

**Agricultural and Livestock Focus Group**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Village \_\_\_\_\_

Ward \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Enumerator \_\_\_\_\_

Interview start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information on Focus Group Participants:**

Name	Title	Gender (M / F)	Age	Primary occupation

1. What are the primary crops grown in this village?
2. How many growing seasons do you have?
3. What are the permanent crops in this area, for example mango, cashews, cassava, coffee, sisal and other fruits?
4. What proportion of households tend/raise permanent crops?
5. For the crops grown in this village, what were the prices received by people in this village who sold the crops? Tell us about the price per unit [UNITS LISTED BELOW] given when most people sold most of their crop, within the last 12 months.

	Crops	Tick if harvested in this village	Price per Unit
1	Maize (sacks)		

2	Beans (20 kg. cans)		
3	Cassava (sacks)		
4	Rice (sacks)		
5	Sunflower (cans)		
6	Onions (cans)		
7	Sorghum (sacks)		
8	Simsim (cans)		
9	Groundnuts (sacks)		
10	Cashews (kgs.)		
11	Tobacco (kgs.)		(use kg. as units)
12	Sweet potatoes (cans)		
13	Tomatoes (cans)		
14	Green vegetables (sacks)		
15	Coffee (sacks)		
16	Tea (kgs.)		
17	Cotton (kgs.)		
18	Coconut (cans)		
19	Bananas (stalks)		
20	Mangos (sacks)		
21	Papaya (sacks)		
22	Jatropha (cans)		
23	Peas (all kinds, cans)		
24	Wheat (sacks)		
25	Garlic (cans)		

99	Other (specify)		

**For the following questions, please respond thinking about the long rainy season.**

6. How serious a problem is soil erosion in this village? For what proportion of households would you say it is a serious problem? How do most farmers try to control soil erosion?
7. What proportion of farms in this village are along steep slopes? What proportion of households who farm on steep slopes use terracing techniques? Why is it common/uncommon here?
8. What proportion of household in this village do intercropping? Why is it common or uncommon here?
9. What proportion of households in this village irrigate their plots? What are the most common methods they use? And what are the most common sources of water?
10. What proportion of households in this village have land titles, own land but without title, rent or are landless?

**Inputs:**

11. Inorganic Fertilizer – is it used here?
  12. IF YES: Where does it come from?
  13. IF YES: What proportion of households use it?
  14. IF A LOW PROPORTION: Why so few?
15. Is organic fertilizer like manure used here?
  16. IF YES: Where does it come from?
  17. IF YES: What proportion of households use it?
  18. IF A LOW PROPORTION: Why so few?

19. Pesticides and herbicides – are they used here?

20. IF YES: Where do they come from?

21. IF YES: What proportion of households use either one?

22. IF A LOW PROPORTION: Why so few?

### **Inputs on credit**

23. What proportion of households receive credit for seed, fertilizers, pesticides before planting?

24. Do most households who receive credit receive it in time to plant?

### **Hired labor**

25. What proportion of households hire labor for land preparation, weeding or harvesting?

26. What is the general daily wage?

27. What are the major reasons why households in this village don't farm?

28. What are the major reasons households lose crops before they are harvested?

(PROMPT:: drought, fire, animals, insects, disease, theft, shortage of labor)

29. What are the major reasons households lose crops after they are harvested?

(PROMPT:: rotting, insects, rodents/pests, theft, other)

### **Sales**

30. What proportion (or percent) of households sell their crops for cash?

31. What person or company or market would be the number one buyer in this area?

32. And the number two buyer?

33. For households who sell crops at market, how do the most of them transport their crops?

34. How far away is that market?

35. Today, what proportion of crops would most villagers have from the last harvest?

36. How do most people here store those crops?
37. Do most people do anything to protect these stored crops?
38. What are the primary reasons people store crops?
39. What proportion of farmers in this village process the products harvested on their farms?  
(Prompts: type of crops and by products)
40. Where do they sell it? [Examples of by-products, flour, juice, palm oil]
41. Are there any outgrower schemes and contract farming in this area?
42. IF YES: Who are the contractors?
43. IF YES: Were there written contracts involved?
44. IF YES: Did the village and buyer agree with the contracts
45. IF NOT: , why not?
46. IF YES: What proportion of households in this village participate?
47. IF YES: What is/are the major crops?

**Livestock.** 48. Are there any Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) in this Village?

49. IF YES: How many? \_\_\_\_\_.
50. IF HAVE CAHWs: Who trained them? (for example government or some NGO – have them name the NGO)
51. IF HAVE CAHWs: What do people think of the services offered by the CAHW?
52. IF HAVE CAHWs: Are CAHWs paid for their services? No / Yes
53. Has there been a vaccination program for cows in this village, in the past year?
- No / Yes.
54. IF YES: Which vaccinations were given? [READ LIST, CIRCLE IF GIVEN]
- a. East Coast Fever
  - b. Bovine Plural Pneumonia
  - c. CBPP – Contagious Bovine Pleural Pneumonia

- d. Rinderpest
- e. Rift Valley Fever
- f. Hemorrhagic Septicaemia
- g. Foot & Mouth Disease
- h. Anthrax
- i. Blackquarter [sometimes combined with Anthrax vaccine]
- j. Malignant Catarrhal Fever

55. What proportion of the village's cows have been vaccinated in the past year?

56. Why or why not?

57. Has there been a vaccination program for goats/sheep in this village, in the past year?

no / yes.

58. IF YES: Which vaccinations were given? [READ LIST]

- a. East Coast Fever
- b. Bovine Plural Pneumonia
- c. CCPP [for goats] -- Contagious Caprine Plural Pneumonia
- d. Rinderpest
- e. Rift Valley Fever
- f. Hemorrhagic Septicaemia
- g. Foot & Mouth Disease
- h. Anthrax
- i. Blackquarter [sometimes combined with Anthrax vaccine]
- j. Malignant Catarrhal Fever

59. What proportion of goats/sheep have been vaccinated in the past year?

60. Why or why not?

61. What are the diseases of cows or goats that are of greatest concern here?

62. Have you ever had an outbreak of animal disease such as Rift Valley fever which spread to people here in the village?

63. IF YES: Please describe what happened and when this was.

64. If there were a serious outbreak of livestock disease, who would you report it to?

65. IF REPORTED: In the past, did this person or agency respond quickly to such reports?

66. IF REPORTED: Were they helpful?

67. What proportion of households here have fish farms?

68. In the past year, have you had any agricultural extension officers visit this village?

69. IF YES: Were they from government or NGO?

70. Did any extension worker (specify where they are from) introduce any new programs in the past 12 months?

71. IF YES: Please tell us about the program and how it's working.

Thanks for your time.