

## Annex 17

### Sample multidisciplinary interview guide and data recording format

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A format such as this may be used by all CFSAM field team members (working singly or in small sub-teams) to guide discussions and record information during field visit interviews with rural households and key informants at district and community levels. It is not intended to be used as a questionnaire. It should be adapted to local needs.

Teams must also collect recent reports of agricultural performance, food security assessments, market studies, nutritional and vulnerability surveys, and data on ongoing assistance programmes in the areas visited.

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Season: 20..... / 20.....	main harvest season <input type="checkbox"/> / secondary harvest season <input type="checkbox"/>
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### 1. Location

Region/district	Informant
Village/locality	Position
[For household interviews only] Household size:	Organization
Landholding:	

### 2. Type of crop production

Rain-fed <input type="checkbox"/>	Irrigated <input type="checkbox"/>	Supplementary irrigation <input type="checkbox"/>
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### 3. Growing Conditions [Information from individual farmers or district/community-level key informants]

#### Rains

Start		End		Dry spells		Rainfall amount	Compared previous year
Early <input type="checkbox"/>	Date	Early <input type="checkbox"/>	Date	Month	Number of weeks	Below average <input type="checkbox"/>	Better <input type="checkbox"/>
Normal <input type="checkbox"/>		Normal <input type="checkbox"/>				Average <input type="checkbox"/>	Same <input type="checkbox"/>
Late <input type="checkbox"/>		Late <input type="checkbox"/>				Above average <input type="checkbox"/>	Lower <input type="checkbox"/>

#### Irrigation

Type	Compared to previous year (amount, regularity, timing, cost)	General observations regarding irrigation status
Pump <input type="checkbox"/>	Better <input type="checkbox"/>	
Spate <input type="checkbox"/>	Same <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Lower <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Agricultural inputs supply**

	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Remarks [reasons if below normal]
Agric. machinery supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fuel supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spare parts supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural tools supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fertilizers supply <i>Main source:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Manure supply <i>Main source:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seeds supply <i>Main source:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seed quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Empty sacks supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Labour supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Credit/grants supply <i>Main source:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Agricultural activities by crop** [Adapt the list of crops to the country. "Other" may include cash crops.]

	Sorghum		Maize		Millet		Wheat		Rice		Other	
	previous	current	previous	current	previous	current	previous	current	previous	current	previous	current
% of improved seeds												
Ploughing date												
Sowing date												
Cultivation (manual/animal/tractor)												
Replanting dates												
Number of weeding												
Number of irrigations												
Fertilizer (N/ha)												
Harvesting date												

**Area, yield and production** [Adapt the list of crops to the country. "Other" may include cash crops.]

		Sorghum	Maize	Millet	Wheat	Rice	Other
Planted area (ha)	Current year						
	Previous year						
Harvested area (ha)	Current year						
	Previous year						
Yield (kg/ha)	Current year						
	Previous year						
Production (tonnes)	Current year						
	Previous year						
% losses	Current year						
	Previous year						
Self-sufficiency (in months HH)	Current year						
	Previous year						
Factors that affected area, yield and losses:							

**4. Pests & crop diseases** [Adapt the list to the country. Information from farmers or key informants]

	None	Crop affected	Control		Level of damage		
			Yes	No	Mild	Average	Serious
Desert Locust							
Quelea Quelea Bird							
Rats							
Local birds							
Grasshoppers							
Tree Locust							
Crickets							
Sorghum Bug							
Head Worm							
Others (specify)							
Remarks:							

### 5. Household livestock

[Adapt the list to the country. Condition: 1 = very poor; 5 = very good. Information from livestock owners or key informants]

Mostly transhumant  / Mostly sedentary

	Number	Number previous year	Number breeding females	Condition (1-5)	Condition previous year	Current diseases	Diseases previous year
Cattle							
Sheep							
Goats							
Poultry							
Other							
Remarks:							

### 6. Pasture & water for livestock [Condition: 1 = very poor; 5 = very good. Info from owners or key informants]

	Condition (1-5)	Condition previous year	Remarks
Pasture			
Water			

### 7. Household livelihoods [Information from individual households or district/community-level key informants]

	Current	3 months ago	Previous year	Comments on changes
Household's cereal stock				
Number of family meals per day				
Products (food & other) bought in the market				
Products (food & other items) sold in the market				
Other sources of cash income	Petty trade <input type="checkbox"/>	Petty trade <input type="checkbox"/>	Petty trade <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Wage labour <input type="checkbox"/>	Wage labour <input type="checkbox"/>	Wage labour <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Handicrafts <input type="checkbox"/>	Handicrafts <input type="checkbox"/>	Handicrafts <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Remittances <input type="checkbox"/>	Remittances <input type="checkbox"/>	Remittances <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other	Other	Other	
Food aid received (kg/mth)				
Other assistance received				
Distance to nearest market for food & agric inputs (km or hours walk)				

**8. Coping strategies** [Information from households, community groups or district/community-level key informants]

Coping strategies usually used in times of stress	
Coping strategies currently in use	
Degree of success in coping	

**9. Food security assistance** [Info. from households, community groups, or district/community-level key informants]

	Current situation and plans		Changes compared with previous year
Types of assistance provided/received			
Selection criteria & mechanisms; strengths & weaknesses			
Estimated number in need of aid:	Estimated number without income or access a functioning market:	Estimated number actually receiving aid:	

**10. Health and nutrition issues** [Info. from health/nutrition professionals and community discussions/observations]

	Current situation	Changes compared with 3 months ago & previous year
Nutritional status of children	Sources:	
Major diseases/sickness in the past 3 to 6 months	Sources:	
Water supply & sanitation conditions		
Access to and quality of health care	Sources:	

**11. Local grain market conditions** [Info from market observations, traders, district/community-level key informants]

Market location:

	Current situation	Changes compared with previous year; reasons
Range & quantities of food items available		
Origin of market supplies		
Range & quantities of inputs and other items available		
Main wholesale market(s) from which supplies come		
Markets to which produce is "exported"		
Number of traders & buyers		
Traders' problems due to the crisis (transaction costs, other)		

**12. Livestock market conditions** [Info from market observations, traders, district/community-level key informants in areas where livestock plays a major part in the local economy]

Market location:

	Current situation compared with previous year; reasons
Numbers if animals being offered for sale	
Body conditions of animals brought for sale	(Healthier or less than usual at this season?)
Age and sex of animals on sale	(More or fewer young animals? More/fewer female animals? More/fewer draught oxen?)
Prices for healthy animals	
Terms of trade of a healthy animal against the main cereal	
Reasons why sellers have brought animals to market	(Normal or "distress" sales)
Number of traders & buyers	
Traders' problems due to the crisis (transaction costs, other)	
How prices and numbers are expected to change in the coming months	

**13. Labour market conditions** [Info from market observations, traders, district/community-level key informants]

Market location:

	Current situation	Changes compared with previous year; reasons
Number of people seeking work		
Daily market wage rate for unskilled manual labour		
Where labourers are coming from	(From more distant locations than usual?)	
Number of days that labourers find work each month		
Whether labourers are migrating out of the area	(If so, where are they going and why?)	

**14. Market Prices** [Information from households and markets visited. Adapt list to the country.

Ask about and record the buying or selling price, as appropriate.]

Market location:

	Current		3 months ago	One year ago	Anticipated trend (up/down)	Remarks
	Buy	Sell				
<b>Crops</b>						
Sorghum						
Maize						
Millet						
Wheat						
Rice						
Ground nuts						
Cotton						
Other (fruits, vegetables)						



	Current		3 months ago	One year ago	Anticipated trend (up/down)	Remarks
	Buy	Sell				
<b>Livestock</b>						
Cattle: Heifer						
Breeding cow						
Replacement cow						
Steer						
Breeding Goat						
Male Goat						
Breeding ewe						
Ram/replacement ewe						
Other						

**15. Public and commercial stocks of cereals** [Information from storekeepers or district officers of the relevant national agency, traders and grain mills.]

Area/ location:

	Now	A year ago	Storage type	% storage losses expected
Government stocks				
Commercial stocks				
Current rate of off-take per month:			Current rate of replenishment:	