



Integration of Household Income on Urban vulnerability Monitoring System in Ghana

Report on Training Workshop for interviewers

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1.0 Introduction

The “INSTITUT DU SAHEL” (INSAH) based in Bamako, Mali in collaboration with the Statistics, Research and Information Directorate (SRID) of Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA) and the Department of Food and Agriculture, Accra Metropolitan Authority, is undertaking a pilot-research study on integrating of household income in urban vulnerability monitoring system in the city of Accra.

The general objective for the study is to mainstream «Household Income» in the monitoring of the vulnerability for urban households.

The four specific objectives are as follows :

- Identify main occupations (Jobs) and sources of income of households living in the targeted area then assess the proportion of each main occupation within the whole population of the targeted area.
- Identify households’ minimal food and non-food needs (education, health, housing, transport etc.) in order to set up the Minimal Consumption Basket.
- Identify the key characteristics of the main occupations in order to assess (i) their importance, (ii) their income variability, and (iii) the main hazards which they are exposed to.
- Monitor changes in key factors influencing incomes and cost of the minimum food and non-food basket.

As part of the survey process, a two-days training workshop was held to train focal group interviewers on mainstreaming ‘household income’ in the monitoring of urban vulnerability. Four interviewers and two facilitators took part in the training workshop which was held in the conference hall of Land and Water Management of MoFA.

The four focal group interviewers were :

- Mr. Godsway Banini
- Mr. Ohene Dampsey
- Mr. Foster Azasi
- Mrs. Alice Wunyala

The training workshop was also witnessed by the Director of SRID, Mr. Harrison Opoku and the Director of Agriculture, Accra Metropolitan Authority of the Department of Food and Agriculture Greater Accra Region, Mr. Maxwell Odonkor.

The two facilitators were :

- Dr. Dabo Keffing
- Mr. Amadou Diop

2.0 Methodology

The methodology used by the facilitators includes : PowerPoint presentations and discussion of the survey questionnaires.

On the first day, Mr. Amadou Diop took the interviewers through the Background on Food and Nutrition Security, and Household Economy Analysis (HEA) which entails :

1. Key food security and nutrition concepts
2. Overview of the Household Economy Analysis (HEA) approach
3. Overview of Programme d'Appui à la Sécurité Alimentaire et Nutritionnelle en Afrique de l'Ouest (PASANAO)

Dr. Dabo Keffing also took the interviewers through Issue and Implementation of Urban Assessments which entails :

1. Urban Vulnerability and Information needs
2. Objectives, methodology and expected outcomes from urban vulnerability assessments in Accra
3. Presentation and discussions on the different data collection tools
4. Recommendations: tips for successful focus group interviews

The second day was devoted to discussion of the survey questionnaires.

There were five (5) different forms: facilitators discussed Forms 1-4 to the Focus Group Interviewers. Form 5 was not discussed because it will be administered when going for monitoring.

Form 1 - Focus Group with Neighbourhood Key Informants in Urban Areas.

Form 2 - Focus Group with Job Groups Key Informants.

Form 3 - Focus Group with Poor Households Key Informants.

Form 4 - Focus Group with Ultra Poor Households Key Informants

Form 5 - Focus Group with Jobs Key Informants for Seasonal Monitoring of Households Living Conditions.

3.0 Conclusion

The training workshop was very successful and all Focal Group Interviewers had an in-depth understanding of the study and the questionnaires to be administered on the field.

Annexes

- List of participants
- Interview Forms
- PPT presentations

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