

Subject: Fieldwork of the current household-based surveys suspended

To whom it may concern,

During a telephone meeting of the directors of the three statistical institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, namely the Agency for Statistics of BiH, the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics and the Federal Institute of Statistics, it was decided to suspend all fieldwork activities in the implementation of the current surveys which involve physical contact with households. This decision was made due to the current situation caused by the corona virus pandemic and the comprehensive efforts to stop the spread of infection in Bosnia and Herzegovina, all in accordance with the measures and recommendations of the competent authorities' disease control centres at the state and entity levels.

All household-based surveys planned for this month, for which the fieldwork has not started yet, are delayed until further notice.

The statistical institutions will regularly monitor the reports, recommendations and decisions of the disease control centres, and accordingly, the survey implementation will be continued once there is no more risk of spreading the infection and when the overall epidemiological situation is repaired. The staff involved in the survey and the public will be informed about any new developments in due time.

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