

DECISIONS FROM SLAGELSE, MAY 1998

Methodological decisions

- A quantitative survey based on qualitative studies
- A comparative study based on a common survey
- Survey data must be combined with regional "system reports"
- One core of common questions-additional regional specific questions allowed
- Three levels (a) inter-regional level, (b) regional level and (c) community level (depending on local funding)
- Geographical limitation: Inuit and Saami living in the Arctic
- Units of sampling: Inuit and Saami households (1) random individual + the most knowledgeable person regarding household production)
- Units of analysis: Individuals and households
- Age 16+

Decisions regarding indicators

7 objectives:

- The research design must mirror the life forms and welfare priorities of the respondents
- The aim is not only to map living conditions - but also to identify forces for social, economic and cultural change as well as consequences of change
- Theoretical and model deduced selection of living conditions indicators (The household production model (a.o))
- Coherent set of indicators.

Measuring

- Both descriptive as well as cumulative measures are employed

Definition of Living Conditions

Living conditions are constituted by: individual control over resources that can be employed in different arenas.