

Questionnaire No. _____

Village: _____

Agricultural and Livestock Focus Group

1. What are the core crops grown in this village?
2. Do you have one or two seasons for farming?
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?

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

5. How serious a problem of soil erosion is 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?
6. 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?
7. What proportion of household in this village do intercropping? Why is it common or uncommon here?
8. 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?
9. Are plots left fallow? If so is there a problem/danger with it being farmed by others?
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? Where does it come from? What proportion of households use it? If low, why?
12. Organic fertilizer - is it used here? Where does it come from? What proportion of households use it? If low, why?
13. Pesticides and herbicides is it used here? Where does it come from? What proportion of households use it? If low, why?

Inputs on credit

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

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

Hired labor

16. What proportion of households hire labor for land preparation, weeding or harvesting? What is the general daily wage?

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

18. What are the major reasons households lose crops before they are harvested? (prompts: drought, fire, animals, insects, disease, theft, shortage of labor)

19. What are the major reasons households lose crops after they are harvested? (prompts: rotting, insects, rodents/pests, theft, other)

Sales

20. What proportion of households sell X% of their crops for cash? What person or company or market would be the number one buyer in this area? And the number two buyer?

21. For households who sell crops at market, how do the most of them transport their crops? How far away is that market?

22. Today, what proportion of crops would most villagers have from the last harvest? How do most people here store those crops? Do most people do anything to protect these stored crops? What are the primary reasons people store crops?

23. What proportion of farmers in this village process the products harvested on their farms? (Prompts: type of crops and by products) where do they sell it? [Examples of by-products, flour, juice, palm oil]

24. Are there any major differences between the short and long seasons?

25. Are there any outgrower schemes and contract farming in this area? If yes, Who are the contractors? Were there written contracts involved? Did the village and buyer agree with the contracts – if not, why not? what proportion of households in this village participate? What is/are the major crops?

Livestock

26. For households with cows, what proportion have been vaccinated in the past year? Why or why not?

27. For households with goats/sheep what proportion have been vaccinated in the past year? Why or why not?

28. What proportion of households here have fish farms?

29. In the past year, have you had any agricultural extension officers visit this village? Were they from government or NGO? Did any extension worker (specify where they are from) introduce any new programs in the past 12 months? If yes, please tell us about the program and how it's working.