**Gender Sensitive HH Interview**

**Seed Access and Availability**

Rapid Seed System Security Assessment

**Foreword**

* The sample of household interview respondents should try to proportionally reflect the community in terms of gender, age, minorities, household type, land area cultivated, commercial/subsistence, and wealth. However, if the program is focusing on a particular type of farmer (e.g., small subsistence), then the survey sample should focus on this type of farmer ensuring gender, age, and household type representation reflective of demographics (e.g., if 30% of households are female-headed, then 30% of households interviewed should be female-headed).
* The survey is intended to be administered prior to planting for the upcoming season, preferably within two months of planting.
* The planting period will be identified prior to the interviews after discussions with agricultural experts.
* Questionnaires should be administered by enumerators fluent in the local language.
* The survey is designed so it can also be administered by phone. Respondent’s attention is shorter in phone surveys versus face-to-face interviews; therefore, a phone survey should be completed within 30 minutes.
* If the respondent is not a farmer, end the survey.
* In some contexts, women and youth are not seen as being farmers even when they really are, so the farmer question may need to be adapted to ensure that women farmers do not self-exclude.
* Gender and age cultural context should guide decision on who interviews which respondents. In some locations, men interviewing women is not a problem but on other context this is culturally inappropriate and may limit the number of women who are interviewed. Generally, the survey team should represent the local demographics as much as possible.
* Initially introduce oneself as an employee of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ undertaking a survey to understand the seed situation in the community. Tell the individual that the survey will last around 30 minutes. Ask if they would be willing to cooperate. Tell them that all responses are confidential and have no bearing on who may or may not receive project benefits in the future. Explain that we want their actual experiences (no wrong answers). At the end of the interview, ask them if they have any questions of us? Thank them for their participation.

**Basic Information**

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| Date and time of survey: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Survey number code [Give each survey a unique number]:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Period of upcoming season: From \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ |
| **Enumerator Information** |
| Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Gender (select one): ○ Male ○ Female |
| Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Respondent Information** |
| Name [Optional if respondent prefers not to give his/her name]:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Phone number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Farmer: ○ Yes ○ No |
| Gender (select one): ○ Male ○ Female Age [This is only to identify respondent as youth or adult]: ○ Age < 29 ○ >29  Relationship to household head: ○ Self ○ Spouse ○ Parent ○ Child ○ Other (Specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Household size: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Household type: ○ Male-headed ○ Female-headed ○ Child-headed |
| Person with disabilities [See questions in methodology to identify if person has disabilities]: ○ Yes ○ No |
| Area cultivated by HH head: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Unit of measure of land size: ○ Hectare ○ Acre ○ Other (Specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Area cultivated on separate plot by female HH member (if not HH head): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Period of upcoming cropping season: From MM/YY To MM/YY  Period of prior year cropping season (should be the same): From MM/YY To MM/YY |
| **Location** |
| Admin 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Admin 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Name of village: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Questions

1. **Do any female HH members cultivate separate plots from the male headed household members?**

**If so, and if she is available, interview her separately.**

○ Yes ○No

**[For 3-10 respond in table below. Answer the questions that relate to either the main family plot or the female cultivated plot separate from the main family plot depending on the respondent. Use the code sheet for planting more or less to fill in the why column].**

1. **What is the size of the plot cultivated?**
2. **What are the most important crops on the plot that are normally planted during the upcoming cropping season? [use the local name for the season or period for the season] [3-5 major crops will have already been identified. Ask about these crops and any other crops the respondent considers important.]**
3. **[If not already answered] What are the most important vegetable, fruit or legume crops that are planted on the plot?**
4. **What crops does the HH plan to plant on the plot during the upcoming [use the local name or period for the season], cropping season?**
5. **What crops will be planted more of [in terms of area or crop density] on the plot? Why the change in order of importance (enter code for reasons for planting more)?**
6. **What crops will be planted less of [in terms of area or crop density] on the plot? Why the changes (enter code for reasons for planting less)?**
7. **Where do you normally obtain seed for these different crops?**
8. **Where are you planning on obtaining seed for each of your crops in the upcoming season?**
9. **Are changes in sources of seed? If so, why?**

○ Yes ○No

Questions 3-10



1. **Will the total land planted increase or decrease?**

○ Increase ○Decrease

* 1. Why (see code sheet for planting more or less)??

1. **How much seed is available for each crop as compared to last year at this time?**

○ More ○ Less ○ The Same ○ Don’t know

Please explain any more or less answers referring to any changes from your usual sources (own saved seed, social networks,

local markets, agrodealers, government, NGO/UN agencies, community seed groups, and private seed producer).

1. **How would you assess the quality of seed from the sources you are familiar with?**

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|  | **Usually Good** | **Usually Poor** | **Variable** | **Don’t know** |
| Own saved Seed |  |  |  |  |
| Social Networks (Neighbors, Family…) |  |  |  |  |
| Local (Informal seed) Markets |  |  |  |  |
| Agrodealers |  |  |  |  |
| Government |  |  |  |  |
| NGO/ UN |  |  |  |  |
| Community Seed Groups |  |  |  |  |
| Private Seed Producer |  |  |  |  |

1. **Are you able to obtain your preferred varieties from these sources?**

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|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Sometimes** | **Don’t know** |
| Own saved Seed |  |  |  |  |
| Social Networks (Neighbors, Family…) |  |  |  |  |
| Local (Informal seed) Markets |  |  |  |  |
| Agrodealers |  |  |  |  |
| Government |  |  |  |  |
| NGO/FAO |  |  |  |  |
| Community Seed Groups |  |  |  |  |
| Private Seed Producer |  |  |  |  |

* 1. If not, why not?

1. **Does your household normally store seed? If yes, please respond to questions a-d below.**

○ Yes ○No

* 1. What kind of seed does the household normally store?
  2. How does the household store the seed?

PICS bags

Airtight container,

Ordinary bags,

Other (Specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. Do household members treat its seed?

○ Yes ○No

* + 1. How?
  1. What level of seed loss does the household experience for each type of seed stored [round to the closest 10%]?

1. **Will the household be storing the same kinds of seed next season? If not, explain what kind of seed will be stored.**
2. **Do you anticipate the household storing more/less/the same amount of seed this next season?**

○ Yes ○No

* 1. If more or less, why?

1. **Do you use fertilizer regularly on this plot?**

If yes, what type of fertilizer is used on the family farm plot/male-head plot?

* + 1. Organic (manure, compost)
    2. Chemical fertilizer

Do you anticipate an increase or decrease in use this upcoming season on the family farm plot/male farm plot?

○ Yes ○No

If so, why?

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|  | **Reasons for planting LESS NEXT season** |  | **Reasons for planting MORE NEXT season** |
| **Code** | **Reasons** | **Code** | **Reasons** |
| 1 | No seed available in market | 18 | More seed available due to good harvest |
| 2 | No seed/cuttings available from neighbors | 19 | More seed available due to free seed |
| 3 | No money to buy seed/poor finances or seed too high | 20 | More money to buy seed or seed price low |
| 4 | Seed available is not good quality or the variety is not liked | 21 | Got credit to buy seed |
| 5 | No/insufficient labor | 22 | Have especially good seed or good variety |
| 6 | Illness/health problems | 23 | Good/increased labor |
| 7 | No/insufficient land or land not appropriate/sufficiently fertile | 24 | Feeling strong/healthy |
| 8 | Lack of tools/tractor/ other machinery to farm | 25 | Have more land/more fertile land |
| 9 | Plant pests/diseases make production not possible | 26 | Have tools/tractor, other machinery to help farm |
| 10 | Animals/predator make production not possible | 27 | Have access to irrigation, fertilizer, or other inputs |
| 11 | Lack of other inputs: controlled water supply/irrigation or fertilizer | 28 | Good weather/rainfall |
| 12 | Poor weather/rainfall | 29 | Good security (peace has arrived; less theft) |
| 13 | Insecurity (e.g., theft) | 30 | Well-developed /new markets for crop or crop products |
| 14 | Markets for crop or crop products not well-developed | 31 | Have decided to give more priority to agriculture |
| 15 | Other priorities than agriculture (e.g., have shop) | 32 | Changed crop profiles or priority to certain crops |
| 16 | Changing Crop priorities or changing agricultural practices | 33 | Other |
| 17 | Other |  |  |