

Attachment A – Overview of changes proposed to the ASR

ORR proposes changes to the ASR that draw on validated questions that were developed for other comparable data collection efforts. These proposed changes refine the wording of certain questions, incorporate questions designed to collect more detailed data on refugee needs related to health, mental health, housing, transportation, and financial assistance, and result in a nominal increase in the length of the survey. The proposed changes are as follows:

- Added the “uses a different term” response option to the gender question to align with ACF data collection and expert recommendations.
- Added a question about respondent financial assistance needs (e.g., banking services, budgeting, filing taxes, obtaining a loan, etc.).
- Added a question about respondents and family members’ difficulties performing basic life activities due to health issues, such as (e.g., hearing, sight, mobility challenges).
- Added questions about respondents’ housing situations and primary methods of transportation.
- Added a question about family reunification.
- Added a question about respondent’s children’s activities.
- Revised question wording about respondent challenges applying for a green card to be more consistent with the question format used to ask about challenges in other ASR survey questions.
- Revised question wording related to respondent health care coverage to be more comprehensive and align with other well-being and basic needs surveys.
- Deleted a question about mental health that respondents had difficulty understanding and replaced it with a question that simplifies the wording to make it easier for respondents to understand and answer.