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Interviewer Name: _____

VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOANS ASSOCIATIONS EMPOWERMENT PROJECT BURUNDI

POST-DISCUSSION GROUP SURVEY

Respondent must be a member of the Village Savings and Loans Association

Respondent ID/Name _____ Sex _____ Marital Status _____ Household Number _____
Occupation _____ M / F _____ M/S/W _____ Discussion Group Participant? Yes No
Commune: _____ Zone: _____ VSLA: _____

Date	Start Time	Completion Time	Primary Language of Interview (Circle one)
			Kirundi French English

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Date Received _____ Date Entered _____ Completed by (please write name/ID legibly) _____

CONSENT FORM

Hello. My name is _____ and I am working with the International Rescue Committee. We are conducting a study about various issues related to how decisions are made in households around Burundi. We would very much appreciate your participation in this survey.

The questionnaire usually takes about 20 minutes to complete. As part of the survey we would first like to ask some questions about your household. All of the answers you give will be confidential. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary. Your willingness to answer or not answer questions will not, in any way, affect your ability to participate in the Village Savings and Loans Association. If we should come to any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question; or you can stop the interview at any time. However, we hope you will participate in the survey since your views are important.

At this time, do you want to ask me anything about the survey?

May I begin the interview now?

Signature of interviewer: _____ Date: _____

. . . 1 RESPONDENT AGREES TO BE INTERVIEWED

. . . 2 RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE TO BE INTERVIEWED → END

We would like to ask you some questions about how decisions are made in your household. I will read you a question and provide you some options for response. Please tell me which one best applies. If anything seems unclear, please ask me to clarify. If none of these answers are a good description of how your household makes decisions, describe to me what typically happens. There is no right or wrong answer, we are just interested in what happens in your home. Do not worry about what other people do or what is typically done—we will ask you about this later on. We are only interested in how you and other members of your household decide the items described.

1. Different households have different ways about deciding on a variety of issues. We'd like to ask you about the process by which you and your spouse make decisions

I'm going to talk to you about a variety of issues. Please let me know how you and your spouse typically decide this. There is no right or wrong answer. We are just interested in how you make decisions on these different areas.

(Circle the option which best represents the respondents answer. You do not need to read these options for each question but you may wish to provide them as a helpful way for the respondent to categorize who makes decisions)

Responses for A's

(A1)	(A2)	(A3)	(A4)	(A5)	(A6)
I decide	My spouse decides	We decide jointly	I decide on some things my spouse decides on others	Other	Don't Know

Responses for B's

(B1)	(B2)	(B3)	(B4)	(B5)	(B6)
I change the decision alone	I change the decision after telling my spouse	I discuss it with my spouse	I do nothing, my spouse will not listen to me	I do nothing, my spouse knows better than me	Other: (please describe)

Question	Response (circle one)
1iA. Who decides on who money you earn is spent?	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6
1iB. What happens if you disagree?	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6
1iiA. Who decides on major household purchases	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6
1iiB. What happens if you disagree?	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6
1iiiA. Who decides about purchases for daily household needs (food, fuel, etc.)	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6
1iiiB. What happens if you disagree with a decision on daily household needs?	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6
1ivA. Who decides about purchases on alcohol or cigarettes	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6
1ivB. What happens if you disagree with purchasing alcohol or cigarettes	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6
1vA. Who decides when to visit your family or friends	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6
1vB. What happens if you disagree about when to visit your family or friends	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6
1viA. Who decides when to visit to your spouse's family or friends <i>(SKIP FOR WIDOWS)</i>	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6
1viB. What happens if you disagree about when to visit your spouse's family or friends <i>(SKIP FOR WIDOWS)</i>	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6
1viiA. Who decides how many children you will have or whether to have more children? <i>(SKIP FOR</i>	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6

WIDOWS)	
1 viiB. What happens if you disagree about the number of children to have? <i>(SKIP FOR WIDOWS)</i>	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6
1 viiiA. Who decides whether to have sex? <i>(SKIP FOR WIDOWS)</i>	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6
1 viiiB. What happens if you disagree about having sex? <i>(SKIP FOR WIDOWS)</i>	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6

NOTE: IF THE RESPONDENT IS A WOMAN, READ 2W OTHERWISE READ 2M. IF THE RESPONDENTS IS A WIDOW, SKIP THIS QUESTIONS

2W. Sometimes, spouses disagree about what how they would like to spend their money. We would like to ask you what happens when you and your spouse disagree. I would like to describe some common situations. Please tell me how you and your spouse might resolve these disputes				
2WA. You have taken a loan from your VSLA group to hire some labor to plant more seeds. You made a profit. With the money left after you pay back the VSLA, you would like to buy some clothes for your children to go to school. Your husband would like to spend the money on going to the bar. What do you do?				
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Explain to your husband the importance of the school clothes and discuss how to budget his activities as well as household expenses	Tell your husband that the money is for school clothes and that he cannot have any	Argue with your husband about going to the bar too often	Give the money to your husband so he can decide what to do with it	Other: _____ _____ _____
2WB. You spent the day gathering wood and water, tending to the fields, looking after the children, and then making dinner. Your husband has been away all day selling a cow at the market. You are very tired at the end of the day and would like to go to sleep. Your husband would like to have sex. What would you do?				
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Ignore your husband and go to sleep right away	Argue with your husband about how you hard you work	Explain to your husband how tiring your day was and that you would rather have sex another night	Give in to your husbands demands.	Other: _____ _____ _____
2WC. After having your last child, you decide that you would like to go to the health clinic to find out about family planning options and obtain contraceptives. Your husband refuses to allow you to go. He does not want you to talk to others about your private decisions and feels it is his family and his decision about how many children to have. What would you do?				
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Do as your husband says	Go to the health clinic but do not tell your husband	Discuss with your husband the way you feel and the ways family planning may help your entire family	Argue with your husband and refuse to have sex	Other: _____ _____ _____

2M. Sometimes, spouses disagree about what how they would like to spend their money. We would like to ask you what happens when you and your spouse disagree. I would like to describe some common situations. Please tell me how you and your spouse might resolve these disputes

2MA. You have taken a loan from your VSLA group to hire some labor to plant more seeds. You made a profit. With the money left after you pay back the VSLA you would like to buy some clothes for your children to go to school. Your wife would like to spend the money on new clothes for herself. What do you do?

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Explain to your wife the importance of the school clothes and discuss how to budget his activities as well as household expenses	Tell your wife that the money is for school clothes and that she cannot have any	Argue with your wife about buying too many clothes for herself	Give the money to your wife so she can decide what to do with it	Other: _____ _____ _____ _____

2MB. You spent all day selling a cow at the market. Your wife spent the day gather wood and water, tending to the land, looking after the children, and then making dinner. You are happy with your sale and would like to have sex. Your wife complains she is tired and would like to go to sleep. What do you do?

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Ignore your wife and proceed to have sex	Argue with your wife about how you hard you work and that you deserve sex	Explain to your wife how stressful your day was and that you would like to have sex tonight	Give in to your wife's request and go to sleep.	Other: _____ _____ _____ _____

2MC. After having your last child, your wife decides that she would like to go to the health clinic to find out about family planning options and obtain contraceptives. You do not want her to go because you do not like you to talk to others about your private decisions and feel that it is important to have many children. What would you do?

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Let your wife do as she wants.	Forbid your wife from going and do not talk any further about it	Discuss with your wife the way you feel and the why a large family is important to you	Argue with your wife and punish her for talking back	Other: _____ _____ _____ _____

NOTE: IF THE RESPONDENT IS A WOMAN, READ 3W OTHERWISE READ 3M. IF THE RESPONDENTS IS A WIDOW, SKIP THIS QUESTIONS

3W. We understand that sometimes there are disagreements at home. We would like to ask you about how you and your spouse resolve disputes. It can be difficult to talk about what happens when your husband get angry. I would like to remind you that your responses to all questions are completely voluntary and if you feel uncomfortable we can simply skip this question and move on. Everything you tell me is confidential and no one else will know what you have said. In the past two weeks, how often did your spouse:

3P. Physically hurt you	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know
3I. Insult or talk down to you	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know
3T. Threaten you with harm	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know
3S. Scream or curse at you	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know

Please provide resource information and discuss safety planning as appropriate. If you believe it is necessary, contact the designated counselor on your survey team for assistance

3M. We understand that sometimes there are disagreements at home. We would like to ask you about how you and your spouse resolve disputes. Sometimes, when you are angry or upset, you may respond in many different ways. I would like to remind you that your responses to all questions are completely voluntary but we value your input. Everything you tell me is confidential and no one else will know what you have said. In the past two weeks, how often did you:

3P. Physically hurt your spouse	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know
3I. Insult or talk down to your spouse	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know
3T. Threaten your spouse with harm	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know
3S. Scream or curse at your spouse	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know

We would now like to ask you some questions about how the typical Burundian household makes decisions. I will read you a question and provide you some options for response. Please tell me which one best applies. If anything seems unclear, please ask me to clarify. If none of these answers are a good description of how decisions are typically made, please describe to me what usually happens. There is no right or wrong answers. Tell us what is typically done even it is not how your family makes decisions.

4. We've already talked about how you make decisions but please tell me how Burundian families usually make these same decisions.

I'm going to talk to you about a variety of issues. There is no right or wrong answer. We are just interested in how decisions on these different areas are made in Burundi.

(Circle the option which best represents the respondents answer. You do not need to read these options for each question but you may wish to provide them as a helpful way for the respondent to categorize who makes decisions)

Responses for A's					
(A1) Man decides	(A2) Woman decides	(A3) Spouses decide jointly	(A4) Woman decides on some things and man decides on others	(A5) Other	(A6) Don't Know
Responses for B's					
(B1) Man changes the decision	(B2) Woman changes the	(B3) Man and Woman	(B4) Sometimes Man changes decisions,	(B5) Other	(B6) Don't Know

alone	decision alone	discuss it	sometimes woman changes decision						
Questions				Response (circle one)					
4iA. Who decides on how money earned should be spent?				A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6
4iB. What happens if the woman disagrees?				B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
4iiA. Who decides on major household purchases				A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6
4iiB. What happens if the woman disagrees?				B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
4iiiA. Who decides about purchases for daily household needs (food, fuel, etc.)				A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6
4iiiB. What happens if the woman disagrees?				B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
4ivA. Who decides about purchases on alcohol or cigarettes				A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6
4ivB. What happens if the woman disagrees?				B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
4vA. Who decides when to visit the woman's family or friends				A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6
4vB. What happens if the woman disagrees?				B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
4viA. Who decides when to visit the man's family or friends				A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6
4viB. What happens if the woman disagrees?				B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
4viiA. Who decides how many children you will have or whether to have more children?				A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6
4viiB. What happens if the woman disagrees?				B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
4viiiA. Who decides whether to have sex?				A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6
4viiiB. What happens if the woman disagrees?				B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6

5. Sometimes when they are angry or believe their wife has done something wrong, husbands may *abuse* their wives. While this may not happen in your household, it happens in many homes. Abuse can include any physical response such as slapping, shoving, grabbing, pushing, hitting, beating, punching, or kicking. In your opinion, is it acceptable for a husband to abuse his wife in the following situations?

5A. If she goes out without telling him	Yes	No	Don't Know
5B. If she neglects the children	Yes	No	Don't Know
5C. If she argues with him	Yes	No	Don't Know
5D. If she refuses to have sex with him	Yes	No	Don't Know
5E. If she burns the food	Yes	No	Don't Know
5F. If he is annoyed or angered by something she does	Yes	No	Don't Know
5G. For anything, he is entitled to beat her	Yes	No	Don't Know
5H. Not at all	Yes	No	Don't Know

6. We understand that sometimes there are disagreements at home. We would like to ask how families in Burundi respond to conflict at home. Many people do not talk about what happens when their husbands get angry but many members of the community hear or know what happens anyway. Think about the people in your community and your family and friends. In your opinion, over a two week period, how often do husbands:

6P. Physically hurt their wives	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know
6I. Insult or talk down to their wives	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know
6T. Threaten their wives with harm	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know
6S. Scream or curse at their wives	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Frequently	Don't know

7. We'd like to ask you about the roles that men and women play in daily life in Burundi. I'm going to read you a statement and I'd like you to tell me if you agree or disagree. There is no right or wrong answer, we are interested in what you think.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
7A. Women should do what their husbands say	1	2	3	4	5
7B. Wives should give the money they earn to their husband	1	2	3	4	5
7C. It is okay for a husband to abandon his wife if he wants	1	2	3	4	5
7D. It is a women's job to gather water even if it is unsafe	1	2	3	4	5
7E. Women cannot manage money	1	2	3	4	5
7F. Women should have sex whenever her husband wants	1	2	3	4	5
7G. Women should have as many children as her husband wants	1	2	3	4	5

8A. One of your nieces tells you she has been sexually assaulted. She does not wish to disclose who attacked her but is afraid for her safety. She is unsure what to do and would like your help. What would you do?

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Take her to health or support services	Take her to someone else (a friend, spouse, family member etc.) for advice	Tell her it is not appropriate to discuss such matters with you	Scold her for her sexual promiscuity	Other: _____	Don't Know

8B. If # 1 → When you took your niece for help, where would you take her?

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Local Health Clinics	Police	Hospital	Local Justice	Other: _____	Don't Know

9. In Burundi, there has been some discussion about increased participation and rights for women. Do you believe the following should be adopted

9A. Rights for women to own and inherit land	Yes	No	Don't know
9B. Women representatives in national reconstruction programs	Yes	No	Don't know

9C. Women representatives in local community meetings	Yes	No	Don't know
9D. Increased penalties for spousal abuse	Yes	No	Don't know
9E. Increased prosecution and penalties for polygamy	Yes	No	Don't Know