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**Subject: Field Report on Core Welfare Indicators  
Questionnaire (CWIQ)**

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## **SUPERVISOR REPORT OF THE CWIQ SURVEY**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

This briefing is to acquaint the authority of LISGIS with the progress, constraint and prospects reports of the three County assigned to us under my supervision of the Core Welfare Indicators Survey, which is been implemented, by the authorities of LISGIS.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

The objectives of the survey are as follows:

- a. To elaborate main indicators for social welfare and basic needs of the economics groups of population
- b. Identifying target groups for benefiting special action program to addressed the need of target beneficiaries;
- c. Monitoring changes happening in the house welfare overtime;
- d. To provide a data base for social research;
- e. In addition, to improved the welfare of the population across the County.

### **COUNTIES OF ASSIGNMENT**

We were assigned in three counties within the Southeastern region namely, Sinoe, Rivercess and Grand Bassa. We covered 10 EAs within the three Counties.

In Sinoe we did four EAs namely, Bataw, Blunsville, Butaw Geetroh, Butaw Kulu- shaw-Boe and Butaw plan Nyon respectively. In Rivercess County, we did two EAs namely Morweh Doedain and Morweh Joewein Gbuizon

and within Grand Bassa, we did four EAs namely Common Wealth LAMCO concession, district # 2 Gbore, District #2 Boe Glahn, and District

#1, Quetroyah. We return to Monrovia on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September and took up our new assignment.

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We were assigned to three EAs namely Montserrado Lakpasse-0800A, Montserrado, Sinkor Old Road-0900, and Montserrado, New Georgia. We completed our work on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2007. Thus, brings us to the end of the survey with the total completion on 13 EAs.

#### CHALLENGES / CONSTRAINT:

We departed Monrovia on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of August at 4:30 p.m. for Ganta, Nimba County. Our decision to use the route was based upon communication from LISGIS Authority about the inaccessibility of the Buchanan, Rivercess high way.

We arrived lately in Ganta due to bad road condition and couple with mechanical problem in the engines of AVIS rented vehicles. We were force to make numerous stop to assist our colleagues to make our journey successful. We arrived in Ganta at about 2:30 a.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August. We proceeded to Zwedru at 9:00 a.m., while on our way we made few stops due to communication from LISGIS authorities through our coordinator about the indecisiveness on the journey concerning the road. However, we proceeded and arrived in Zwedru at 8:45 p.m., we slept in Zwedru and proceeded to Sinoe Greenville on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2007, and arrived at 5:00p.m. The journey was sour even humiliating after crossing eighteen deplorable, almost impassible spots (usually called “Baby Tub”) only to reach Sinoe County.

## CONSTRAINTS

The deplorable condition of the road and the break down of almost all off AVIS vehicles assigned to us, we had to act in the place of a carboy and a road repairer to enable us accomplished our mission. The far distance of the EAs that could not be reached by our assigned vehicle and the unwillingness of the driver to reach us to our destination had a serious impact on us, we had to walk and cross monkey bridges for more than 7-9 hours.

During on of our journey, one of my interviewer almost lost his life when the canoe he was riding capsized with him while he was crossing from Louisiana to Blunsville to talk to his respondent he lost his Nokia phone and few of the CWIQ and income and expenditure. This incident took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August at the precise hour of 3:00p.m. His name is Fallah Mbakillah of team # 12. While we were returning from Shaw on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2007, interviewer (Roseline Payjai) of our team developed a serious back problem that led to her been hospitalized and air lifted from Greenville to Monrovia, thus leaving me to serve in a dual capacity, an interviewer and supervisor, which was very strenuous. I served in those capacities until we returned to Monrovia after the authority of LISGIS told me that there was no replacement. We arrived in Monrovia on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2007.

The unwillingness of the AVIS driver assigned to us to come and pick us up on time, due to his refusal to pack the car to where I as a supervisor reside. His total lack of cooperation hinted our work to a grave extend and convicted the Tapeline that was assigned to us into his personal used. When confronted he said he was not Answerable to LISGIS authority. I informed Mr. Diavanna Z. Koikoi about the incident and he advised me to make it formal by writing. In some instances, he was told to drop the interviewers to do their work but he always took his own time, not the time given him. Driver Saye Glay of AVIS BC-312 was a complete hindrance to our work when he was approached about the drum and bucket he said that he was not answerable to LISGIS authority for any thing.

## ACHIEMENT

The arrival of the contingency allowance was a big boost to the accomplishment of our goals. We were completed out of funds to facilitate our work. The fund was used for the following purpose:

- a. Scratch cards for communication ----- US\$75.00
- b. Purchased of drugs ----- US\$25.00
- c. Tap for Facilitators ----- US\$20.00
- d. Feeding ----- US\$30.00
- e. Miscellaneous ----- US\$25.00

TOTAL ----- US\$175.00

Despite of all these challenges and constraints, we were able to make the needed sacrifice for the betterment of our people and nation by completing our assignment under difficult circumstances.

## RECOMMENDATION

- I) Supervisor Matthew Gongor, I would like to recommend that for any future survey the drivers of any assign vehicle should be a LISGIS driver with direct instruction from LISGIS to be subjected to the supervisor and if found misbehaving should be penalized.
- II) Any contract that has to do with the renting of cars LISGIS should head such;
- III) That no driver should be in the possession of fuel for the operation. Instead the supervisor to curtail the gross disrespect done by the AVIS drivers toward the supervisor specifically Saye Glaly of BC-

312 AVIS. Who made away with the tapeline usually took the car away at his will.

#### CONCLUSION:

At this junction, on behalf of Team 12, I commend the authorities of the various counties and LISGIS in particular for giving the opportunity to carry out this grave task, which will move our nation forward. May God bless us all and save Ma-Ma Liberia.