**FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**\*\* KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW GUIDE – NATIONAL LEVEL \*\***

The main purpose of this interview is to understand the context, the Food Security & livelihoods (FSL) situation, the gaps in the response and which geographical area to position and conduct the FSL assessment

**Please note:** The survey needs to be contextualized to the setting and type of programme. Hence, operations may want to shorten in some areas and add specific questions in others. The survey is NOT multisectoral. All operations are encouraged to engage with other actors to collect multisectoral data. Questions related to protection mainstreaming, risks and community engagement and accountability (CEA) should be considered mandatory.

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| **Who:** Relevant ministry/department(s) and other relevant stakeholders from FSL cluster (UN, NGOs, etc.) |
| **How:** Semi-structured interview |
| **Timing:** Depending on circumstances between 1 and 1h30 hours |

## Presentation and introduction (Interview/assessment objectives, duration, etc.)

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| **Interviewer Details** | |
| **Name:** | |
| **Telephone:** | **Mail:** |

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| **Respondent Details** | |
| **Respondent Name:** | |
| **Organization:** | **Role of respondent:** |
| **Telephone:** | **Mail:** |
| **Date:** | **Place:** |
| **Consent:** Good morning/afternoon, my name is\_\_\_\_\_\_. I work for the [National Society] Red Cross/Crescent. We are a humanitarian organisation that helps people affected by crisis and disaster. The help we provide is always free and given based on need alone. We are in your community to hear your opinions and views of [add topic of interview]. The information provided will be used by the Red Cross/Crescent to inform our understanding of livelihoods in your community and to plan our activities. Participation in this discussion is free and there is no obligation for you to respond, you can stop at any point. No personal information will be shared with other organisations and the information provided will be analysed anonymously and used confidentially. We are not giving any services in exchange for your participation. Your views are valuable and important and will contribute to ensuring our services and the information we share meets your needs. Do you have any questions?  The discussion should take no longer than [minutes]. Do you understand the purpose of the discussion, and are you willing to participate? | |
| **How can we best reach out to you if there’s a need for follow up?** |  | |
| **Ask respondent to share any recently and relevant published reports if possible. Note here which reports you have agreed on to be able to follow up.** |  | |

## Interview

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| **Food insecurity needs** | | | |
| Regarding the food insecurity situation in the country, which are the most affected areas/zones?  What is the approximate population affected by food insecurity? | **Area/zone** | **Total Population** | **Affected population** |
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| What are the main drivers of food insecurity in these zones? | | | |
| What are the most urgent needs to be covered (areas, number of people in need (specify households/individuals))? | **Area/zone** | **Needs** | **Number of people in need** |
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| From your perspective, what is the projected situation for the next few months (3-4 months)? | | | |
| How long are you projecting the hunger/food insecurity situation to last? | | | |
| Are there any initiatives from your organization, the government or other organizations to support those affected? If yes, please describe them and who are targeted by these initiatives. | | | |
| Who are providing immediate needs support (*Government, UN, NGOs*)? | | | |
| Are there any planned support to the affected population? If yes, what kind of support is planned to address immediate needs *(CVA, food distribution, etc.)*? | | | |
| In which geographical areas/zones will the support be provided? | | | |
| For how long does your organization, the government/other organizations plan to provide this support? | | | |
| Which groups have been more affected by the crisis? *(Specify, according to the type of livelihoods activity, household composition -men/women head of household, displaced / host community, tray to understand how men, women and different age groups have been differently affected)* | | | |
| In your view, is the support that’s being provided or planned to be provided sufficient to meet the needs of the hunger-affected population as far as their food/dietary and nutritional needs are concerned? If No, what additional support is needed? | | | |
| In your view, what support is needed to ensure a long term/sustainable solution to the hunger situation? | | | |
| **Livelihoods and coping strategies** | | | |
| In the current situation, what are the coping strategies of the most vulnerable groups? | | | |
| Which livelihoods activities have been more affected by the crisis (specify)? | | | |
| Is there any initiative from your organization, the government or other organizations to support livelihood recovery activities? | | | |
| Who are providing (or planning to provide) this support (*Government, UN, NGOs*)? | | | |
| What kind of support is planned to restart/recover livelihood activities? | | | |
| In which areas/zones? | | | |
| **Nutrition and health** | | | |
| What is the nutritional situation of children and PLW (pregnant and lactating women)? *(Evolution of admissions - comparison of admissions last year at the same period).* | | | |
| What is the projection for the nutritional situation of children and PLW’s in the coming months? | | | |
| **Cash and voucher assistance** | | | |
| As a response mechanism, one of the possibilities is to use cash and voucher assistance (CVA), in that sense.  Do you know if there is experience in the area working with cash or vouchers?  Do government and authorities accept and/or promote the use of cash or vouchers? | | | |
| What are the financial service providers presents in the area (banks, microfinance institutions, mobile money…)? | | | |
| Do you think there are any risks/threats from the use of cash or voucher assistance?  If YES at what level (at distribution, with the community, within the household)? | | | |
| **Any other business** | | | |
| Have you developed reports/assessments that you can share with us? | | | |
| Are there any other details you would like to share with us? | | | |