



The economic crisis: How have you been affected?

The Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE) is conducting research to find out how women in Singapore have been affected by the recent global economic crisis.

The research findings will be used for a report for advocacy on policy initiatives, as well as for the CEDAW Shadow report that AWARE submits to the United Nations periodically to show how women are doing in Singapore.

We want to reach as many women as possible, and from all walks of life.

Please help us by printing out and answering this questionnaire. It will take only about 15 minutes of your time.

Please also ask at least two of your women friends to complete the questionnaire. You can either forward this attachment to them, or perhaps you can print the questionnaire and pass it to them.

When you have completed the questionnaire, please mail it to us at:

**CEDAW Economic Impact Survey
AWARE
Block 5, Dover Crescent
#01-22
Singapore 130005**

Thank you very much for your time.

Note:

You can also complete this questionnaire online at www.aware.org.sg

If you have any questions about this questionnaire, please call Rina or Priyanka at 6779-7137 or email cedaw@aware.org.sg

Please check the appropriate box

A. PERSONAL PROFILE

A1. How old are you?

- 18 - 30
- 31 - 40
- 41 - 50
- 51 - 62
- 63 - 80
- 81 & above

A2. What is your ethnicity?

- Chinese
- Malay
- Indian
- Eurasian
- Others (please specify):

A3. What is your nationality/status?

- Singapore
- Singapore PR
- Foreigner

A4. What is your marital status?

- Single
- Married
- Divorced/Separated
- Widowed

A5. What is your educational qualification?

- No formal qualifications
- Up to Pr 6
- Up to N levels
- Up to O levels
- Up to ITE Levels
- Up to A levels
- Diploma
- Degree & above

A6. What is your working status?

- Permanent/full-time
- Permanent/part-time
- Contract/full-time
- Contract/part-time
- Free-lance/full-time
- Free-lance/part-time
- Self-employed
- Looking for work
- Unemployed

A7. What is your occupation?

- Professional
 - Senior Management
 - Middle Management
 - Technical
 - Clerical/Administrative
 - Semi-skilled
 - Unskilled
 - Self-employment
- Please specify:

A8. How many years in total have you worked?

- 0-3
- 4-6
- 7-10
- 11-20
- 21-30
- Above 30

A9. What do you earn per month (or previously)?

- Below \$600
- \$601-1000
- \$1001-2000
- \$2001-3000
- \$3001-4000
- \$4001-5000
- Above \$5000

A10. How much personal savings do you have currently?

- None
- Less than \$1000
- \$1001-2500
- \$2501-5000
- \$5001-10000
- \$10001-20000
- \$20001-50000
- Above \$50000

A11. How much do you have in your CPF Ordinary Account?

- None
- Don't know
- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,001-50,000
- \$50,001-100,000
- \$100,001-200,000
- Above \$200,000

B. Housing and household				
B1. Type of dwelling <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Owner	Occupant	Tenant
HDB – 1 room				
HDB – 2 room				
HDB – 3 room				
HDB – 4 room				
HDB – 5 room				
HDB – Executive/Maisonette				
HDB – Executive Condo				
HUDC/Condominium/Private apartments				
Landed property				
Others (government quarters, etc)				
B2. Members living in the same household <i>Please check column where applicable</i>			How many persons? <i>(where applicable)</i>	
Spouse				
Children – married or unmarried				
Parents or parents-in-law				
Siblings – married or unmarried				
Relatives or friends				
Living alone				
B3. Household income profile. <i>Please check column where applicable</i>			Who are the income earners?	
Single-income				
Double-income				
Multiple-income				
B4. Current income status of all household members				
Relationship to you	Age	Occupation	Monthly salary <i>(Please try to give an estimate)</i>	Other sources of income
B5. Your monthly contribution, if any, to household expenses <i>Please check/fill in column where applicable</i>			None	Amount

C. Impact of economic crisis - In the past 2 years (2007/9), how have you or a member of your household been affected by the recent economic crisis?

C1. Impact on Employment <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Identify family member	Date affected	Loss of income (\$)
1. Retrenched/Lost job				
2. Contract terminated				
3. Pay cut				
4. Compulsory unpaid leave				
5. Change in working hours				
6. Change in number of working days				
7. No change				
8. Other changes eg found a lower paying job after being jobless for 8 months				
C2. Impact on education <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Identify family member		
1. Problems paying education loan				
2. Problems supporting family members who are studying				
3. Have stopped education				
4. Stopped children's private tuition				
5. Can't afford kids' pre-school education				
6. No change				
7. Other changes eg switching children's pre-school to cheaper option				
C3. Impact on Health <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Identify family member		
1. Hesitating to see doctor when feeling ill				
2. Problems paying medical bills				
3. Problems taking care of ill/aging parents or other relatives (eg nursing home/helper)				
3. Mental wellness affected				
5. No change				
6. Other changes eg mother stopped physiotherapy for knee problem				
C4. Impact on Transportation <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Identify family member		
1. Problems repaying vehicle loan				
2. Sold/planning to sell vehicle				
3. Using more public transport				
4. Problems coping with transport fares				
5. Problems coping with children's transport fares				
6. No change				
7. Other changes eg going out less to save on transport				

C5. Impact on Housing <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Any additional information		
1. Problems repaying loan repayment				
2. Downgrading				
3. Property repossessed				
4. Returned flat to HDB				
5. No change				
6. Other changes eg sold house and renting now				
C6. Impact on Household Budgeting <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Any additional information		
1. Problems purchasing basic necessities				
2. Problems paying utility bills				
3. Problems paying for phone, cable TV, Internet subscription, etc				
4. Problems paying any outstanding bills				
5. Reduction in contribution to household expenses				
6. No change				
7. Other changes eg postponing renovation plans				
C7. Impact on Savings/investment/insurance <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Any additional information		
1. Can't save regularly				
2. Dipping into savings				
3. Problems paying insurance premiums				
4. Problems paying credit card bills				
5. Borrowing from bank or other sources				
6. No change				
7. Other changes eg cash in early on insurance policy				
D. Seeking Assistance				
D1. Are you receiving any financial assistance from the following? <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Amount received	Date received	Name of organisation
1. Government department or agencies				
2. NTUC				
3. Voluntary welfare organisations				
4. Religious organisations				
5. Other sources of support				
6. Not seeking any assistance				
D2. In these last 2 years, have you taken any work-related upgrading or training course <i>Please check column where applicable</i>		Name of course and training institution		
1. Government funded scheme				
2. Privately funded course				
3. Workforce Development Agency (WDA) supported schemes				
4. Not sure of any training available				
5. Know of training courses but don't want to pursue				

E. ANY OTHER EXPERIENCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE

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