

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Kormay Adams
CWIQ Survey Project Director
LISGIS

FROM: T. Monroe Wesso
CWIQ Survey Field Coordinator

SUBJ: **CWIQ Survey Field Report**

DATE: September 25, 2007

Please find attached copy of my field report from Lofa, Nimba, Bong and Margibi counties.

CC: Hon. Francis F. Wreh
CWIQ Survey Project Coordinator/LISGIS

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CWIQ Survey Assistant Project Director

CWIQ Survey International Consultant

Survey Objectives

The objectives of this survey (CWIQ) in Liberia is to provide the needed information that will be used to prepare a Poverty Profile which will lead to the preparation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) for the Government of Liberia.

Field Report

We left Monrovia on Monday August 6, 2007 at about 4:00PM to take on assignment in Lofa, Nimba, Bong and Margibi counties for the Core Welfare Indicators Questionnaire (CWIQ) Survey, with six (6) CWIQ Survey teams comprising six (6) Supervisors, twenty four (24) Interviewers, seven (7) drivers and one Coordinator.

We took two days to reach our first assigned county, Lofa due to a break down of one of the vehicles bearing plate number 1045-BP in our convoy. We arrived in Voinjama, Lofa County on Wednesday August 8, 2007, at about 11:10PM. The next day on Thursday August 9, we met with the county authority for a letter of permit. Upon receiving permission, all supervisors took off for their respective assignment. We took about eight (8) days beginning August 9 through August 16, 2007, to complete Lofa assignment.

We left Lofa County on Friday at 9:34 AM 2007 and arrived Gbarnga at about 11:29 PM the same day with the exception of one of the team which arrived on Sunday August 19, 2007 due to a call back in their last EA in Zolowo.

I left Bong County on Sunday August 19, 2007 for Monrovia with Lofa county completed Questionnaires. For some administrative arrangement at the head office, LISGIS, I spent two days in Monrovia from August 19 to August 21, 2007. I therefore returned to Gbarnga Tuesday, August 21, 2007.

On Wednesday, August 22, 2007, the entire team took off from Gbarnga to Sanniquelle, Nimba County. We met with the Superintendent who gave us a letter of permit having explained our purpose in his county. Thereafter, all Supervisors took off for their respective areas of assignment. We completed Nimba County assignment within eleven (11) days starting from August 22, 2007 to September 3, 2007.

I left Nimba County on Tuesday September 4, 2007 for Monrovia with the completed questionnaire of that county and returned Thursday, September 6, 2007 to Gbarnga, Bong County.

I met with the Bong county Authority on August 29, 2007 to obtain permission for the conduct of the CWIQ survey in that county. We started work in Bong County on September 3, 2007. From September 3 to September 9, 2007, the Bong County work was completed. We left Bong County on Sunday September 9, 2007 for the Margibi County work.

On Monday, September 10, 2007, we met with the Margibi county authority for letter of permission. Upon receiving the letter, all teams were deployed to their respective assignments. From September 10 to September 18, 2007 all supervisors completed their assignment given them in Margibi County

I left Kakata, Margibi County on September 11, 2007 for Monrovia with Bong County completed questionnaires and returned September 12, 2007.

On Wednesday September 19 2007, all teams including the coordinator arrived at base, LISGIS head office at 9:35 AM and subsequently submitted Marigibi County completed Questionnaires. Upon arrival at base on the same day, all six teams under my supervision took on new assignment in Monrovia immediately. This assignment came to an end on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

Field cooperation

All of the Supervisors under my supervision showed high level of majority in performing their duties. They were efficient in carrying out their respective functions. They were very much respectful when it came to coordinator- supervisor relationship even up to supervisor- interviewer relationship and this was reciprocated. We all enjoyed this cordial working relationship together.

Constraints

There were constraints as we went along the field operation in almost all of Counties we travelled. The major ones were as follow:

- Break down of vehicles as we went along;
- Terrible road condition in the rural areas couple with bad bridges;
- lack of EA maps especially for urban cities areas which made it difficult to locate;
- Low level of awareness for the CWIQ Survey up country;
- Mix placing of EA listing (taking one EA, listing for the other)
- Difficulties in identifying structure numbers due to the double writing of other survey structure numbers(writing NPHC number within the LDHS number);

All of the above were one way or other the cause of some of the delay during the field activities.

Achievement

Despite the numerous problems faced with on the field operation, we were able to complete our assignment in Lofa, Nimba, Bong and Margibi counties. We were given a total of 69 clusters within the four counties mention above out of which we completed 68 only due to inaccessibility of one of the 69 clusters. This cluster which was assigned under Bong County is believed to be in Gbarpolu County looking at its geographical location.

Table 1 show total number of clusters/EAs by county.

No.	Name of County	No. of Clusters/EAs	Completed date
1.	Lofa	13	Aug. 16, 2007
2.	Nimba	22	Sept. 3, 2007
3.	Bong	15	Sept. 9, 2007
4.	Margibi	19	Sept.18, 2007
5.	Total	69	

Table 2 Show total number of clusters/EAs completed by each supervisor by county

Team No.	Name of Supervisor	Lofa	Nimba	Bong	Margibi	Montserrado	Total
01	Roxana Kerkula	2	3	2	3	1	11
04	Kebbe Bryant	2	4	3	3	2	14
09	Tamba Mayson	2	4	2	3	2	13
13	Emmanuel T. Dahn	2	4	2	3	1	12
14	Emmanuel Ben	2	4	3	3	1	13
15	Christopher Sieka	3	3	2	4	1	13
	Total	13	22	14	19	8	76

Table 3 shows assigned vehicle to the CWIQ Survey Team

Team No.	Supervisor name	Vehicle No.	No. of Day work	No. of Day break down	Replaced vehicle	Date
01	Roxana Kekkula	BC – 1869	37 6 2 2	-0- -0- -0- -0-	 BC-3654 BC-3653 BC-1957	Aug. 6 – Sept. 11, 2007 Sept. 11- 16, 2007 Sept. 17 – 18, 2007 Sept. 17 - 18
04	Kebbeh Bryant	NG-1260	48	-0-	-0-	Aug. 6 –Sept.22, 2007
09	Tamba Mayson	BC-039	8 LISGIS 1 LISGIS 23 11	7 LISGIS -0- LISGIS -0- -0-	NG-1447 BP-1338 NG-1447 BP-1138 PP-124	Aug. 6-13, 2007 Aug.14-16,2007 Aug.17, 2007 Aug.18-20,2007 Aug.21- Sept. 20, 2007 Sept. 21 -22, 2007
13	Emmanuel T. Dahn	BC-2621	11 30	5 -0-	NG-0064	Aug.6 – 16,2007 Aug. 22- Sept. 22, 2007
14	Emmanuel Ben	BC-686	20 5 17 5	-0- -0- -0- -0-	BC-3654 BC-686 BC-2621	Aug. 6 – 25, 2007 Aug. 26 – 30,2007 Aug. 31 – Sept. 16, 2007 Sept. 17 – 21, 2007
Team No.	Supervisor Name	Vehicle	No. of Days worked	No. of Days broken down	Replaced vehicle	Date
15	Christopher Sieka	BP-1045	-0- 3 LISGIS LISGIS 15 17	2 1 LISGIS LISGIS -0- -0-	BP-1045 NG-1445 NG-1260 BP-1338 BC-1878	Aug. 6-7, 2007 Aug. 8-10,2007 Aug.11-12,2007 Aug.16 –19, 2007 Aug. 20 – Sept,3, 2007 Sept. 4 – 22, 2007
Coordinator	T. Monroe Wesso	NG-1447	48	-0-	-0-	Aug. 6 – Sept. 22, 2007

Table 4 shows balance materials returned

No.	Description of materials returned	Total materials returned	Date returned
1.	CWIQ Questionnaires	125 copies	Sept. 22, 2007
2.	Income Expenditure Questionnaires	81 copies	Sept. 22, 2007
3.	Market Price Questionnaires	50 copies	Sept. 22, 2007
4.	Brown Envelopes	250 pieces	Sept. 25, 2007
5.	Sketch tape	4pcs.	Sept. 26, 2007
6.	Plastic bags	2pks.	Sept. 25, 2007

Recommendation

We are pleased to recommend to you the following for improvement during future survey:

- That sufficient publicity be given earlier to county authorities before the start of such survey;
- That a complete preparation (distribution of EA maps and other field related items be made available) before sending survey teams in the field;
- That vehicles that would be send in the field be properly check by LISGIS before assigning on the field to avoid constant broke;
- That travelling time from EA to EA couple with road condition be seriously taken into consideration by LISGIS;