work-family balance
  - husband's attitudes towards their wives' getting job
  - discriminations in workplaces
  - dimensions of discrimination(age, sex, education, appearance, religion, etc.)
  - sexual harassments in workplaces
  - maternity leave

# Distributions of Some Key Variables

- Age

Age groups	% (KLoWF)	%(2005 census)
19-24	12.1	13.2
25-34	24.3	24.8
35-44	26.1	26.4
45-54	23.4	21.7
55 and older	14.0	13.8
total	100.0	100.0

# Distributions of Some Key Variables

## - Education

Education levels	% (KLoWF)	%(2005 census)
Middle school and below	21.2	23.3
High school	36.9	39.4
College(below BA)	14.0	12.7
University(BA and higher)	27.9	24.6
total	100.0	100.0

# Distributions of Some Key Variables

- Marital status

Marital statuses	% (KLoWF)	%(2005 census)
Not married	19.8	24.0
Married	72.2	66.8
Divorced	3.0	3.8
	0.7(separated)	
Widowed	4.3	5.4
total	100.0	100.0

# Attrition Rates

- total

	First wave	Second wave	Attrition rates
households	9068	7704	15.0%
women	9997	8364	16.3%

- by age groups

Age groups in 2007	First wave	Second wave	Attrition rates
28-32	1513	1248	17.5%
56-61	1101	977	11.3%

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave Data Collection

- The third wave fieldwork has begun this fall(30<sup>th</sup>. July, 2010)
- From the second wave on, the survey is conducted biennially, due to budgetary constraints.
- A target retention rate is 81%.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> wave survey is expected to conclude at the end of December 2010.
- Public release of the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave data is schedule to be made in June, 2012).

# What is to be done from the 4<sup>th</sup> wave on?

- Questionnaire of women's health added
- KLoWF data made compatible with other overseas panel surveys(preferably women-only panels).
- A network of international academic co-operations built among researchers and scholars having interests in gender-related longitudinal surveys
- International conference held on the subject of gender equality from a global perspective.



# Thank you

- Thank you for paying attention to the presentation.
- Any comments or advises would be welcomed
- Please keep paying attention to the KLoWF and women's status in Korea