

Sierra Leone - Women's Empowerment and Nutrition Survey 2024

Questionnaire

Module A – Start of interview

INSTRUCTIONS:

- GO TO THE HOUSEHOLD AND ATTEMPT TO START THE INTERVIEW.
- TO START THE INTERVIEW, SEEK OUT A COMPETENT RESPONDENT. A COMPETENT RESPONDENT MUST BE 15 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD SHOULD BE PREFERRED, IF POSSIBLE.
- FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD, MAKE AT LEAST THREE CONTACT ATTEMPTS. KEEP TRACK OF YOUR ATTEMPTS IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT LOGBOOK.

A01a. Time stamp

DD / MM / YYYY – HH / MM / SS

A01b. Is the household head or any other competent respondent present?

1 – Yes >> question A04

2 – No >> question A05

A04. ENUMERATOR: Please read the introduction and consent statement below.

Hello, my name is [ENUMERATOR NAME] from Statistics Sierra Leone and Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security. We are conducting a national agricultural survey, and your household has been chosen to participate in this survey. The survey includes a questionnaire on the capacity of men and women to pursue their own goals, to influence decisions in the household and in the broader community, etc.

First, I will ask you to list all the household members. Then, up to three **adult members** will be randomly selected and I shall interview them on the topics I just mentioned. This information will be used the Government and other organizations for planning purposes. The household will not receive any benefit because of this interview. The information is strictly confidential, and respondents may skip questions that make them feel uncomfortable.

Can I go ahead with the list of household members?

1 – Yes >> Module B

2 – No >> question A05

A05. ENUMERATOR: Reason why the household cannot be interviewed

1 – REFUSED

2 – NO COMPETENT RESPONDENT AT TIME OF THE VISIT

3 – NONE AT HOME FOR AN EXTENDED AMOUNT OF TIME

4 – HOUSEHOLD NOT FOUND OR MOVED ELSEWHERE

5 – DWELLING DESTROYED

6 – TIME IN THE EA IS OVER

9 – OTHER (SPECIFY)

>> GO TO END OF INTERVIEW (QUESTION O05)

Module B - Household Member Roster

INTERVIEWER: The questions in this section are required for all household members. First list all the members of the household, then repeat questions from B02 to B05 for every member

B01	Please tell me the names of all the individuals who normally lived and ate their meals together in this household during the past six months, starting with the head	
B02	What is [NAME]'s relationship to the household head?	HEAD1 WIFE OR HUSBAND2 SON OR DAUGHTER3 OTHER RELATIVE.....4 NOT RELATED.....5
B03	Age of [NAME] (<i>Age should be in complete years</i>)	
B04	Sex of [NAME]?	MALE.....1 FEMALE2
B05	Is [NAME] currently present in the dwelling or will be back by the end of the day?	Currently present in the dwelling.....1 Not Currently present in the dwelling but will be back by the end of the day2 Not currently present in the dwelling and will not be back by the end of the day.....3

Module C – Start of Individual Interview

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW WITH ALL THE INDIVIDUALS RANDOMLY SELECTED BY THE APPLICATION.**
- **INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY THE SAMPLED INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE AT HOME. SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE ONES THAT ARE NOT AT HOME.**
- **MAKE AT LEAST THREE ATTEMPTS WITH EACH PERSON. KEEP TRACK OF YOUR ATTEMPTS IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT LOGBOOK.**
- **NEVER REPLACE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH ANOTHER ONE AND DO NOT ALLOW ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBER TO RESPOND ON BEHALF OF THE SELECTED PERSON OR TO LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW.**

C01a. Time stamp

DD / MM / YYYY – HH / MM / SS

C01b. is [INDIVIDUAL] available for the interview?

1 – Yes >> question C04

2 – No >> question C05

A04. INTERVIEWER: Please read the introduction and consent statement below.

Hello, my name is [ENUMERATOR NAME] from Statistics Sierra Leone and Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security. We are conducting a national agricultural survey, and your household has been chosen to participate in this survey. The survey includes a questionnaire on the capacity of men and women to pursue their own goals, to influence decisions in the household and in the broader community, the use of technology, property rights, etc. Further, we ask about women’s diet.

You have been randomly selected to respond to this questionnaire. The interview will last approximately 20 minutes. The collected information will be used by the government and other organizations for planning purposes. The household will not receive any benefit because of this interview. The information will be kept strictly confidential, and you may skip the questions that make you feel uncomfortable. Please let me know if I can go ahead with the interview.

1 – Yes >> Module D

2 – No >> question A05

A05. ENUMERATOR: Reason why [INDIVIDUAL] cannot be interviewed

1 – NOT FOUND AT HOME

2 – NO TIME TO PARTICIPATE TO THE INTERVIEW

3 – RESPONDENT REFUSED

4 – HOUSEHOLD HEAD DID NOT ALLOW HIM/HER TO PARTICIPATE TO THE INTERVIEW

5 – PERSON IS SICK OR PHYSICALLY / MENTALLY IMPAIRED

6 – TIME IN THE EA IS OVER

9 – OTHER (SPECIFY)

>> END OF INTERVIEW. INTERVIEWER MOVES ON WITH ANOTHER [INDIVIDUAL]

Module D: Paid and unpaid activities

<p>INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Now I am going to ask you about the activities you did over the past 7 days and how much influence you had over the time you spent on these activities.</p>		
<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>NOTE TO INTERVIEWER: When examples are given, they should be read exactly as written and should NOT be skipped.</p>	<p>D01. During the last 7 days, did you spend any time on [ACTIVITY], even if for one hour? 1 = Yes 2 = No >> NEXT ROW</p>	<p>[CAPI: IF D01A/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/I==1/Yes] D02. During the last 7 days, how much influence did you have in deciding the amount of time you spent on [ACTIVITY]? READ RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 = No influence 2 = Some influence 3 = A lot of influence (97 = DO NOT READ: Don't know) (98 = DO NOT READ: Refused)</p>
A. Household duties, such as cooking, cleaning, washing clothes, or collecting water or cooking fuel		
B. Caring for household members, such as children or older family members		
C. Going to the market to purchase essential items		
D. Non-agricultural work activities, including: working for pay, in cash or in kind, for someone else; running or doing any kind of business or other activity to earn income; and helping in a family business		
E. Commercial agricultural production, including: working on the household farm to produce crop, livestock or fish products, mainly for sale		
F. Agricultural production for household consumption, including: producing crop, livestock or fish products for household consumption.		
G. Leisure activities, such as taking a walk, spending time with friends, reading, watching TV, listening to radio, music		
H. Religious and cultural activities, such as praying, participating in religious or traditional ceremonies or events		
I. Learning, such as attending trainings, classes		

Module E: Participation and leadership in community

INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Now, I will ask you about your participation in different types of organizations during the last 12 months.		
ORGANIZATIONS	E01. In the last 12 months, have you participated in [ORGANIZATION]? Yes 1 >> GO TO E02 No 2 >> NEXT ROW (DO NOT READ: Refused...98 >> NEXT ROW) (DO NOT READ: Organization not present in this community 99>> NEXT ROW)	E02. In the last 12 months, have you acted in a leadership position in [ORGANIZATION]? Yes 1 No 2 (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)
A	<u>Government councils or agencies</u>	
B	<u>Groups that provide local services</u> , such as resource user groups, community health and education service groups, or mutual aid groups	
C	<u>Formal or informal savings or credit groups</u> , such as microfinance groups, village savings and loan associations, or merry-go-round savings schemes	
D	<u>Groups related to livelihood activities</u> , such as agricultural groups, cooperatives, and craft or trade associations	
E	<u>Other groups</u> , such as religious groups, women's groups, or sports groups, etc.	

INTERVIEWER: The question below is asked only if the randomly selected individual is a female (B04==2)

E03. INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Please listen to the following statements and indicate how often this happens in your community		
A	Women in this community can really understand what is going on within their community (e.g., main social and political changes, etc.)	Never 0 Sometimes 1 Often 2 Always 3 DO NOT READ: Don't know 97 DO NOT READ: Refused 98
B	Women have the ability to participate effectively in community activities	
C	Women have the ability to participate effectively in decision-making	
D	It is important to women in this community that they actively participate in local women's issues	
E	Most community leaders listen to women	

INTERVIEWER: The question below is asked only if the randomly selected individual is a male (B04==1)

E04. INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Please listen to the following statements and indicate how often this happens in your community		
A	Men in this community can really understand what is going on within their community (e.g., main social and political changes, etc.)	Never 0 Sometimes 1 Often 2 Always 3 DO NOT READ: Don't know 97 DO NOT READ: Refused 98
B	Men have the ability to participate effectively in community activities	
C	Men have the ability to participate effectively in decision-making	
D	It is important to men in this community that they actively participate in local men's issues	
E	Most community leaders listen to men	

Module F: Life transitions and awareness of rights

INTERVIEWER: Module F is asked only if the randomly selected individual is a female (B04==2)

F01. INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Please listen to the following statements and indicate your level of agreement with each statement.	
READ RESPONSE OPTIONS	
A	Every woman should be free to choose whether to complete secondary school.
B	Every woman should be free to choose whether to work for pay.
C	Every woman should be free to choose to prioritize her work for pay over domestic duties.
D	Every woman should be free to choose what to do with any money that she earns.
E	Every woman should be free to choose to purchase land, a house, or other valuable goods.
F	Every woman should be free to choose when to get married.
G	Every woman should be free to choose to divorce or end her marriage or relationship.
H	Every woman should be free to choose whether and when to have children.
I	Every woman should be free to choose not to have any more children.
Fully disagree 0 Partly disagree 1 Partly agree.....2 Fully agree 3 (DO NOT READ: Don't know 97) (DO NOT READ: Refused..... 98)	

Module G: Financial services and credit

INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Now, I am going to ask about your use of different financial services.	
G01. In the past 12 months, have you ever:	
A	Used any mobile money account, either yours or anyone else's, to make a payment, buy something, or send money to someone?
B	Deposited or received money into or withdrawn money from any bank account, either yours or anyone else's?
C	Used any bank card, ATM card or debit card, either yours or anyone else's, to make a purchase or pay a bill such as a utility bill?
D	Used any credit card, either yours or anyone else's, to make a purchase or pay a bill such as a utility bill?
Yes 1 No 2 (DO NOT READ: Refused..... 98)	
INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Now, I am going to ask you about loans from different types of lenders.	
G02. If you needed it, could you take a loan from:	
A	A bank or formal financial institution
B	A cooperative
C	A Group based micro-finance / micro-credit
D	Informal credit / savings groups, such as private moneylenders, a village savings and loan group, merry-go-rounds, or funeral societies
E	Other NGO program
Yes 1 No 2 (DO NOT READ: Refused..... 98)	

Module H: Property ownership

INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Now I am going to ask you about your rights over agricultural land and your dwelling		
H01	Do you own or have the right to use <i>any agricultural parcels of land</i> , either alone or jointly with someone else? (agricultural land includes also backyard gardens) READ RESPONSE OPTIONS	Yes, alone 1 Yes, jointly 2 Yes, both alone and jointly 3 No 4>>H07 (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)
H02	Do you have the right, either alone or jointly with someone else, to sell <i>any agricultural parcels of land</i> ? READ RESPONSE OPTIONS	Yes, alone 1 Yes, jointly 2 Yes, both alone and jointly 3 No 4 (DO NOT READ: Don't know 97) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)
H03	Do you have the right, either alone or jointly with someone else, to give any agricultural parcels of land, by oral or written will, to other persons after your death? READ RESPONSE OPTIONS	Yes, alone 1 Yes, jointly 2 Yes, both alone and jointly 3 No 4 (DO NOT READ: Don't know 97) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)
H04	Is there a document for any agricultural parcels that is issued by or registered at the Land Registry/ Cadastral Agency, such as a purchase certificate or a lease or rental contract? READ RESPONSE OPTIONS NOTE: Land documents can be: purchase documents (or certificates) or lease/rental contracts. Other forms of properties do not have a formal certification.	Yes 1 No 2 >>H06 (DO NOT READ: Don't know 97 >>H06) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98 >>H06)
H05	Is your name listed on any of these documents as an owner or rights holder, either alone or jointly with someone else? READ RESPONSE OPTIONS	Yes, alone 1 Yes, jointly 2 Yes, both alone and jointly 3 No 4 (DO NOT READ: Don't know 97) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)
H06	How likely are you to involuntarily lose ownership or use rights to any land you own, or have the right to use in the next 5 years? READ RESPONSE OPTIONS	Not all likely 1 Slightly likely 2 Moderately likely 3 Very likely 4 Extremely likely 5 (DO NOT READ: Don't know 97) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)
H07	Do you own or have the right to use the dwelling in which you live, either alone or jointly with someone else?	Yes, alone 1 Yes, jointly 2 No 4 >> END MODULE (DO NOT READ: Refused 98 >> END MODULE)
H08	Do you have the right, either alone or jointly with someone else, to sell the dwelling in which you live?	Yes, alone 1 Yes, jointly 2
H09	Do you have the right, either alone or jointly with someone else, to give your dwelling, by oral or written will, to other persons after your death?	No 4 (DO NOT READ: Don't know 97) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)
H10	Is there a document for the dwelling in which you live that is issued by or registered at a government agency, such as a purchase certificate, a site plan, a building permit or a lease/rental contract? NOTE: Documents for dwelling can be: purchase documents (or certificates), site plans, building permits or lease/rental contracts. Other forms of property do not have a formal certification.	Yes 1 No 2 >>H12 (DO NOT READ: Don't know 97 >> H12) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98 >> H12)
H11	Is your name listed on any of these documents as an owner or rights holder, either alone or jointly with someone else?	Yes, alone 1 Yes, jointly 2 No 4 (DO NOT READ: Don't know 97) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)

H12	How likely are you to involuntarily lose ownership to the dwelling in which you live, in the next 5 years?	Not all likely.....1 Slightly likely.....2 Moderately likely.....3 Very likely.....4 Extremely likely.....5 (DO NOT READ: Don't know97) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)
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Module I: Decision-making and control over income

INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Now I am going to ask you about how much influence you have in decisions and control over income.		
I01	How much influence do you have regarding the use of money earned or received by yourself or other family members?	No influence 1 Some influence 2 A lot of influence 3 (DO NOT READ: Don't know.....97) (DO NOT READ: Refused98)
I02. Now, please tell me how much influence you have on:		
A	Making large household purchases, such as cars, motorbikes, boats, furniture, electric appliances. READ RESPONSE OPTIONS.	No influence 1 Some influence 2 A lot of influence 3 (DO NOT READ: Don't know97) (DO NOT READ: Refused98)
B	Your own healthcare	(DO NOT READ: Refused98)

Module J: Information communication technologies (ICT)

J01. INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Next, I am going to ask you how often you use different types of technology .		
A	How often do you use a Mobile phone?	Daily 1 Weekly 2
B	How often do you use Internet (including WhatsApp, Telegram, Messenger, (X) Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Tik-Tok and other social media)?	Monthly..... 3 Less than monthly 4 Never 5 (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)

Module L: Sexual harassment

INTERVIEWER: The module L is asked only if the randomly selected individual is a female (B04==2)

L00. INTERVIEWER DO NOT READ ALOUD: PLEASE MAKE SURE THERE IS NO PERSON 5 YEARS AND OVER WHO COULD OVERHEAR THE INTERVIEW.		
L01. INTERVIEWER READ ALOUD: Now, I will ask you some questions about experiences women in your community may have. In your opinion:		
READ RESPONSE OPTIONS		
A	Is it acceptable that A man treats a woman as “lesser” because she is a woman, for example, speaks badly, interrupts, or ignores her?	Never acceptable 1 Sometimes acceptable..... 2 Usually acceptable..... 3 (DO NOT READ: Don't know97) (DO NOT READ: Refused 98)
B	Is it acceptable that A man prevents a woman from doing certain kinds of work, even if she wants to?	
C	Is it acceptable that A man spreads unwanted rumors about a woman's sex life?	
D	Is it acceptable that A man tries to have a romantic or sexual relationship with a woman when she doesn't want it?	
E	Is it acceptable that A man offers work-related benefits to a woman with the expectation of receiving sexual favours?	

Module M: Food and Drinks Consumed in Last 24 Hours

INTERVIEWER: The module M is asked only if the randomly selected individual is a female (B04==2)

<p>M01. INTERVIEWER, READ ALOUD: Now I'd like to ask you about foods and drinks that you consumed yesterday during the day or night, either at home or somewhere else. Please think about yesterday, from the time you woke up through the night. Think about the first thing you ate or drank after you woke up in the morning, the food or drinks in the middle of the day, or consumed as evening meal, or late-evening, late-night and any other snacks or drinks you may have had between meals during the day or night. I need to know if you had food items I will mention even if they were combined with other foods. Please listen to the list of foods, and if you ate or drank any one of them, say yes. Yesterday during the day or at night, did you eat or drink:</p>	
Porridge or pap, bread, rice, macaroni or noodles, maize, millet, or sorghum	YES.....1 NO2
Pumpkin, orange-fleshed sweet potatoes, carrots, squash, or red sweet pepper	
White potatoes, white cassava, gari, fufu, white yams, cocoyam or arrowroot, plantain or ebbeh	
Beans, soybean, black-eyed beans, oleleh, pigeon peas or konsho, lentils, or green grams	
Groundnut, peanut butter, cashew nut, sesame or benni, egusi soup, or kainda	
Milk or powdered milk	
Yoghurt or cheese	
Liver, kidney, heart, gizzard, intestines, or tongue	
Beef, goat, pork, game meat, or bush meat	
Sausages, luncheon meat, or corned beef	
Chicken, bush fowl or guineafowl, duck, turkey, pigeon, dove, or frog	
Fish, lobster, shrimps, crayfish, crab, or cockles	
Eggs	
Cassava leaves, pumpkin leaves, potato leaves, crain crain or jute leaves, peila/eggplant leaves, kalami, or kokodie leaves	
Spinach, amaranth, okra leaves, bitter leaves, or sorrel leaves	
Cucumber, tomatoes, eggplant, okra, cauliflower, cabbages, green peas, or mushroom	
ripe pawpaw or papaya, ripe mango, locust bean fruit, passion fruit, apricot or red palm fruit	
bananas, pears, orange, pineapple guava, grapefruit, or watermelon	
Cashew fruit, sweet or soup sop, plum, apple, dates, avocado, or tangerine	
Chips such as pringles or cheese balls, Popcorn	
Puff puff, bean or rice akara, fried potato, fried cassava, fried sweet potato or fried fish, chicken or meat	
Indomie	
Burgers, pizza, or shawarma	
Chocolates, candies, cookies or sweet biscuits, cakes, jam, sweet pastries, sweet akara, ice cream, or honey	
Soft drinks, fruit juices or 'juice drinks', ginger beer, tombi, chocolate drinks like milo, or energy drinks	
Tea or coffee with sugar	
Termite, crickets, grasshopper, African palm weevil, larva, snails or sea snails	
Foods made with red palm oil, red palm nut, or red palm nut pulp sauces	

Module N: Information on respondent

N01	INTERVIEWER: What is [NAME]'s sex?	MALE.....1 FEMALE2
N02	What is your age? (<i>Age should be in complete years</i>)	
N03	Can you read and write in any language?	Yes..... 1 No 2
N04	Have you ever attended school?	Yes.....1 No 2>>MODULE O
N05	What is the highest educational level you completed?	Nursery/pre-school.....0 Primary.....1 Secondary2 Post secondary3 Adult informal education4 Arabic.....5

Module O: Result of interview

INTERVIEWER: DEAR INTERVIEWER, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE FOR YOU. YOU DO NOT NEED TO READ THEM ALOUD.

O01	INTERVIEWER: Was the respondent interviewed alone?	Yes.....1>> O03 No, one person attended the interview 2 No, more than one person attended the interview.....3
O02	INTERVIEWER: Who attended the interview? TICK ALL THAT APPLY.	Children.....1 Adult males.....2 Adult females3
O03	INTERVIEWER: Was the interview with [NAME] completed or partially completed?	Interview completed1>> Q05 Interview partially completed2
O04	INTERVIEWER: Reason for incomplete interview	Respondent had to leave1 Respondent was busy2 Other (spec _____)9
O05	END OF INTERVIEW DATE/TIME STAMP	