**FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**\*\* INTERVIEW/MEETINGS WITH PROTECTION ACTORS IN LOCALITY\*\***

*These questions are for your guidance; you should adapt wording and probes as appropriate.*

*Ensure to explain the purpose of the protection assessment with details on the CVA programme and any opportunities to collaborate with protection actors. Key informant interviews can be conducted with individuals or in groups.*

**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.

The following gives a bit of background information to consider before your interview:

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| ***GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE*** |
| * Gender-based violence (GBV) is an umbrella term for any harmful act that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to a woman, man, girl or boy on the basis of their gender. Gender-based violence is a result of gender inequality and abuse of power. GBV includes, but is not limited to, sexual violence, domestic violence, trafficking in human beings, forced or early marriage, forced prostitution and sexual exploitation and abuse
* GBV can be physical, verbal, psychological, sexual or economic violence.
* **Physical violence:** might include domestic violence, groping, rape and intimate partner violence.
* **Verbal violence**: might be sexual harassment, intimidation and insults.
* **Psychological violence:** might be making someone feel less important because of their gender.
* **Economic violence:** might be discrimination, like denying a person a job, wage theft, access to credit or access to the marketplace.
* **Sexual violence:** may be rape, non-consensual sex (child sexual assault and incest, intimate partner sexual assault, other), sex-work or sexual transactions, sexual exploitation, unwanted sexual contact, showing genitals without consent, masturbation in public
* GBV can happen anywhere – at work, at home, in the street, in the market, anywhere!
* GBV can happen between family members, with neighbors, or with strangers.
* Men and boys might experience violence because they don’t fit into ideas of what a ‘real man’ or what a ‘real boy’ are.
* Everyone has the right to a life free of violence.
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| ***NEEDS ASSESSEMENT vs. GENDER AND PROTECTION ANALYSIS***  |
| Depending on how much this analysis integrates with a general needs assessment you may need to include questions on:* Specific vulnerabilities and needs for women, men, girls and boys
* Cash related questions on mechanism, modality, frequency, data sharing and financial service providers
* More in depth questions on acceptable livelihoods for women and men to engage in
* Further questions on access to financial resources and services, access to land, access to communication technologies etc.
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Take notes in notebook and ensure to note down: Date of interview, location, persons conducting KII, positions of the person(s) interviewed. **Do not push for key informants to disclose specific GBV cases.**

Notes should be recorded as precise as possible. However, pay attention to any sensitive data shared and discuss with KI on which details can be recorded. Write legibly.

## Interview guide

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| **Welcome and introduction to analysis**  |
| *State who you are and why you are collecting information*  |
| Name of interviewer: |  |
| Date of interview:  |  |
| Location:  |  |
| Name of organisation/protection actor:  |  |
| **Protection services**  |
| Which areas within protection do you work in? |  |
| What is your target group for your services/intervention?  |  |
| Which geographical locations do you work in? Hereunder, do you have staff based in the location?  |  |
| Are you operating safe spaces of any kind? Who can access these?  |  |
| Do you know of other protection structures, services, activities and forums that exist to address the needs of survivors?  |  |
| **Coordination and collaboration**  |
| How is the coordination and collaboration with other protection actors, including NGOs and local actors such as police, courts, chiefs etc. in the area?  |  |
| Are there established and updated referral pathways in place? Who is responsible for these?  |  |
| Which services do you offer to other actors? Example could be protection monitoring during distributions or trainings? Which trainings (GBV, PSS, PSEA, protection mainstreaming etc.)? |  |
| **Gender-based violence**  |  |
| What do you think are the main gaps in terms of preventing and responding to gender-based violence? |  |
| What do you think we could do to ensure that women, adolescent girls and boys, persons living with disabilities or other minority groups can participate in decision-making around cash assistance?  |  |
| What kinds of actions/activities do you think are important in terms of reducing women’s and children’s vulnerability to violence? |  |
| What kind of mechanisms does your agency have in place to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse? Are there inter-agency community feedback mechanisms established? |  |
| **Any other issues?** |
| Are there any specific protection issues or concerns that we should pay particular attention to in the areas?  |  |
| Is there anything else that would be relevant for us to know as part of our survey?  |  |
| Who else would it be good for us to talk to in this area? Can you share their contact information?  |  |
| *Thank the person(s) for the meeting and their time* |