

INTRODUCTION

Between July 16-31 2007, the Liberian Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS) with the task of National Statistics activities in establishing an integrated statistical system to monitor the economic and social performances of the population, trained and selected more than a hundred field staff composed of Coordinators, Supervisors and Interviewers with support from the World Bank, UNDP, DFID to conduct a survey on poverty reduction strategy plan.

OBJECTIVE

In an effort to establish a smooth and a workable framework, LISGIS developed a sizeable team, composed of four interviewers headed by a supervisor. The main objective of conducting the survey is to provide timely information of Liberia poverty reduction strategy and capacity building.

STATEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT

On the 6th day of August 2007, team 2 along with other teams left Monrovia for the South Eastern region. Team 2 had the mandate to specifically work in Maryland, River Gee and Grand Gedeh Counties in the region with 108 households from nine (9) EAs. In route to the region, the team spent 3 days in Ganta, Nimba County because of vehicle breakdown (see constraints). The team was able to reach the first assigned county of Maryland as planned on August 11, 2007. The team arrived back in Monrovia on September 6, 2007 and left for Grand Cape Mount County on September 8, 2007.

COUNTIES OF ASSIGNMENT

A. MARYLAND

Upon the team's arrival in Maryland, specifically Pleebo Clan on August 11, 2007, we attempted to reach one of our EAs (Gbeakien/Anderson Farm) on August 12, 2007, but failed due to mechanical fault on BC-1957. On August 13, 2007, a LISGIS backup pickup driven by Morlu took up the task where we worked and returned to Pleebo on August 14, 2007. While in Gbeakien/Anderson Farm, Miss Vashti Goe, Cecelia K.

Ballah and Nyamento Teams assisted us with 2 EAs in Pleebo City and Gbolobo. We worked in the last EA in Pleebo City on the 15th and 16th of August 2007. We had four EAs with a total of 48 households. While on general editing and logs preparation, we were asked to assist Alfred W. Robinson's Team to complete their last EA in Rock Town, to enable all teams to leave said county in group. The teams left Pleebo City on August 21, 2007 for River Gee.

CHALLENGES / CONSTRAINTS

In Maryland, the road condition is generally a problem. We had four EAs with two in Pleebo City. It was a difficult situation in getting to one of the EAs (Gbeakien / Anderson Farm), which created a problem of an accident.

ACHIEVEMENT

It was an exciting event for us where we made an achievement of reaching all of the selected households and well taken care of by the town officials.

B. RIVER GEE

The team departed Pleebo on August 21, 2007 led by Coordinator Wilfred Carr and arrived late in Fish Town, the county seat. From there, we picked up for Glarro, Freetown which is about 3 hours drive and few miles away from the Ivorian border. We used the LISGIS pickup of Coordinator Dennis on August 22, 2007 due to a breakdown on BC-1957. Back in Fish Town on August 25, 2007, we moved to Gbaweakien, Jallipo and slept in Pallipo Webokien in the Webbo District on August 24 – 25, 2007.

CHALLENGES / CONSTRAINTS

In Rive Gee County, we were given two EAs cluster # 147 and 148. To reach out to the EAs and meet the household heads was a challenge, especially with bad roads and bridges, and the vehicle assigned to us. In one of our movements to reach out to EA 147, we had to repair bridges to enable us reach, which is about 3 hours drive.

ACHIEVEMENT

Working with the people successfully to complete the questionnaires, as a main task was the greatest achievement.

C. GRAND GEDEH

In route from Fish Town, River Gee, the team engaged one of its EAs in Grand Gedeh County on the 27th of August 2007. On said note, we visited and worked in Tweh Town, New Town and unto Geebo where we spent the night. We continued the next day August 28, 2007, completed Geebo, and moved to Boley's Town. Upon the completion of that Ea, we reached Zwedru where we slept and picked up for the next two EAs behind ziah Town, some four hours drive. On the way to Ziah Town, we had a breakdown for 2 days. On the 31st of August 2007, we worked in Banglor Town, where we spent the night. We continued on September 1, 2007 to Doweh Town. On the same day, we moved to Drawar Town, worked and slept in Peah town and completed the next day, September 2, 2007 with Gbawu and moved back to Zwedru. While in Zwedru awaiting the repairs of the vehicle, general editing was carried out September 3 and 4, 2007. We finally departed Zwedru for Monrovia September 5, 2007 and reached September 6, 2007.

CHALLENGES / CONSTRAINTS

In Grand Gedeh, things were very difficult with us especially breakdown of vehicle and bad road condition.

ACHIEVEMENT

Despite the hardship and other difficulties, we were able to reach our EAs and have the work done.

D. GRAND CAPE MOUNT

The survey Director, Mr. Adams mandated the team to move immediately to Cape Mount to join Kollison's team. He had earlier moved in, to jointly work and return to Monrovia in about 6 days. We left Monrovia on Saturday, September 8, 2007 and met

Kollison's team. On the completion of EAs in the commonwealth, the Coordinator, Mr. Carr instructed us that we take control of the EAs in Porkpa and Golakonneh Districts. The team successfully worked between September 9-19, 2007 and returned to Monrovia September 20, 2007 (Thursday).

CHALLENGES / CONSTRAINTS

In Cape Mount, we had 5 EAs (cluster # 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17). It was a challenge where we had to reach out to the household and win the patience of the respondents during the income and expenditure where majority of the people were engaged into farming and other activities. Bad roads and bridges were major constraint. To get to one of our EAs in Porkpa was very difficult. We left the car and walked about 3 hours to the community, because the river filled across the road. While crossing on a bridge, it broke and I, (Josephine) fell in the water but was rescued by fellow workers. It was a personal challenge for me as a Supervisor to have the survey task completed when it came to attitude problems of some of my staff. Examples were: H. Salivan Dennis who was backed by Orsene Johnson. Insults were thrown at me as well as other staff, accounts of incapability etc., in the public, among our respondents day and night from Maryland to Cape Mount Counties.

ACHIEVEMENT

We had good working relationship with the county and town officials; very polite to our respondents and the caregivers which made it very easy to achieve the survey task.

RECOMMENDATIONS / WAY FORWARD

- Future surveys around the country should be conducted during the dry season.
- Future survey staff should be screened for attitude problems before taking assignment to avoid giving LISGIS a bad image.
- Any vehicle to be hired for a proposed survey around the country is completely checked/tested by LISGIS logistical department several days before picking off from Monrovia.
- Consider staff that was free of field misconduct in the future.
- Revisit income and expenditure questionnaire in order to reduce both the time and numerous questions to suit respondent time.
- The CWIQ B-3 under relationship, niece/nephew and grand children is mentioned.
- That I&E 009 (Durable goods) be made of floor mat instead of only carpet.
- I&E # 018 be separated to allow interviewers determine which item actually own by the respondent.
- I&E # 114 separate bananas from plantains.
- I&E # 155 are dried fish, instead of only smoke fish which is imported goods.
- I&E # 520 look at eggplant instead of garden eggs.
- I&E # 526 look at sales of individual livestock instead of general cattle, according to the definition. (E.g. there can also be sales of dogs and cats).

TEAM 2 CWIQ SURVEY STAFF

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| 2. James Jallah | Interviewer |
| 3. Orseno Johnson | Interviewer |
| 4. A. Momo K. Massaquoi | Interviewer |
| 5. H. Salivan Dennis | Interviewer |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

On the 1st of September 2007, we received the amount of one hundred and twenty five United States Dollars (US\$125.00) from Mr. Alfred Dennis, the Coordinator for road rehabilitation and on the 7th of September we also received the amount of fifty United States Dollars (US\$50.00) from Mr. Kormay Adams for CWIQ market. Listed below is usage of the amount received.

ITEMS	AMOUNT USD
During Breakdown	45
Market Commodities	30
Emergency Road Rehabilitation in conduct of the Survey	50
Additional Scratch Cards	25
Tap to Community Leaders	25
Total	175

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