

Yemen Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE THROUGH FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

1. SURVEY HEADER / ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Village: _____	Facilitator: _____
Number of participants: Men _____ Women _____	Date: _____

Important note: If the HH survey has been conducted, only the FGD questions marked with an asterisk (*) should be asked.

2. INTRODUCTION AND CONSENT

READ TO PARTICIPANTS

Welcome participants and express gratitude for their participation.

Briefly introduce yourself, the purpose of the assessment, and how the information will be used.

Obtain informed consent from participants through a consent form translated into the local dialect.

CONSENT

Assalamu Alaykum everyone. Thank you all for taking the time to join us today. My name is [Your Name], and I'm working with [Your Organisation] on a food security and livelihood related assessment to understand the challenges people in this district [District Name] are facing with food, livelihoods, income, shocks, vulnerabilities, ...etc. The information we gather here today is anonymous and will be used to help organisations working in Food Security and Livelihood to understand the humanitarian situation and inform future project design processes. Your participation is incredibly valuable, and your insights will help understand the need and plan tailored activities. Your participation is voluntary, and you represent the views of your community. Before we begin, please note that this exercise might take about one hour, and I would like to ask everyone to confirm his/her consent.

2.1 CONSENT; YES/NO

Response: _____

3. DEMOGRAPHY (15 MINUTES)

3.1 WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF THIS COMMUNITY? WHAT IS THE AVERAGE FAMILY SIZE?*

Response: _____

3.2 CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE MAIN GROUPS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS COMMUNITY?*

Response: _____

(Types of groups: IDPs, Muhamasheen, host communities, socioeconomic, Farmers, pastoralists etc)

3.3 WAS THERE ANY MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE RECORDED IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS?*)

Complete the table below:

Displacement Type	Number of people	From Where/to Where	Reason
Movement to the area (New IDPs)			
Movement out of the area (Leaving the area)			
Returners			

4. SHOCKS

4.1 WHAT SHOCKS HAS YOUR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCED RECENTLY? WHEN DID THEY OCCUR?

Response: _____

4.2 HOW SEVERE WAS THE IMPACT OF THESE SHOCKS ON THE MENTIONED GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY?* (PROBE WHAT EFFECT HAS THE SHOCK HAD ON THE LIVELIHOODS, ASSETS ...ETC)

Response: _____

4.3 ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC GROUPS IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE PARTICULARLY MORE VULNERABLE BY THE SHOCKS? (WOMEN, CHILDREN, ELDERLY, ETC.)

Response: _____

5. FOOD ACCESS

5.1 WHAT ARE THE COMMON KEY FOOD ACCESS ISSUES IN YOUR COMMUNITY?*

Response: _____

5.2 HOW ARE HHS IN YOUR COMMUNITY CURRENTLY OBTAINING FOOD? WHAT ARE THE MAIN SOURCES?* PLEASE RESPOND IN ORDER OF THE MOST COMMON METHODS YOU USE.

Response: _____

5.3 HOW HAS THIS CHANGED COMPARED TO BEFORE THE SHOCK/CONFLICT/ A REFERENCE TIME? PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CHANGE AND THE REASONS

Response: _____

5.4 HOW HAVE FOOD PRICES CHANGED SINCE THE SHOCK/CONFLICT/ REFERENCE TIME? WHICH FOOD HAS BEEN MOST AFFECTED? *

Response: _____

6. FOOD AVAILABILITY (10 MINUTES)

6.1 WHAT BASIC FOODS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY? WHAT FOODS ARE UNAVAILABLE?

Response: _____

6.2 HOW HAS FOOD AVAILABILITY CHANGED SINCE THE SHOCK/CONFLICT/ REFERENCE TIME? *

Response: _____

6.3 DO HHS HAVE FOOD STOCK? IF YES, ON AVERAGE, HOW LONG WILL IT LAST? *

Response: _____

7. COPING MECHANISMS (5 MINUTES)

7.1 WHAT DO HHS USUALLY DO WITH LIMITED FOOD ACCESS? WHAT STRATEGIES ARE THEY USING TO COPE WITH THE FOOD RELATED ISSUES STATED ABOVE? (PROBE: REDUCING MEALS, BORROWING FOOD, SELLING ASSETS.... ETC)

Response: _____

8. LIVELIHOOD (10 MINUTES)

8.1 WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE MAIN LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES (SOURCE OF INCOME) IN YOUR LOCATION?

Response: _____

8.2 HAS THE LIVELIHOOD SITUATION CHANGED SINCE THE SHOCK/REFERENCE TIME? HOW HAVE HH INCOMES CHANGED? * (PROBE: WHY?)

Response: _____

8.3 WHAT ARE THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITIES TO HELP RESTORE AND/OR IMPROVE LIVELIHOODS?

Response: _____

9. CROP PRODUCTION (20 MINUTES)

Ask if Crop Production is one of the community main sources of income

9.1 WHAT ARE THE MAIN CROPS GROWN IN THIS COMMUNITY? FOR CONSUMPTION? FOR SALE? *

Response: _____

9.2 WHAT PROPORTION OF HOUSEHOLDS PARTAKE IN CROP FARMING?

Response: _____

9.3 INFORM THE ROLES OF MEN, WOMEN, GIRLS AND BOYS IN CROP PRODUCTION

Gender	Main Roles / activities
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Men	
Women	
Boys	
Girls	

9.4 IN GENERAL, WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES FARMERS ARE FACING WITH CROP PRODUCTION? * (PROBE: IN TERMS OF WATER, ACCESS TO INPUTS, PESTS, CLIMATE CHANGE, MARKETING...ETC)

Response: _____

9.5 WHAT ARE THE KEY THREE PRIORITIES TO RESTORE OR ENHANCE CROP PRODUCTION? *

Response: _____

9.6 THE SEASONAL CALENDAR:

Season	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rain												
sowing												

Harvesting												

10. LIVESTOCK

Ask if Livestock is one of the community main sources of income

10.1 WHAT TYPES OF LIVESTOCK DO PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY TYPICALLY KEEP? * (PROBE: FOR WHAT PURPOSES CONSUMPTION, SALE?)

Response: _____

10.2 WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES PEOPLE ARE FACING WITH LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION/ REARING? *

Response: _____

10.3 WHAT ARE THE KEY PRIORITIES/ RECOMMENDATIONS/ SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES? *

Response: _____

11. FISHING OR AQUACULTURE ACTIVITIES

Ask if Fishing or Aquaculture is one of the community main sources of income

11.1 HOW HAS THE SHOCK/CRISIS AFFECTED FISHING ACTIVITIES? * (IN CASE OF SHOCK OCCURRENCE)

Response: _____

11.2 WHAT ARE THE KEY CHALLENGES PEOPLE ARE FACING WITH FISHING? *

Response: _____

11.3 WHAT ARE THE KEY THREE PRIORITIES TO SUPPORT FISHING ACTIVITIES AND FISHERMEN? *

Response: _____

12. MARKETS

12.1 WHAT ARE THE LOCAL MARKETS FOR THE COMMUNITY TO GET FOOD AND OTHER BASIC NEEDS? * (MENTION THE MARKETS NAME AND SPECIFY THEIR DISTANCE IN KM AND TIMING AS WELL AS PERTAINED COST) ASK AN OPEN QUESTION

Response: _____

12.2 HOW FUNCTIONAL AND ACCESSIBLE ARE THESE MARKETS? *

Response: _____

12.3 ARE THE BASIC FOOD ITEMS (MFB COMMODITY ITEMS, COOKING GAS... ETC) AVAILABLE IN YOUR MARKET CURRENTLY? *

Response: _____

13. FOOD AND LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE

13.1 ARE THERE ANY FOOD OR LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE TAKING PLACE IN THE AREA? (PROBE: WHAT TYPE OF ASSIST

Response: _____

13.2 HOW OFTEN DO BENEFICIARIES RECEIVE THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE? *

Response: _____

13.3 WHAT IS THE PROPORTION OF PEOPLE RECEIVING FOOD ASSISTANCE AND LIVELIHOOD IN THIS DISTRICT?

Response: _____

13.4 WHAT PARTNERS UNDERTAKE FOOD OR LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE?

Response: _____

14. COMMUNITY ASSETS

14.1 WHAT ARE THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNAL ASSETS/ INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AREA? (PROBE: ABOUT THEIR CONDITION AND IF THEY NEED TO BE REHABILITATED)?*

Response: _____

14.2 HAVE THERE BEEN ANY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES TO CONSTRUCT OR REHABILITATE COMMUNITY ASSETS BEFORE?

Response: _____

14.3 HOW COULD THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO REHABILITATING THESE ASSETS? (PROBE: HOW CAN WOMEN CONTRIBUTE AND BE ENGAGED?)

Response: _____

15. CONCLUSION AND COMMENTS

15.1 ASK FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

Response: _____

15.2 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS PARTICIPANTS MAY HAVE.

Notes: _____

15.3 THANK PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR TIME AND INSIGHTS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME!

End of Interview