**FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

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

Main purpose is to understand the Food Security & livelihoods (FSL) situation (impact, scope -current and projected); most vulnerable population’s main needs; the response coverage/gap at short and midterm (basic needs assistance and livelihoods recovery) and the response options.

**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 government institutions at district level and other relevant stakeholders, such as UN agencies, NGOs, etc. working in the assessed area (district) in FSL. |
| **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** | | |
| **Restpondent Name:** | | |
| **Organization:** | | **Contact person:** |
| **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 guide

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| **Situation, needs and coverage** |
| Regarding the food insecurity situation in the district, which are the most affected areas in the district?  What is the approximate population affected by food insecurity in the district? |
| What are the main drivers of food insecurity in the district? |
| What are the most urgent needs to be covered and which area(s) in the district? (areas, number of affected households)? |
| From your perspective, what is the projected hunger situation for the next few months (3-4 months) in the district? |
| Which groups have been more affected by the hunger crisis? *(Specify, according to 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)* |
| Is there any initiative from your organization, the government or other organizations to support those affected in the district? 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 in the district? If yes, what kind of support is planned to address immediate needs *(CVA, food distribution, etc.)*? |
| In which geographical areas of the district is/will the support be provided? |
| For how long does your organization, the government/other actors plan to provide this support? |
| Is there (or has your organization) an FSL situation monitoring mechanism?  What are the main indicators monitored by this mechanism? Ask for records / access |
| In your view how serious is the hunger/food insecurity situation in this district and why? |
| For how long is the hunger situation in the district projected to last? |
| Has this hunger situation been happening annually or have any pattern? |
| In your view, what support is needed to ensure a long term/sustainable solution to the hunger situation? |
| Have you developed reports/assessments that you can share with us? |
| **FSL Impact and livelihoods response** |
| Which are the main livelihood activities in this district? |
| Which livelihoods activities have been more affected by the crisis (drought, hunger etc)? Specify |
| What has been the impact on people’s livelihoods activities? |
| Which livelihood activities are undertaken by the most vulnerable households (poor and very poor)? |
| Which criteria could be used to identify the most vulnerable groups (Poor, Very Poor) in the district?  *P. example: type and number of livestock, field size and ownership, household composition (women Head of HH, elder head of HH, number of members), displaced, etc.* |
| What are the main sources of food for the most vulnerable groups (poor and very poor)?  How have the sources of food of the most vulnerable groups (poor and very poor) changed over the year (or since the crisis started)? |
| How have the sources of income of the most vulnerable groups (poor and very poor) changed over the year (or since the crisis started)? |
| Do the most vulnerable groups (poor and very poor) have sufficient food stocks and how long can they last? |
| In the current situation, what are the coping strategies of the most vulnerable groups? |
| Is there any initiative from your organization, the government or other organizations to support livelihood recovery activities? If yes please describe them. |
| Who is providing (or planning to provide) this support (*Government, UN, NGOs*) in the district? |
| What kind of support is planned to restart/recover livelihood activities? In which areas of the district? |
| In your view, is the support 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 |
| **Markets** |
| Are main staples food available in the district markets? |
| Are main essential non-food commodities available in the markets? |
| Have prices of staple food changed compared to the same period last year? IF YES, how have they changed? *(increase, decrease, in % if possible)* |
| Do you see any strong trends related to market functionality (prices, availability, quality, supply) over the last few months or years? Why? |
| In the next months, do you think the prices will fall or rise? Why? |
| How is the access to markets? Has market access changed or is it expected to change? |
| **Cash and Voucher Assistance, response mechanism** |
| As a response mechanism, one of the possibilities is to use cash and voucher assistance (CVA), in that sense.  Is there experience in the district with cash or vouchers? |
| What kind of delivery mechanisms have been used (by RCRCM and other actors)? *(mobile money, direct cash, cash/value vouchers, MFI, banks, etc.)* |
| Would people be safe receiving humanitarian assistance through cash or vouchers? |
| What are the affected populations’ preferences regarding the response modality (In-kind, cash, both, etc.)? |
| What are the financial service providers presents in the area *(banks, micro finance institutions, mobile money…)*? |
| **Nutrition impact** |
| 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 coming months? |
| Is there any monitoring (screening) or treatment programme for malnutrition in the district? Who provide it? |
| Is there a CMAM SURGE programme?  *CMAM Surge: government / NGOs supporting health centres during the period of peak malnutrition. The Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Surge Approach uses eight steps to help government health teams respond to relative changes in capacity and caseloads.* |