

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY
ADP-SP: Midline Survey
VILLAGE FOCUS GROUP

A01	District	1=Chikwawa 2=Rumphi 3=Balaka 4=Neno 5=Dedza 6=Mzimba 7=Mchinji 8=Zomba	
A02	Village Name		Village Number

YOU WILL ADMINISTER THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO A GROUP OF SEVERAL KNOWLEDGEABLE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE, SUCH AS THE VILLAGE HEADMAN AND SPOUSE, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, HEALTH WORKERS, OR SIMPLY LONG-TERM KNOWLEDGEABLE RESIDENTS. CHOOSE INFORMANTS WHO HAVE LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. A MINIMUM OF 5 RESPONDENTS SHOULD MAKE UP THE GROUP. THE GROUP SHOULD BE AS DIVERSE AS POSSIBLE WITH RESPECT TO SEX, AGE, RELIGION, AND ETHNICITY, SO THAT IT IS REPRESENTATIVE.

A03	Date of focus group	Day / month	
A04	Number of participants	Separate by gender	_____ women _____ men

SECTION B: IMPORTANT EVENTS

Please ask the group to describe important events that have taken place in this community during the last 12 months. We are specifically interested in events that have changed the well-being of people in this community for better or for worse. Please get as detailed information as possible. Ask for a description of each event, the consequences, time period, and the number of households affected

B1-B5 Events that made people better off: For example: new schools or medical facilities, adequate rainfall, new employment opportunities, or the construction of a new road. Please use the codes listed below (**Good Event Codes**)

B1	Good Event 1		B2	Good Event 2		B3	Good Event 3		B4	Good event 4	
B5	Describe other good events that could not be coded here:										
Good Event Codes											
1=villagers received agricultural subsidies 2=improved health/medical services 3=improved roads											
4=improved water infrastructure 5=improved schools											
6=good rainfall 7=new farming techniques											

B6 – B11 Events that made people worse off: For example: widespread health problems, crop failures, natural disasters, price fluctuations, drought, or loss of key social services. Please use the codes listed below (**Bad Event Codes**)

B6	Bad Event 1		B7	Bad Event 2		B8	Bad Event 3		B9	Bad event 4	
B5	Describe other bad events that could not be coded here:										
Bad Event Codes											
1=poor rainfall / drought 2= disease 3=lack of clean drinking water											
4=poor / far away roads 5 = No new agricultural technologies (no AEDO) 6=low crop prices											
7=poor / far away hospital 8=crop failure 9=poor / far away schools											

SECTION C: AGRICULTURE

C01 – C03 : Discuss what agricultural technologies are being practiced in the village and fill in the table below

	C01 - Technology(see codes below)	C02 - Number of farmers practicing	C03 - Information Source (see codes below)
a)			
b)			
c)			
d)			

Technology Codes
 1=Sasakawa 4=marker ridges 7=crop rotation 10=hybrid seeds
 2=pit planting 5=intercropping 8=irrigation 11=reduced / no tillage
 3=manure making 6=mulching 9=herbicides 12=Other (specify)

Information Source Codes
 1=AEDO 2=AEDC 3=NGO 4=Lead farmer 5=NASFAM 6=Private sector company 7=Peer Farmer 8=Other (specify_____)

C04-C08 : Discuss the major agricultural challenges for farmers in this village and fill in the table, using the codelist below.

C04	Agricultural Challenge 1		C05	Agricultural Challenge 2		C06	Agricultural Challenge 3		C07	Agricultural Challenge 4	
C08	Describe other agricultural challenges that could not be coded for here:										

Agricultural Challenges Codes
 1=lack of inputs 3=lack of techniques / technologies 5=pests 7=lack of access to credit / finance
 2=poor rainfall 4=poor access to markets 6=low prices for crops

C09	Are any NGOs providing advice about agricultural technologies in the village?	1=Yes 2=No		If 2, ► Section D
	C10 - Please list the names of up to 3 NGOs	C11 - In what year did the NGOs activities in this village start? Record year		
a)				
b)				
c)				

SECTION D: FOOD SECURITY

D01	Has the village received emergency food assistance from any source?	1=Yes 2=No	
D02	What was the source?	Write names of sources	
D03	How many households in the village are receiving food assistance?	Write number of HHs	
D04	In what half of what month did the rains start this year?	Write in response	
D05	Using a scale of 1 to 4, in which 1 is little / no rainfall and 4 is the right amount of rainfall for growing maize, please ask the participants to rank rainfall conditions in their village for the past growing season	Write ranking, using scale of 1 – 4 1=no rain or very little rain 2=little rain 3=some rains, but less than the right amount 4=right amount of rainfall	
D06	In what month did most of the farmers in this village plant their maize?	Write in month code 1=January 2=February 3=March 4=April 5=May 6=June 7=July 8=August 9=September 10=October 11=November 12=December	
D07	What percentage of farmers in the village planted maize in this month?	Write percentage	

SECTION E: AVAILABILITY OF INPUTS

E01	On average, what price are farmers in this village currently receiving when they sell their maize?	<i>Indicate price and unit</i> Unit Codes 1=kg 2=50 kg bag 3=90 kg bag 4=other (specify)	MWK	Units
E02	Is this price higher or lower than the price farmers were receiving at this time last year?	1=higher 2=lower 3=the same		

	E03	E04	E05	E06	
Item	Was [ITEM] available to purchase in this village during the previous growing season??	How far is it to the nearest location where [ITEM] was available?	What source do farmer in this village usually buy [ITEM] from?	What is the usual price for this item at the usual source?	
For the items listed in the table below, ask the following questions:				Price	Unit
	1=Yes → E05 2=No	Record distance in kms	Use source codes below	MWK	
Basal Fertilizer					
Top dress fertilizer					
Herbicides					

Source codes:

1= Local market
 2=ADMARC
 3=Private traders

4=Relative
 5=Neighbor
 6=Cooperative/ Association,

7=Private company
 8=NGO
 9=Other (specify)

E07	How many HHs in this village received fertilizer subsidy coupons last year?	Record number of HHs		
E08	How many HHs in this village received seed subsidy coupons last year?	Record number of HHs		
E09	What were the sources of the vouchers? Enter all that apply.	A=Fertilizer subsidy program B=FDIP C=ILAD D = others		
E10	Is ganyu labor available in the village during planting time?	1=Yes 2=No		
E11	What is the average price of <i>ganyu</i> labor during planting time?	Record price in MK and Unit Unit Codes: 1=hour 2= day 3=other	MWK	Unit
E12	Is ganyu labor available in the village during harvest time?	1=Yes 2=No		
E13	What is the average price of <i>ganyu</i> labor during harvest time?	Record price in MK and Unit Unit Codes: 1=hour 2= day 3=other	MWK	Unit
E14	Are ox carts available for rent in this village?	1=Yes 2=No		
E15	What is the average price to rent an ox cart?	Record price in MK and Unit Unit Codes: 1=hour 2= day 3=other	MWK	Unit
E16	Are wheelbarrows available for rent in this village?	1=Yes 2=No		
E17	What is the average price to rent a wheelbarrow?	Record price in MK and Unit	MWK	Unit

		Unit Codes: 1=hour 2= day 3=other		
E18	Are loans for agricultural inputs available in the village?	1=Yes 2=No		
E19	What are the sources of agricultural loans?	Source codes 1=bank 2=NGO 3=credit union or cooperative 4=other (specify:_____)		

SECTION F – ACCESS TO MARKETS

F01	Is there a market in the village where farmers sell their produce?	1=yes 2=no	
F02	If no, how far is it to walk to the nearest market? Enter 0 if there is a market in the village.	1=less than 10 minutes 2=10-30 minutes 3=30-60 minutes 4=between 1 and 2 hours 5=between 2 and 4 hours 6=more than 4 hours	
F03	What percentage of farmers in the village own a bicycle or motorbike?	Enter percentage	
F04	How far is it to walk to the nearest tarmac road from the village?	1=less than 10 minutes 2=10-30 minutes 3=30-60 minutes 4=between 1 and 2 hours 5=between 2 and 4 hours 6=more than 4 hours	
F05	What percentage of farmers grow tobacco in the village?	Enter percentage	
F06	What percentage of farmers in the village sell a significant part of their produce?	Enter percentage	
F07	What are the most common cash crops grown in the village?	Enter all that apply. Use crop codes below.	
Crop Codes			
A=Maize F=Sweet potato K= F. Millet P=Leafy greens B=Tobacco G=Pigeon pea L=Sorghum Q=Onions C=Beans H=Cassava M=P. Millet R=Carrots D= Groundnut I=Cotton N=Soyabean S=Cabbage E=Irish potato J=Rice O=Tomatoes T=Other (specify_____)			

SECTION G: AGRICULTURAL SHOCKS

G01	In the 2009/10 growing season, did any households in the village experience total crop failure due to lack of rains?	1=yes 2=no		If 2, ► G03
G02	What percentage of farm families experienced total crop failure?	Enter percentage		
G03	In the 2009/10 growing season, did any households in the village experience crop damage (wilted, stunted, poorly germinated, etc) due to lack of rain?	1=yes 2=no		If 2, ► G05
G04	What percentage of farm families experienced crop damage due to lack of rains?	Enter percentage		
G05	Did any households replant any of their maize crops?	1=yes 2=no		If 2, ► G07
G06	What percentage of farm families replanted any of their maize crop?	Enter percentage		
G07	Were any households affected by army worms?	1=yes 2=no		If 2, ► END
G08	What percentage of farm families were affected by army worms?	Enter percentage		