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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 can choose to participate only 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

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| 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 | |

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| 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? | No = 0 Don't Know = 88 | Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99 | |
| HT28 | Has the whole school community shown more interest in their children's reading in the last year? | No = 0 Don't Know = 88 | Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99 | |
| HT29 | Have students shown more interest in their own reading in the last year? | No = 0 Don't Know = 88 | Yes = 1 Refuse/No Answer = 99 | |
| HT30 | Have there been more discussions at school about how to teach reading, in the past year? | No = 0 Don't Know = 88 | Yes = 1 Refuse/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 | |

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| HT32 | <p>If the answer to HT31 is Yes, ask: “Why did you do that?”</p> <p>Do not read the answers; just CIRCLE the ones that apply.</p> | <p>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)</p> | |
| HT33 | <p>If the answer to HT32 is Yes, ask: How much more effort did you make this year compared to a normal year to improve reading?</p> | <p>A little = 1 Some = 2 A good bit = 3 A lot = 4 Refuse/No Answer = 99</p> | |
| HT34 | Does your school implement the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP)? | <p>No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99</p> | |
| HT35 | Are you currently teaching in this school? (if No, skip to HT37) | <p>No = 0 Yes = 1 Don't Know = 88 Refuse/No Answer = 99</p> | |
| HT36 | <p>If answer to HT35 is Yes, ask: ‘What grades are you teaching?’</p> <p>[CIRCLE all that apply]</p> | <p>Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Other (specify):</p> | |
| HT37 | <p>How many male and female teachers did your school have at the beginning of 2009/2010 academic year? [write the numbers]</p> | Male | |
| | | Female | |
| HT38 | <p>How many male and female teachers does your school have now at the end of 2009/2010? [write the number]</p> | Male | |
| | | Female | |
| HT39 | How many Grade 2 and 3 teachers does your school have? [write the number] | <p>Grade 2: Grade 3:</p> | |
| HT40 | How many Grade 2 and 3 teachers are currently volunteer teachers? [write the number] | <p>Grade 2: Grade 3:</p> | |
| HT41 | How many Grade 2 and 3 teachers are currently recruited teachers? [write the number] | <p>Grade 2: Grade 3:</p> | |

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