



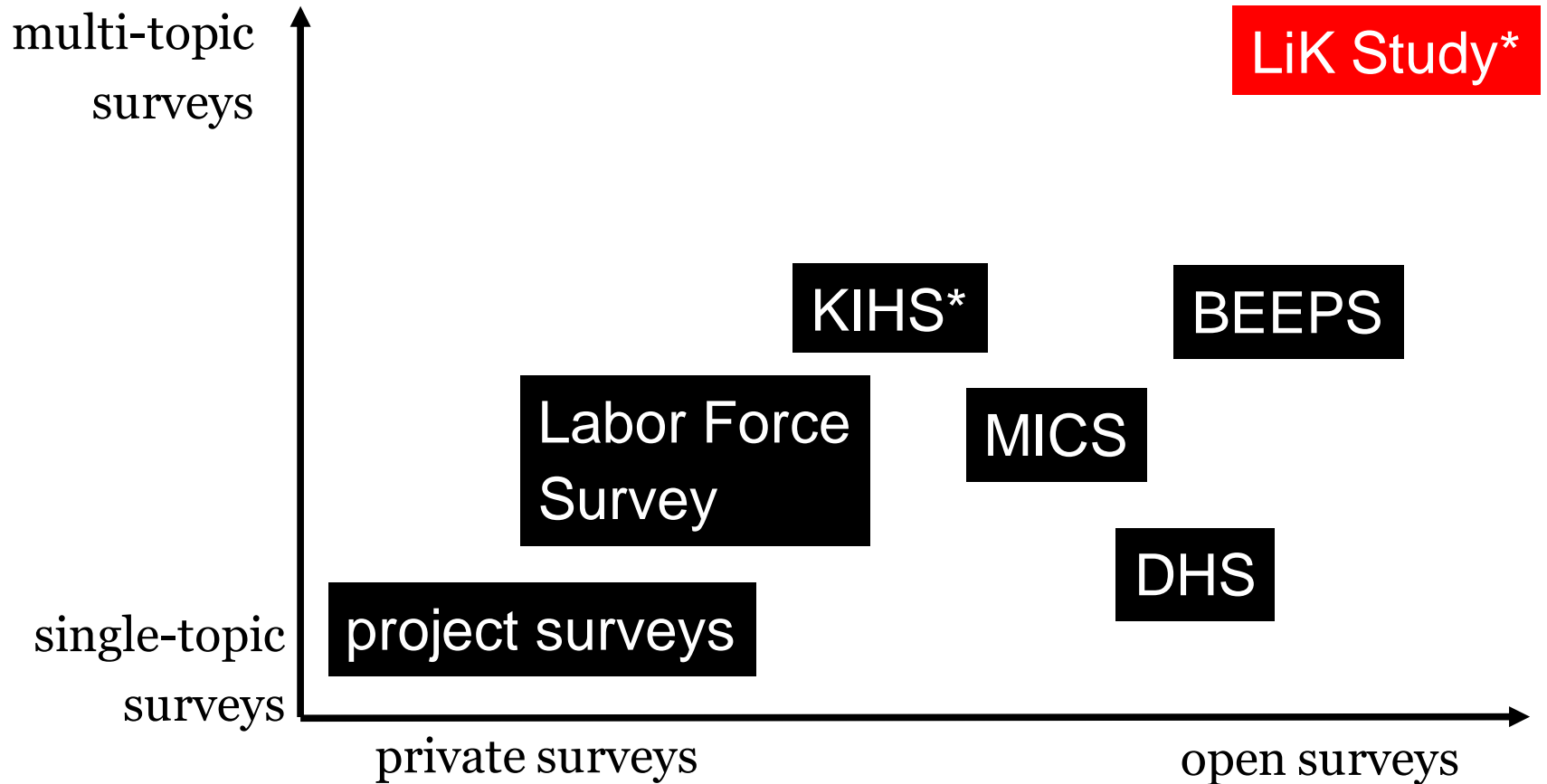
# **Household Survey Data for Research on Well-Being and Behaviour in Central Asia: The Case of the Life in Kyrgyzstan Study**

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# Data Sources in Kyrgyzstan



\* denotes panel studies

# The Case for an Individual Panel

2010

2016

Repeated  
Cross-Section



Panel

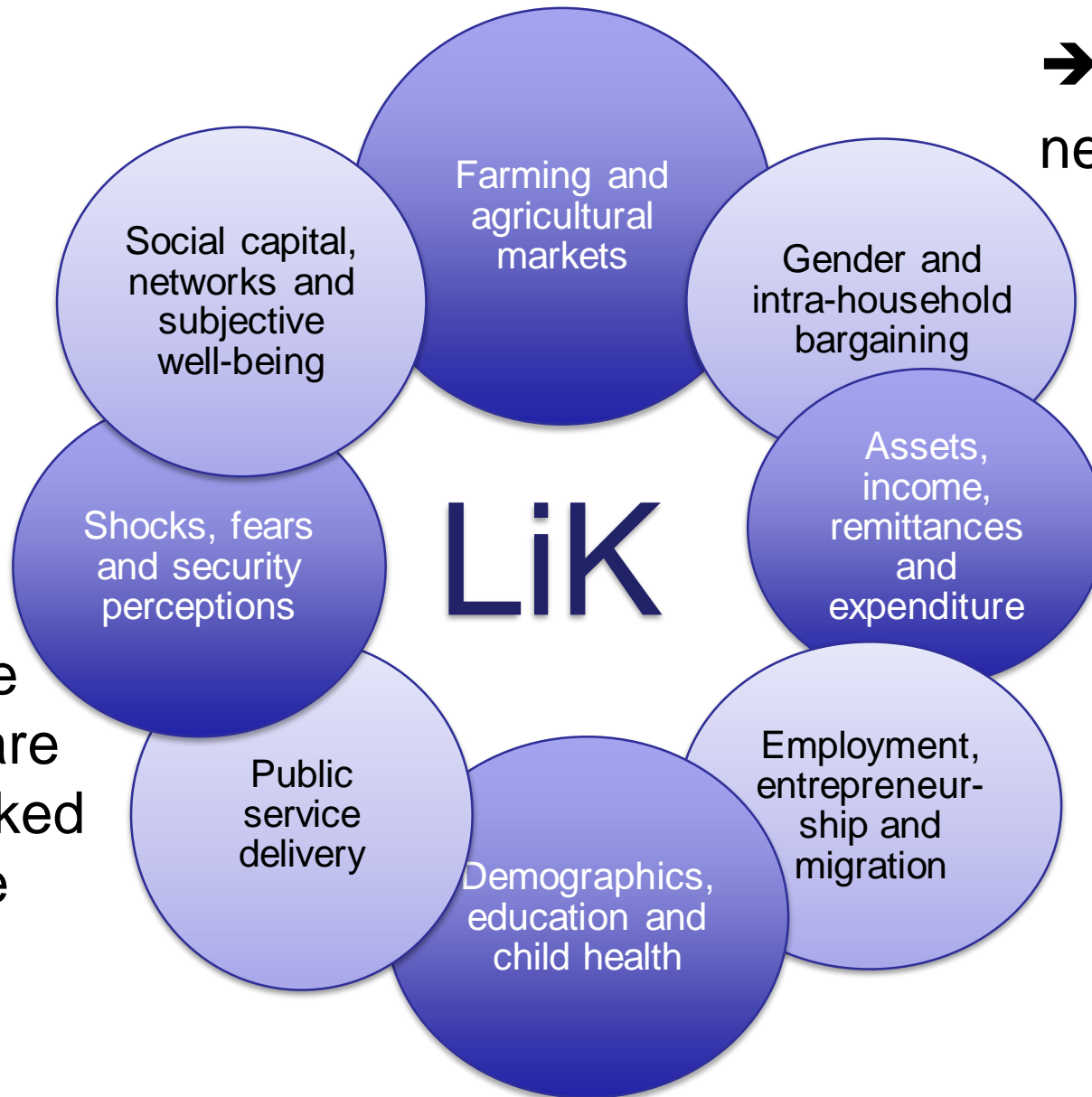


Tracking the same people enables causal analysis!

# LiK: A Nation-Wide Panel of Individuals

- Tracking 8.160 individuals in 3.000 households in 120 communities
- Yielding over 38 million data points so far
- Stratified 2-stage random sampling from 2009 census
- Representative: national, rural/urban, North/South
- Data collection: around October–December
- So far, 5 waves: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2016
- Data and questionnaires are open access
- Research-led, open-access, independent study

# LiK is a Multi-Topic Survey



→ Option to add new topics

→ Some topics are only asked in some years

→ Huge benefits from connecting these themes!

# Questionnaires

## Individuals

- subjective well-being
- education and health
- labor market
- movements
- family and household
- worries
- security and violence
- social life
- child anthropometrics

## Households

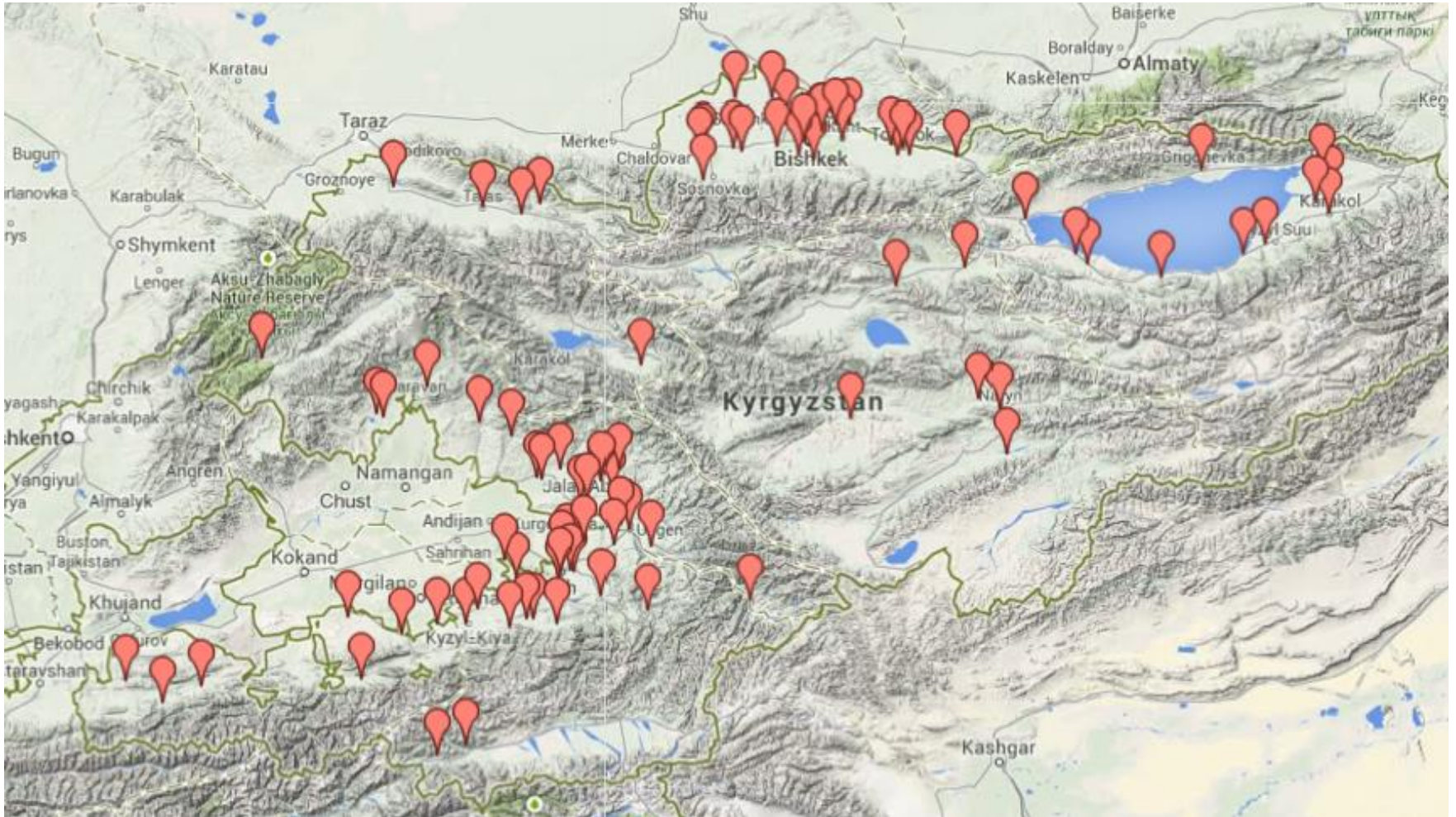
- household composition
- child education and health
- housing and assets
- land
- agricultural markets
- consumption and expenditures
- income
- migration
- shocks

**+ Community-level questions**

# LiK can provide information for 13/17 SDG goals



# National Coverage





# Unique Features of the LiK Study

1. True panel study
2. Independent, research-based survey
3. Multi-topic survey
4. Open access public good
5. Capacity building and learning tool

# Impact of the LiK Study so far

- >30 institutions worldwide use LiK data for research
- Research articles
  - eg Journal of Comparative Economics, Economics of Transition
- 5 international conferences in Berlin and Bishkek
- 3 summer schools in Issyk-Kul in 2014, 2015 and 2017
- Policy advice for ministries, donors, NGOs etc.
- Foundation for additional large research projects
  - on social cohesion and peace-building in Southern Kyrgyzstan

**1st Annual LiK Conference**

**Bishkek, 1-2 October 2015**

**Second Annual LiK Conference**

**Bishkek, 6-7 October 2016**



**Third Annual LiK Conference**

**Bishkek, 12-13 October 2017**

**Call for Papers closed 15 June 2017**

# Further Information

[www.lifeinkyrgyzstan.org](http://www.lifeinkyrgyzstan.org)

Twitter: @LiK\_Study



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