



**UGANDA BUREAU OF STATISTICS**



## **BASELINE**

### **QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ICBT QUALITATIVE STUDY**

*(To be answered by Traders/Business households along the border posts)*

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## General Instructions:

Tick or Circle the relevant code(s) and fill in the blank spaces where indicated

1.0 Name of Interviewer: .....

### Section 1: Background information and Characteristics of the actors in ICBT

#### 1a) Characteristics of Women and men in ICBT

1.1 Form Identification particulars

1.1.1. Name of Interviewee\_\_\_\_\_

1.1.2. Border site\_\_\_\_\_ and Border Town\_\_\_\_\_

1.1.3. Date of interview\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

1.2. a) Are you a resident of this border area? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b) If no, where do you live? ..... (*interviewer to indicate 'rural' or 'urban' area as appropriate*)

c) Country of origin of the respondent.....

1.3. Gender of the respondent: ☐ 01 Male ☐ 02 Female

1.4. Are you the household head? ☐ Yes ☐ No

1.5. Age of the respondent (In complete years )

1.6. Can you read or write in any language? ☐ Yes ☐ No

1.7. What is your highest Level of education?

01 Primary

02 Secondary

03 College/Higher Institution

04 None

1.8. What is your marital status?

01 Married

02 Separated

03 Divorced

04 Never married

05 Widowed

1.9. Number of persons living in the household

- 1.10. Of these, how many are children?
- 1.11. Do you have children of school going age? (6-18 years) ☐ Yes ☐ No (if no go to 1.14)
- 1.12. If yes (Qn 1.11), are they **all** going to school? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 1.13. If No (Qn.1.12), what are the reasons for not being in school? (Tick those that apply)
- 01 Involved in Business activities
  - 02 No schools
  - 03 Long distances to/from schools
  - 04 No money to take them to school
  - 05 Others (Specify).....

Table 1: House characteristics/identifiers (don't ask just observe)	
1.14 <u>Type</u>	1=Permanent 2=Semi-permanent 3=mud and wattle
1.15 <u>Floor</u>	1= cement 2=Not cemented 3=Others (specify).....
1.16 <u>Roof</u>	1= Iron sheets 2=Tiles 3=Grass thatched 4=Polythene sheet/roof
1.17 <u>Walls</u>	1=Bricks 2=mud and wattle
1.18 Number of rooms (excluding kitchen, stores and bathrooms)	Give number .....

- 1.19. Is anyone in this household engaged in ICBT? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 1.20. Is ICBT your **main** source of employment? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 1.21. If No, what is your **main** employment where you earn a living?
- .....
- 1.22. Give reasons why you participate in informal cross border trade? (tick those that apply)
- 01 To earn income
  - 02 To have a source of employment
  - 03 To be able to join other women/men and share income earning ideas
  - 04 others (please specify).....

## 1b) Participation of women and men in ICBT

1.23. What are the **four main Export** commodities traded under ICBT in this area?

Table 2: <i>Exported products and services</i>	By Men	By Women	By Children
Agriculture			
Manufactured			
Mineral/core			
Forest products			

1.24. What are the **four main Import** commodities traded under ICBT in this area?

Table 3: <i>Imported products and services</i>	By Men	By Women	By Children
Agriculture			
Industrial			
Mineral			
Forest products			

1.25 What are the **four main** services offered under ICBT in this area?

Table 4: <i>Services offered</i>	By Men	By Women	By Children
Service			

1.26. Why are **women** mostly participating in the ICBT commodities identified in tables 2 and 3?

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- 1.27. Why are **men** mostly participating in the ICBT commodities identified in tables 2 and 3?  
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- 1.28. Why are **children** mostly participating in the ICBT commodities identified in tables 2 and 3?  
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- 1.29. Why are **women** mostly participating in the ICBT services identified in tables 4?  
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- 1.30. Why are **men** mostly participating in the ICBT services identified in tables 4?  
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- 1.31. Why are **children** mostly participating in the ICBT services identified in tables 4?  
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- 1.32. What is the **main** source of Industrial **Export** products transacted under ICBT?  
01. Produced within the village/area  
02. Bought from other villages within the District  
03. Bought from other districts  
04. I don't know
- 1.33. What is the **main** source of mineral **Export** products transacted under ICBT?  
01. Produced within the village/area  
02. Bought from other villages within the District  
03. Bought from other districts  
04. I don't know
- 1.34. What is the **main** source of forest **Export** products transacted under ICBT?  
01. Produced within the village/area  
02. Bought from other villages within the District  
03. Bought from other districts  
04. I don't know

- 1.35. What is the **main** source of agricultural **Export** products transacted under ICBT?
01. Produced within the village/area
  02. Bought from other villages within the District
  03. Bought from other districts
  04. I don't know
- 1.36. Are these agricultural commodities traded in order to address the problem of food shortage during the year in this area? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 1.37. Do you experience any food shortage in this area during the year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 1.38. If yes (Qn. 1.37), mention the period of the year you **most** experience food shortage
01. First quarter of the year
  02. Second quarter of the Year
  03. Third quarter of the year
  04. Fourth quarter of the year

## Section 2: The economic and social position of persons engaged in ICBT

### 2a) The contribution of ICBT to business improvement and poverty reduction

- 2.1. What is the **main** category of trade you are involved in?
- 01 Whole seller
  - 02 Retailer
  - 03 Other specify.....
- 2.2 What type of goods or services do you trade in under ICBT?
- 01 Electronic goods.....
  - 02 Service related trade (specify which ones) .....
  - 03 Energy related products (such as charcoal, fuel wood, charcoal, others, please specify) .....
  - 04 Food related products.....
  - 05 Cloth/fabrique or used clothes
  - 06 Other types of goods or services (please specify) .....
- 2.3.1 Give unit and volume of the **four main Export goods** you trade in a week?

Table 4: Unit value and volume of four main traded goods

NO.	Item	Unit price	Volume (Kgs, cantons, litres or numbers)
1			
2			
3			
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- 2.3.2. Give unit and volume of the **four main Import goods** you trade in a week? (if not applicable skip to Qn2.5.)

NO.	Item	Unit price	Volume(Kgs, cantons, litres or numbers)
1			
2			
3			
4			

- 2.4 What is the mode of payment for the goods transacted?

- 01. Cash
- 02. Credit
- 03. Barter

- 2.5 What activities does your spouse or other adult female/male in your household do to earn income? (Tick multiple answers)

Activity	Spouse	Any other adult
01 Informal cross-border trade (Trading/Business)		
02 Farming		
03 Others (Specify)		

## 2b) Marketing Information: profits and income

- 2.6. Where do you usually get market information from? (Multiple)

- 01 Markets (physical visiting)
- 02 Businesspersons/traders
- 03 Radio
- 04 Friends/neighbours/informants

- 2.7. What problems do you encounter in marketing your products? (Multiple answers acceptable)

- 01 Lack of transport
- 02 Low prices
- 03 Long distance to markets
- 04 Insecurity
- 05 High taxes
- 06 Revenue enforcement
- 07 Inadequate markets
- 08 Language barrier
- 09 Inaccurate information
- 10 High cross border fare
- 11 Lack of packaging materials
- 12 Cheating from traders
- 13 Others specify .....



2.8. What is the **best** choice of time for delivering/buying your goods across the border?

- 01 Before morning
- 02 Morning
- 03 Lunch
- 04 Evening
- 05 Night
- 06 Late night

2.8.1. Give reasons for your preferred schedule in Qn.2.8

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2.9 What is your **main** choice of route in delivery of goods across the border?

- 01. Official route
- 02. Unofficial route

2.10. Does the above route (Qn.2.9) depend on the type of commodity delivered? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2.11. Whom do you **mainly** encounter along the routes? (Tick one)

- 01 LCs
- 02 Thieves
- 03 Other traders or buyers
- 04 Customs officers
- 05 Others (specify)

2.12 **Organisation of trade:** How is ICBT **mainly** organised in this area? (Tick appropriate)

Men		Women	
01. Trade on their own	<input type="checkbox"/>	01. Trade on their own	<input type="checkbox"/>
02. Mobilise themselves into groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	02. Mobilise themselves into groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
03. Through co-operatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	03. Through co-operatives	<input type="checkbox"/>
04. Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	04. Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.13. **Price structure and costs:** How much (in terms of costs) do you incur on average per week in the trade activity which you are involved in?

- 01 Transport (amount of money.....)
- 02 Taxes (amount of money.....)Specify .....
- 03 Storage (amount of money.....)
- 04 Interest rate on credit (amount of money.....)
- 05 Bribery/Border inducement (amount of money.....)

- 2.14 How much money did you earn from ICBT activities in the **last week**?  
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- 2.15 What is the highest amount that you ever earned in one week?  
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- 2.18 What is your overall profit margin in one week?  
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- 2.19 **Management and utilisation of income at household level:** What do you do with the money you get from these trade activities? (Tick **only the first five that apply**)
- 01 Re-invest in business
  - 02 Buy food stuff for the Home
  - 03 Buy personal effects
  - 04 Pay rent
  - 05 Pay school fees for the children
  - 06 Pay for health care services for self, children or relatives
  - 07 Build a house
  - 08 Others (please specify) .....
- 2.20 What are the **four main** services you require to improve your **business environment**?
- 1.....2.....  
3.....4.....

### Section 3: Decision making and access to resources and services

#### 3a) Decision making

- 3.1 Do you own this business? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3.2 Do you make decisions about the ICTB business you are engaged in? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
*If No. skip to Qn.3.3*
- 3.3. If yes (Qn.3.1), what enables you to make decisions for this business?. *Tick those answers which apply, and skip to Qn.3.4*
- 01 I am the head of the household
  - 02 I provide the capital needed for this business
  - 03 I have the information needed to run the business
  - 04 I was trained in entrepreneurial skills that enable me to run this business
  - 05 Others (specify).....
- 3.4 If No (Qn.3.1), who makes decisions about the ICBT business that you are engaged in?  
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3.4.1 Why (for response in Qn 3.3)?

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### 3b) Access to resources and services

3.5 What requirements do you need **most** in order to participate in ICBT?

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3.6. What institutions do you link with in order to have access to resources as well as services you require for your ICBT business?

Institution	Service offered

3.7. Did you have access to formal credit for the last 12 months (from Banks, Co-operatives, microfinance, SACCOS, etc.)? If no skip to Qn 3.7 ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.7.1. If yes (Qn.3.6) fill in the following Table

Source	Amount	Use	Duration (months)	Interest (money)	Payment Codes: 1=easy 2=difficult 3=failed to pay

- 3.8 What problems do you find when trying to access the resources and services you need for your business? (Multiple)
- 01 Lack of knowledge and information about available resources and services
  - 02 Violence and harassment against Women in ICBT
  - 03 Violence and harassment against men in ICBT
  - 04 Lack of designated place where to access resources and services
  - 05 Lack of loan collaterals/security
  - 06 Any others (please specify) .....
- 3.9 What kind of harassment do women experience in ICBT?
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## Section 4: Implications and Impacts of ICBT Activities

### 4a) Impact on food security

- 4.1. What are the four most preferred foods in your household? (In order of importance)

Most preferred foods
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3.
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- 4.2. What are the four most preferred sauce(s) in your household? (In order of importance)

Most preferred sauce(s)
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- 4.3. How many meals are eaten in a day in your household?

- 01. 1 meal
- 02. 2 meals
- 03. 3 meals
- 04. 4 meals
- 05. More than 4

4.4. When there is shortage of food, how does your household cope? *(Multiple answers accepted as you explore extent and duration)*

01 Relying on less preferred and less expensive foods

02 Limiting portion size

03 Borrowing food or money to buy food

04 Maternal buffering (mother limits her intake to ensure child has food)

05 Skipping meals

06 Skipping days (whole day without food)

4.5. Indicate the Month(s) of the year when there is abundance or scarcity of food in your area **(Tick the appropriate month)**.

	Food abundance month (s)											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Food shortage month (s)											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

4.6. How do traders in agricultural products manage seasonality? **(Tick two responses that apply most)**

01. Switch to other crops

02. Switch to other goods

03. Totally change to other activities

4.7. Do you think informal cross border trade has any impact on the food availability in the area?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4.8. If yes (Qn.4.6), give reasons why you think ICBT has an impact on food availability in your area.

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#### 4b) Impact on children

4.9. What activities do children get involved in when dealing with ICBT? (Multiple)

01 Loading and off loading

02 Carrying

03 Buying and selling

04 Other (specify) .....

4.10 Is the involvement of children in ICBT considered good or bad by the community in this area?

☐ Good ☐ Bad

4.11. If Good (Qn 4.9), Give reasons

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4.12. If bad (Qn 4.9), Give reasons

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4.13. What do you think can be done to reduce involvement of children in ICBT?

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#### 4c) Impact on productive work and family relations

4.14. On average, how many hours do you usually spend on ICBT activities in a day? *(Researchers to record hours spent on ICBT activities only)*

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4.15. Does ICBT have any impact on domestic/family relations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4.16. If yes (Qn.4.14), in what way has ICBT affected domestic/family relationship in this area?

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### Section 5: Constraints Traders face while engaging in ICBT

5.1 Are there any charges involved in ICBT trade? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5.1.1 If yes, (Qn 5.1) what charges are involved in ICBT trade?

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5.2 What major problem do **women** face as they participate in ICBT?

- 01 Imprisonment or detention
- 02 Losses of goods to customs/police officials
- 03 Forced to pay bribes
- 04 Ambushes and robbers
- 05 Rapes
- 06 Fights among other fellow traders
- 07 Any other (please specify) .....

5.3. What major problem do **men** face as they participate in ICBT?

- 01 Imprisonment or detention
- 02 Losses of goods to customs/police officials
- 03 Forced to pay bribes
- 04 Ambushes and robbers
- 05 Fights among other fellow traders
- 06 any other (please specify) .....

5.4. What major problem do **children** face as they participate in ICBT?

- 01 Imprisonment or detention
- 02 Losses of goods to customs/police officials
- 03 Forced to pay bribes
- 04 Ambushes and robbers
- 05 Fights among other fellow traders
- 06 any other (please specify) .....

5.5. If you have ever faced any of the problems mentioned above, please explain how the problem was handled or dealt with.

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## Section 6: Coping mechanisms traders use to survive in Informal Cross Border Trade

6.1. What action do you take to survive in ICBT related activities despite the problems you have identified above?

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6.2 . What strategies do you use to address the problems you have identified in Qn. 5.2 (women) or 5.3 (men)?

- 01 I take action as an individual female or male trader
- 02 I join a group of traders and we use combined force with other women (or men)
- 03 I influence decisions by making sure I attend meetings and voice our views
- 04 I use other strategies (please specify).....

6.3 In your view, are the survival strategies different for men and women? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6.3.1 If yes (Qn6.3) List those used by women

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6.3.2 If yes (Qn6.3) List those used by men

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6.4 In your view, what actions should be undertaken by **Government** to address the problems faced by women small-scale traders and their particular needs?

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6.5 In your view, what actions should be undertaken by **Government** to address the problems faced by **men** small-scale traders and their particular needs?

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6.6. In your view, what actions should be undertaken by the **Private sector** (such as companies) to address the problems faced by **women** small-scale traders and their particular needs?

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6.7. In your view, what actions should be undertaken by the **Private sector** (such as companies) to address the problems faced by **men** small-scale traders and their particular needs?

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*Thank you for very much for responding*