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Verbal Consent

My name is _____. I work with the Ministry of Education in Liberia.

- **We are trying to understand how children learn to read. Your school was selected through the process of statistical sampling. We would like your help in this. But you do not have to take part if you do not want to.**

- **Your name might be used to decide how to improve services to your school, but it will not be mentioned in any reports written for this project. The information acquired through this instrument will be shared with the Ministry of Education in the hopes of identifying areas where additional support may be needed.**

- **The name of your school will be recorded so that we can correctly link school, principal, teacher, and student data. The information acquired through this instrument will be shared with the Ministry of Education in the hopes of identifying areas where additional support may be needed.**

- **If you agree, I would ask you some questions regarding your normal activities at school, including your interactions with your staff, Ministry office staff, students, and parents.**

- **Then, with your assistance, I would randomly select 10 students in Grade 2 and 10 students in Grade 3 to assess their reading skills. I would also ask these students about some of their normal school activities, school assets, language use, and reading practices at home, as well as home asset ownership. Selected students need only participate if they wish. The entire interview process for all 20 students will last around 5 hours (15-20 minutes per each child). My interview with you will take 10 minutes. Finally, I would interview Grade 2 and Grade 3 teachers. I will spend 10 minutes interviewing each teacher.**

- **Are you willing to participate? Once again, you do not have to participate if you do not wish to. Once we begin, if you would rather not answer a question, that's all right.**

Can we get started?

Check box if verbal consent is obtained :   ☐ *YES* ☐ *NO*

(If verbal consent is not obtained, thank the principal and terminate the exercise in this school)

Section 1. Classroom Observation

Before you start selecting students from the classrooms, conduct the following three activities. We need to get the data for as many classrooms as you end up visiting. If there are more than 3 teachers for grade 2 or 3, just ignore the 4th. If there are only 2, leave the third column empty. If there is only 1, leave the second two columns empty. Note the first table is for Grade 2, the second is for Grade 3.

C01			Name of teacher: _____	Name of teacher: _____	Name of teacher: _____
C02	When selecting a student sample from the school register, record enrollment for both female and male students:	Grade 2: Male			
		Grade 2: Female			
C03			Name of teacher: _____	Name of teacher: _____	Name of teacher: _____
C04	When selecting a student sample from the school register, record enrollment for both female and male students:	Grade 3: Male			
		Grade 3: Female			

Section 2. Principal Interview

SC1	School Name		
SC2	School Code		
SC3	Principal Name		
HT1	Interviewer Name		
HT2	Interviewer Code		
HT3	Starting Time of Interview	____:____AM/PM	
HT4	Ending Time of Interview	____:____PM/PM	
HT5	Interview Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Day:___Month:___Year:____	
HT6	Interview Status	Refused = 1 Partially Completed = 2 Complete = 3	
HT7	What is your position at this school?	Principal = 1 Vice Principal = 2 Teacher = 3	
HT8	[Is the principal male or female?]	Male = 0 Female=1	
	How many years have you been a principal? Enter years:		
HT9	What is your highest level of education?	Elementary=0 Junior High School =1 Senior High School =2 Associate = 3 Certificate C = 4 Certificate B = 5 Certificate AA = 6 Bachelors Degree = 7 Masters degree or other = 8 Other (Do not specify) = 9 Don't Know = 88, Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT10	What grades are taught at this school this year? (Enter the first grade taught and the last grade taught.)	First grade taught	
		Last grade taught	

HT11	Which grade(s) does your best teacher teach? (Enter grade):		
HT12	At what grade do you expect all of your students to read fluently? (Enter the grade:)		
HT13	Do you go into classrooms to observe your teachers teaching? (If answer is No, skip to H15.)	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT14	If yes to HT13, ask how often:	Never = 0 Once a year = 1 Once every 2-3 months = 2 Once every month = 3 Once every two weeks = 4 Once every week = 5 Daily = 6 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT15	Within the last year, did you receive an external inspection or support visit from Education Officers?	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT16	Do you have feeding program at school?	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT17	Does your school observe student dress code?	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT18	Do you have sufficient resource materials/ textbooks?	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT19	How many of your teachers are male and female?	Male	
		Female	
HT20	Do you have a library or reading room?	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT21	Do you hold regular PTA meetings? (If answer is No, skip to H23.)	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT22	If answer to HT21 was Yes, how many parents come to the PTA meetings?	Few = 1 Some = 2 Most = 3 All = 4	
HT23	In one year, how often do you send teachers for in-service teacher training, on average?	Less than 5 = 1 5 to 10 times = 2 More than 10 times = 3	
HT24	Do you have lockable book storage at your school?	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT25	Do you keep records of teachers' attendance? (If No, skip to HT27.)	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT26	If answer to HT25 is Yes, say "Could I see the records please?"	Was not able or willing to show = 1 Was able to show but badly kept (out of date, incomplete) = 2 Was able to show and in good shape = 3	
HT27	Do your teachers work together as teams to solve problems related to teaching?	No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99	

THANK YOU VERY MUCH   Impressions: