

# CONFIDENTIAL

Interviewer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOANS ASSOCIATIONS EMPOWERMENT PROJECT BURUNDI

### INITIAL SURVEY

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

Respondent ID/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Household Number \_\_\_\_\_  
M / F

Commune: \_\_\_\_\_ Zone: \_\_\_\_\_ VSLA: \_\_\_\_\_

| Date | Start Time | Completion Time | Primary Language of Interview<br>(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 between 10 and 15 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

1. J'aimerais commencer par vous demander quelques questions concernant votre ménage.  
 I would like to begin by asking you a few questions about your household.  
*(please circle the HH Number of the Respondent)*

| HH ID | First Name | Relationship to Head of Household | Sex | Age |   |
|-------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| 01.   |            |                                   |     |     | 1A. Can you tell me about the people who usually live in your household. Please mention everyone who jointly live, eat and cook in the household. I'm going to write down the names of these people so we can keep track. I only need first names, nicknames or initials for this.<br><br>1B. Just to make sure that I have a complete listing. Are there any other persons such as small infants or children we have not listed? Are there any other people who may not be children or infants that we have not listed?<br><i>[If yes, please add to household roster table]</i><br><br>1C. Are there any other persons like a servant, friend or boarder who have not been mentioned?<br><i>[If yes, please add to household roster table]</i><br><br>1D. Are there any other persons who usually live here, but who are away right now?<br><i>[If yes, please add to household roster table]</i> |
| 02.   |            |                                   |     |     |   |
| 03.   |            |                                   |     |     |   |
| 04.   |            |                                   |     |     |   |
| 05.   |            |                                   |     |     |   |
| 06.   |            |                                   |     |     |   |
| 07.   |            |                                   |     |     |   |
| 08.   |            |                                   |     |     |   |
| 09.   |            |                                   |     |     |   |
| 10.   |            |                                   |     |     |   |

2. Because of the conflict, many people were forced to leave their homes. Did you have to live somewhere else for a period of time due to conflict?

Yes → were you outside of the country?

Yes

No

No, we remained here

3A. Did you attend any formal schooling?

Yes→ What highest level you attended?    Primary    Secondary    Other:\_\_\_\_\_

→Did you complete this level?    Yes    No    Don't Know

3B. Did your spouse attend any formal schooling?

Yes→ What highest level they attended?    Primary    Secondary    Other:\_\_\_\_\_

→Did they complete this level?    Yes    No    Don't Know

4. I'd like to ask you some questions about your household's land and animals:

4A. Does anyone you or your spouse or both of you own any land?

*Note if respondent says that they jointly own the land, please mark it under "spouse owns"*

Yes, I do → how many half hectares? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, my spouse does→ → how many half hectares? \_\_\_\_\_

No→ Do members of your household work on someone else's land?    Yes    No

4B. How many hectares of agricultural land do you personally cultivate?

\_\_\_\_\_HALF HECTARES

4C. How many hectares of agricultural land does your spouse cultivate?

\_\_\_\_\_HALF HECTARES

4D. Do you or your spouse own any livestock?

No

Yes→ (*Ask them to list the number of each type of animal owned and note this here*)

|                             | Number you own | Number your spouse owns | Number your children own |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cattle                      |                |                         |                          |
| Goats/Sheep                 |                |                         |                          |
| Chickens                    |                |                         |                          |
| Horses Donkey Mules         |                |                         |                          |
| Other (please specify_____) |                |                         |                          |

5. I would now like to ask you some questions about how your household deals with its harvest. We understand that many people may help with working the land and gathering the harvest. We are interested in how you and your spouse divide up the labor

|  |     |    |                          |
|--|-----|----|--------------------------|
| 5A1. Do you ever tend to the land  | Yes | No |                          |
| 5A2. Do you ever gather the harvest?   |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No   |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes → After you gather the harvest, what typically happens?                    |     |    |                          |
| My spouse determines fraction to take to market and sells it                   |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My spouse determines fraction to sell and I sell it                            |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My spouse and I jointly determine what fraction to sell and my spouse sells it |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My spouse and I jointly determine what fraction to sell and I sell it          |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: _____   |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5B1. Do your spouse ever tend to the land                                      | Yes | No |                          |
| 5B2. Does your spouse ever gather the harvest?                                 |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No   |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes → After your spouse gathers the harvest, what typically happens?           |     |    |                          |
| My spouse determines fraction to take to market and sells it                   |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My spouse determines fraction to sell and I sell it                            |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My spouse and I jointly determine what fraction to sell and my spouse sells it |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My spouse and I jointly determine what fraction to sell and I sell it          |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: _____   |     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6. To get a better idea of what people buy and use in their households, I would like to ask for your best estimate of what your entire household makes and spends on various items. Do your best to remember, but don't worry if you don't know exact amounts.

6A1. During the past **week**, how much did you spend to buy

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Maize, Cassava Flour, Rice                        |  |  |
| Meat or Fish<br>(including chicken, goats, cows.) |  |  |
| Beans and Legumes                                 |  |  |
| Vegetables and fruit                              |  |  |
| Cooking Fuel                                      |  |  |
| Transport   |  |  |
| Alcohol and cigarettes                            |  |  |
| Household Assets (pots, pans)                     |  |  |
| Food for livestock                                |  |  |
| Other   |  |  |

6B1. During the past **week**, how much did you self-produce

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Maize, Cassava Flour, Rice                        |  |  |
| Meat or Fish<br>(including chicken, goats, cows.) |  |  |
| Vegetables and fruit                              |  |  |

6C. There are some expenses that only come around **a few times a year**. I would like to ask for your best estimate of how much you spend on the following

|   | Amount Spent | Time Period<br>(e.g. month, season, year) |
|---|--------------|---|
| Education<br>(school fees, books, etc.)       |              |   |
| Clothing for women                            |              |   |
| Clothing for men                              |              |   |
| Clothing for children                         |              |   |
| Rent  |              |   |
| Livestock                                     |              |   |
| Health Care<br>(clinics, immunizations, etc.) |              |   |

7. 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)<br>I decide | (A2)<br>My spouse decides | (A3)<br>We decide jointly | (A4)<br>I decide on some things my spouse decides on others | (A5)<br>Other | (A6)<br>Don't Know |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|--------------------|

Responses for B's

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

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

8. 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 |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| Women should do what their husbands say                  | 1              | 2     | 3        | 4                 | 5          |
| Wives should give the money they earn to their husband   | 1              | 2     | 3        | 4                 | 5          |
| It is okay for a husband to abandon his wife if he wants | 1              | 2     | 3        | 4                 | 5          |
| It is a women's job to gather water even if it is unsafe | 1              | 2     | 3        | 4                 | 5          |
| Women cannot manage money                                | 1              | 2     | 3        | 4                 | 5          |
| Women should have sex whenever her husband wants         | 1              | 2     | 3        | 4                 | 5          |
| Women should have as many children as her husband wants  | 1              | 2     | 3        | 4                 | 5          |

9. In your opinion, is a husband justified in hitting or beating his wife in the following situations?

|   |     |    |            |
|---|-----|----|------------|
| If she goes out without telling him               | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| If she neglects the children                      | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| If she argues with him                            | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| If she refuses to have sex with him               | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| If she burns the food                             | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| If he is annoyed or angered by something she does | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| For anything, he is entitled to beat her          | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| Not at all  | Yes | No | Don't Know |



***NOTE: IF THE RESPONDENT IS A WOMAN, READ 10W OTHERWISE READ 10M.***

10W. 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:

|                            |       |        |           |              |            |            |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Physically hurt you        | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Fairly Often | Frequently | Don't know |
| Insult or talk down to you | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Fairly Often | Frequently | Don't know |
| Threaten you with harm     | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Fairly Often | Frequently | Don't know |
| 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*

10M. 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:

|                                    |       |        |           |              |            |            |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Physically hurt your spouse        | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Fairly Often | Frequently | Don't know |
| Insult or talk down to your spouse | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Fairly Often | Frequently | Don't know |
| Threaten your spouse with harm     | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Fairly Often | Frequently | Don't know |
| Scream or curse at your spouse     | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Fairly Often | Frequently | Don't know |

| 11. In Burundi, there has been some discussion about increased participation and rights for women. Do you believe the following should be adopted |     |    |            |
|---|-----|----|------------|
| Rights for women to own and inherit land  | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Women representatives in national reconstruction programs   | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Women representatives in local community meetings   | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Increased penalties for spousal abuse   | Yes | No | Don't know |