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PRIVACY ASSURANCE STATEMENT FOR THE TAJIKISTAN 2013 POPULATION-BASED SURVEY FTF FEEDBACK PUBLIC USE DATASET

Under the terms of the Executive Order *Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information* and the Administration's *Open Data Policy*, the USAID Bureau for Food Security is making data from Feed the Future FEEDBACK (FTF FEEDBACK) performance monitoring surveys available as open and machine-readable public use datasets after publication of the country reports.

An essential step in the preparation of FTF FEEDBACK datasets for public use is ensuring respondent privacy and confidentiality. Respondent privacy and confidentiality is ensured and protected by removing identifying information from the datasets, including *direct identifiers* (information such as names, addresses, Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates, or any other personally identifying number or characteristic) and *indirect identifiers* (data that do not specifically identify a person or location, but that can be used to do so, one variable at a time or in combination, by uniquely describing a person or household).

FTF FEEDBACK datasets are freely available to the public without restriction. However, all personal identification information that may have been present in the original data has been removed. In addition, variables that could potentially be used indirectly (in combination with other variables or with other data sources) to identify any particular household or respondent have been recoded to prevent that disclosure.

Households with large numbers of members can potentially be identified if large households are unique or rare in the survey district. To effectively avoid revealing the identity of any large household that may be the only one or among a very few of its size in its district, a number of household members' data have been removed from several households. The number of households affected and the number of household members' data removed through this procedure will not be disclosed. The members who were removed were not eligible for interview elsewhere in the questionnaire.

Because of these modifications it may not be possible for analysts to exactly reproduce all of the results in published country reports and indicators.