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PRINCIPAL Instrument
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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 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 15 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 2. Principal Interview

SC1	School Name	
SC2	School Code	
SC3	Principal Name	
HT1	Interviewer Name	
HT2	Starting Time of Interview	____:____AM/PM
HT3	Ending Time of Interview	____:____AM/PM
HT4	Interview Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Day:___Month:___Year:_____
HT5	Interview Status	Refused = 1 Partially Completed = 2 Complete = 3
HT6	What is your position at this school?	Principal = 1 Vice Principal = 2 Teacher = 3
HT7	[Is the principal male or female?]	Male = 0 Female=1
HT8	How many years have you been a principal at this school? Enter years (write number)	
HT9	What is the highest level of education that you have completed?	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. Write nursery if that applies)	First grade taught
		Last grade taught
HT11	Which grade(s) does your best teacher teach? (Enter/write 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 no, skip to HT 15)	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 or other MOE staff?	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT16	Do you have a feeding program at school?	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT17	Does your school observe student dress code?	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT18	Do you have sufficient resource materials/textbooks?	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT19	Do you have a library or reading room?	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT20	Do you hold regular PTA meetings? (if NO, skip to HT22)	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT21	If answer to HT20 was Yes, ask: How many parents come to the PTA meetings?	Few = 1 Some = 2 Most = 3 All = 4		
HT22	In one year, how often do you send teachers for in-service teacher training, on average?	Never = 1 Less than 5 = 2 5 to 10 times = 3 More than 10 times = 4		
HT23	Do you have lockable book storage at your school?	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT24	Do you keep records of teachers' attendance? (If No, skip to HT26)	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT25	If answer to HT24 is Yes, say: "Could I see the attendance 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		
HT26	Do your teachers work together as teams to solve problems related to teaching?	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT27	Have the parents shown more interest in their children's reading in the last year?	Strongly disagree = 1 Disagree = 2 Agree = 3 Strongly Agree = 4 Refuse or No Answer = 99		
HT28	Has the whole school community shown more interest in their children's reading in the last year?	Strongly disagree = 1 Disagree = 2 Agree = 3 Strongly Agree = 4 Refuse or No Answer = 99		
HT29	Have students shown more interest in their own reading in the last year?	Strongly disagree = 1 Disagree = 2 Agree = 3 Strongly Agree = 4 Refuse or No Answer = 99		
HT30	Have there been more discussions at school about how to teach reading, in the past year?	Strongly disagree = 1 Disagree = 2 Agree = 3 Strongly Agree = 4 Refuse or No Answer = 99		

HT31	Have you made any special efforts to improve reading at your school this past year? If No, skip to HT34.	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT32	If the answer to HT31 is Yes, ask: "Why did you do that?" Do not read the answers; just CIRCLE the ones that apply.	We saw other schools doing it = 1 We thought it might be important because the children were tested = 2 The Ministry told us to do it = 3 An NGO told us to do it = 4 Teachers got teacher training that showed them how to teach reading better = 5 Other = 6 (Do not specify)		
HT33	If the answer to HT32 is Yes, ask: How much more effort did you make in a normal year to improve reading?	A little = 1 Some = 2 A good bit = 3 A lot = 4 Refuse/No Answer = 99		
HT34	Does your school implement the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP)?	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT35	Are you currently teaching in this school? (if No, skip to HT37)	No = 0 Don't Know = 88	Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99	
HT36	If answer to HT35 is Yes, ask: 'What grades are you teaching?' [CIRCLE all that apply]	Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Other (specify):		
HT37	How many male and female teachers did your school have at the beginning of 2008/2009 academic year? [write the numbers]	Male		
		Female		
HT38	How many male and female teachers does your school have now at the end of 2008/2009? [write the number]	Male		
		Female		
HT39	How many of Grade 2 and 3 teachers does your school have? [write the number]	Grade 2: Grade 3:		
HT40	How many of Grade 2 and 3 teachers are currently volunteer teachers? [write the number]	Grade 2: Grade 3:		
HT41	How many of Grade 2 and 3 teachers are currently recruited teachers? [write the number]	Grade 2: Grade 3:		

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