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## Dept plans to survey income of households

PETALING JAYA: The Department of Statistics is conducting a survey to gauge household income distribution and the economic well-being of the population.

The year-long survey is also being done to identify poverty margin and the expenditure data which, among others, is to be used to calculate the weighted Consumer Price Index – a proxy for measuring the country's inflation rate.

“This survey covers households staying in private living quarters involving 83,456 households nationwide. This income data will be used by the Government as inputs for the formulation of national development plan, especially in preparing the 11th Malaysia Plan.”

It said the Household Income, Expenditure and Basic Amenities Survey 2014 is important in the planning, development and formulation of policies, especially in the poverty eradication programmes and comprehensive distribution of income.

“The data also serves as a basic item in determining the poverty line income (PLI) and in determining the poor and hardcore poor,” it added.

The types of information to be collected include economic activity and profile of household members, total income of all household members received in cash or in kind, monthly expenditure and basic amenities and utilities available in each household.