

Migrant Interview Guide

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Purpose: to better understand the impacts of migration on relations among household members and the ability of sending households to manage the farm, and the reasons why migrants leave.

The main interview topics will include:

- Information on those who have migrated
- Reasons for their migration
- How life was before and after they started migrating, in relation to economic well-being, farming and household workload and decision-making

Interviewee details

Name:

Age:

Gender:

HHID of household:

Migration details

1. Do you leave the household for some months of the year to find work or earn income?
2. When did you start leaving?
3. Where do you go and what do you do there?
4. What did you do before you left/started leaving?
5. Why did you start migrating? What were the reasons?
6. How often do you return/visit? Do you visit at specific times/months of the year?
7. Who was involved in the decision for you to migrate? Did you discuss it as a household?

Decision making

8. Are there farming decisions you have become more involved with since you started migrating? Which decisions and why?
9. Are there farming decisions you have become less involved with since you started migrating? Which decisions and why?

Knowledge & innovation

10. Who usually decides to try out new farming practices in your household?
11. Did this change when you started migrating? If yes, why did it change?
12. Are you pleased with the way the farm is managed while you're away? Is there anything you would change or do differently? *[If they are not pleased, ask them why and what they would do differently]*
13. Can you think of a new farming practice that your (wife or mother) proposed or implemented - Did you think it was a good or bad idea? *[If they can't think of anything, give example, such as zai pits, terraces]*
14. Who in your household do you consider most knowledgeable about farming? Why?
15. Within your household, who is more interested in attending agricultural trainings and projects? Why?

Workload

16. Do you take part in farming when you come back? Which activities?
17. Are there some farming activities you become less involved in when you started migrating?

18. Is labour availability on the farm an issue? Was it an issue before you left?
19. If it is an issue, how does the household cope with the lack of labour?

Economic

20. Do you send home money?
21. Do you send home money regularly? [*weekly, monthly, yearly*]
22. Who usually decides how the money is used? Do you ask how it was spent?

Aspirations

23. What would you like to do in the future?
24. Do have plans to return here and stay permanently in the future? [*start family, retire, build house*]
25. Would you consider moving the rest of the family to where you migrate to?
26. Do you think opportunities in agriculture have changed in the last 5 years? Why?
27. Do you think the opportunities differ for men and women?

Consolidation

28. Based on our discussion today, do you think the overall impact of migration on your household's overall well-being has been positive or negative? What about for you personally?

[Thank them for their time and ask if they have any questions save the recording with the HHID and farmer's name]