**SEED SYSTEM SECURITY ASSESSMENT COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVIEW  **

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District\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Location\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Group Interview: # Total\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ #Men\_\_\_\_\_ #Women\_\_\_\_\_

***Note: The questions below are broad guide questions. Most important is to stimulate discussion and insights on strategy.***

**Part I. OVERALL CROP PROFILES and TRENDS (QUICK OVERVIEW)**

1. We would like to learn about the main uses of your most important crops for food and/or for income. Please rate their importance in each of the two categories -- as High (H) Medium (M) or Low (L). Also indicate if any of the crops are further transformed.

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| **Crop** | **Use for Food**  **(H\*\*\*, M\*\*, or L\*)** | **Use for Income**  **(H\*\*\*, M\*\*, or L\*)** | **Any transformation?**  **Specify** |
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Indicate which crops are most important for FOOD SECURITY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate which crops are most important for INCOME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate which crops are most important for NUTRITION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. For the last 3 seasons- how would you rate each season overall in terms of your key crops: good, average, poor (starting from current season).

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| Key crops | Current season: date  Good , average, poor-by key crop | Previous season : date  Good , average, poor-by key crop | 2nd previous season: date  Good , average, poor-by key crop |
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1. In the last five years, have there been changes in proportions of crops planted in your community?

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| **Crops gaining in area and why** | **Crops decreasing in area and why** |
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| **Any new crops last 5 years?** |  |

1. **Generally, what have been the major constraints you have faced in agriculture production over the last five years—and what do you see as the opportunities** (Probe: do women have the same constraints and opportunities as men?)

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| Constraints to agricultural production- last five years | Opportunities |
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1. **Focusing on seed *per se*, are there any concerns/constraints you want to signal (and specify the crop)**

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| Crop | Concerns tied to production (seeds)? | Concerns tied to storage? | Other? |
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**Part II. Strategies for Obtaining Seed: MAPPING OF SEED SOURCES (THIS IS THE HEART OF THE INTERVIEW)**

6. For each of the major three crops, please MAP major seed sources used by the community**.**

**(see separate seed mapping guide)**

1. Map the seed sources for this current/most recent season : ( specify season/year intense discussion)

**Subjects to discuss**:

* What main sources for seed (and **rank in importance**) 1= most important; 2= second in importance, 3= third in importance

1. Map the seed sources as they were 5 years ago (specify year).
2. Compare the current seed sources with those five years ago.
   * What have been the major changes in the last 5 years?
   * Why have they occurred?
   * Are they positive or negative changes?

D. Compare among the different seed sources (e.g. home, neighbor, local market, agro-dealer)

* What are the advantages and disadvantages of using different sources?
* What is the quality of seed from different sources (including varieties
* Is seed always available from the difference sources

**PART III. UPCOMING SEASON: COMMUNITY EVALUATION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF SEED CHANNLES**

**7. For each major crop, indicate if the major channels used can still supply seed (Y/N) and indicate: normal, less, more than usual) (fill in only those that are relevant—record key comments**

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| **Crop** | **Own stocks/social networks** | **Local market** | **Agro-dealers/stockists** | **Other** |
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**8. For each major crop- indicate cost of seed (main market used)- ‘now’—and last season/comparable time**

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| **Crop** | **Price/unit ‘now’** | **Price/unit last season, comparable period** |
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**PART IV: Community assessment of seed security and insecurity**

Seed security means that a household has the seed it needs (in house stocks / harvest) **or that it can get the seed it needs** , for example, through purchase or barter.

1. In this community (specify bounds of community): what proportion of households would be considered potentially SEED SECURE (that is**, they have enough seed already OR they can get it.** Go crop by crop, for the three important crops grown.

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| **CROP** | **Out of 100 households, how many grow the crop?** | **Out of those who grow the crop, how many will be secure this upcoming season?** | **% who are seed secure** |
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1. For those who are seed insecure… what might families do (or the community do) do to relieve seed insecurity (go crop by crop)

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| **Crop** | **Actions to relieve seed insecurity for those in need** |
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**PART V. INNOVATIONS**

1. **What types of positive innovations are taking place in your community—related to farming or to seed security**

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| **Innovation** | **Yes/No** | **Describe** |
| Are there community-based seed related enterprises or other seed-producers? |  |  |
| Are there any agro-enterprises in the area? (or plans for agro-enterprises?) |  |  |
| Are there any new farmers’ associations? women’s groups developing activities? |  |  |
| Are there any new agricultural management techniques being introduced (e.g. seed storage techniques?) |  |  |
| Other? |  |  |

**Thank you, that is all. Might you have questions for us?**