

This interview needs to be conducted with a representative reduced-size focus group of community members (5 individuals or less as per MOH guidance), in open-air forums, practicing social distancing. Please try to ask all questions, but note that it is a semi-directed interview, therefore questions are here to guide the conversation. Don't hesitate to ask a follow-up question or details when needed.

Date of FGD: (dd/mm/year)

Location (region/district):

Names of Facilitator and Note taker:

Gender of Focus Group: Female Only / Male Only

Number of participants:

*Read out the below **Introduction** and **Consent** statement script verbatim (word for word as written below).*

Hello. My name is _____ and I am working with [CRS / Caritas branch].

You are being invited to participate in a study being conducted in disaster-prone districts in Uganda. The purpose of the interview is to help us to understand preferred distribution modalities and whether additional awareness is required on the benefits of different market-based modalities (cash, vouchers). This interview will last approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You can refuse to participate or can withdraw from the study at any time. Such a decision will not affect your relationship with us, either now or in the future. Nor will a refusal or withdrawal of participation result in the loss of any other benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you consent to participate, your personal information will be kept confidential. Your participation in this study involves no physical risk. We are maintaining strict control over all data and will not share your name or information with anyone outside of our project team.

- *Do you understand the purpose of the discussion? **Wait for participant(s) to demonstrate that they understand.***
- *Do you agree to participate? **If participant(s) agree, continue. If any participant in the focus group does not agree, politely invite them to leave and continue the activity with everyone who agrees.***
- *Do you have any questions? **Answer any questions. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me at the end of the conversation.***

Questions:

Source of Income

1. What are the main sources of income for households?
2. who is responsible for making money for the household? *(husband, wife, children, all)*
3. Given the opportunity, what are the three (3) main priorities that you would suggest improving the livelihoods of the communities?

Types of expenses

4. Please describe what you mostly buy from the market:
 - a. Food:
 - b. Other items used in the households (*non-food items (NFIs), shelter materials, Agric inputs and tools, scholastic materials*)
5. How many times do you usually go to the market on average (on a weekly basis)?
6. How much do you spent on average when you go to the market?

Preferences in Assistance

7. Can you recall any type of assistance in the past or on-going that was given by a humanitarian organization? Please describe what it was and how it was delivered? (*in-kind distributions -direct distributions of food and non-food items; cash transfers including e-transfers -direct payments of money to a recipient; vouchers -a coupon or piece of paper that can be exchanged for goods or services through market fairs, temporary shops*)
8. If you had an opportunity to make suggestions, what would you say to them in terms of the how the assistance was given?
9. If given a choice between assistance given in-kind -*direct assistance in terms of food and non-food items; cash transfers including e-transfers -direct payments of money to a recipient; vouchers -a coupon or piece of paper that can be exchanged for goods or services through market fairs, temporary shops*, what would you choose?
 - a. Why? (*items that we get are of quality, able to get a good price, I understand this modality, able to bargain, provides for choice, vendors or market is nearby, safe and secure, etc.*)
10. How might in-kind assistance, cash transfer, and vouchers influence relations in the HH? In the broader communities? (*positively, negatively, no change*)

11. If given a choice between type of vouchers price or cash vouchers (*where a recipient is given a voucher equivalent to a certain amount of cash, which s/he can spend at any pre-approved vendor*) commodity vouchers (*where recipients have access to pre-defined commodities or services that can be exchanged at any vendor participating in the program, or at specially arranged fair*) or combination of both price and commodity, what would you choose?

a. Why?

Gender, Protection & Conflict

12. Who generally makes decisions in the household about how money is spent?

13. What is the role of women, men, children on decisions of how money is spent?

14. [The following question can be answered about the general community, without asking people to disclose specifics related to domestic violence.¹] How would you describe the level of conflicts between husbands and wives in this community? (probe any details related to any changes-increase or decrease of domestic conflict)?

15. Please describe to us how conflicts are resolved in the community. What is the lowest level and highest level of conflict resolution? Which one is most effective and most preferred?

16. Who in your community helps to ensure the protection of vulnerable people?

Thank you for your participation.

¹ If somebody does disclose any information about rights abuses or experiencing harm, after the interview, ask if they want somebody to follow up with them about available services. If the person consents, share the person's contact details with the Team Leader.