INTRODUCTION

The CWIQ Survey is part of the effort of LISGIS to provide information for the management of the country economy and society. The CWIQ is designed to collect the minimum amount of information needed to identify and classify target group and provide basic welfare indicators for monitoring poverty alleviation programmes.

This paper will be discussing field activities of Team 19 on Core Welfare Indicator Questionnaire (CWIQ) Survey in three counties to include Maryland, Grand Kru and Montserrado. Activities such as objectives, observation, constrain, challenges, achievement, financial report, vehicle report and recommendation will be highlighted per county.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objectives for conducting the CWIQ survey in Liberia is to provide information that will enable the preparation of a poverty profile, which will enable the preparation of Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) paper for the Government of Liberia.

The specific objectives of the CWIQ are:
- Identifying target groups for benefiting special action programmes designed by decision-makers to address their needs;
- Monitoring changes happening in the households welfare overtime; and
- Providing a database for social research, etc.

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The official trip started on Monday, the 6th of August, 2007 for the South-Eastern County of Grand Kru, using an assigned vehicle with a plate No.BP-795. Our high expectation of reaching the final destination could not be met, due to bad road condition between Pleebo and Barclayville City, the Administrative Seat of Grand Kru County. As directed by the Project Director, through our Coordinator, Mr. Thomas J. Tarplah, we were mandated to join the Maryland teams in at reducing the work load, while awaiting the completion of a repair work on a damaged bridge on Grand Kru highway.

FIELD REPORT ON MARYLAND

During our presence in Maryland, Team 19 successfully enumerated the below listed clusters.

CLUSTER				CLUSTER NO.
a. Gedebo	-	-	-	- 172
b. Kleebo-	-	-	-	175
c. Getetabo	-	-	-	

<u>NOTE</u>: *Kleebo and Getetabo were jointly enumerated by three (3) Grand Kru assigned teams, while en route to their assigned area.*

Objectives

One of our major objectives during this undertaking was the successful reaching of the targeted groups by monitoring changes happening in the households' welfare overtime.

Observation

It was observed with serious dismayed that many of our respondents are becoming hesitant in their responses with a notion that no direct benefit coming to them.

Constrain

Maryland was one of the counties that we work successfully without many problems.

Challenges

The problem of identifying the respondents by their structure is one major issue to notify. We went in the field without EA Map; as a result, we found it difficult in identifying many of our respondents, especially in the cities.

Recommendation

With the fact that we worked in Maryland County without much problems, we wish to recommend the following:

a. *That during the next CWIQ survey, every EA household listing should be accomplished by a EA map;*

b. *That the* EA listers be careful of the household listing in terms of misspell of name and misplacement of household head per structure.

FIELD REPORT ON GRAND KRU

We moved in Grand Kru as progress report was received. During our journey, we encountered major vehicle breakdown on the highway, which caused us more delay. However, we exerted every effort through God's intervention, thereby reaching Barclayville on the 18th of August, 2007. Below are the cluster successfully enumerated in Grand Kru County.

CLUSTER	CLUSTER NO.
a. Zoloken - - - - - -	157
b. Barfowin - - - - - -	154
c. Barclayville Sector Comm. - -	152

Observation

It is becoming a serious concern by both county authorities and the citizens of other towns and villages that they have been left out because two major surveys have taken place in their county and few communities or towns have been concentrated – that is DHS cluster.

Constrain

We must sincerely admit that a lot of difficulties found part of our work in Grand Kru during the survey. The major highways are in deplorable conditions, especially during rainy season. Walking and pushing car in mud and rivers were the order of the day. However, every effort was exerted and as God would have it, we were able to reach our goal.

Challenges

Pushing vehicle on major highways, walking long distances to enumeration areas, drinking from streams, eating substandard foods, sleeping in cold and on bamboo beds during the process were all seen as a clear manifestation of our willingness to serve our struggling Nation. As we are always prepared to do for our Country not what our Country can do for us as citizens, we accepted all of these conditions during this undertaken as major challenges.

Achievement

The fact remain that that we were successful in reaching our assigned clusters despite many circumstances, and taken into considerations the perfect enumeration of each of these clusters in terms of producing quality data, we are proud to consider it as a major achievement.

Recommendation

Based on our observations, experience(s), constrains and among many circumstances, we write to recommend the following:

 a. *That the next CWIQ survey be conducted during summer;*

b. *That the editing and analyzing of the data start as of the return of the first processed report reach the central office, so as to avoid more errors during and at the end of the survey;*

c. *That the institution responsible for hiring vehicle deal with a company that have vehicles that are road worthy;*

d. *The vehicle rental manager employs qualified and experienced drivers;*

e. *We call on the LISGIS authority, in collaboration with UNDP to award all participants in the first CWIQ Survey certificates of appreciation.*

FIELD REPORT ON MONTSERRADO

Our official field work started in Monrovia on the 6th of September when all efforts to take assignment in Bokomu District, Gbarpolu County by road failed. Below are clusters successfully enumerated in Monrovia and its environs.

CLUSTER	CLUSTER NO.
a. Sinkor-Old/Chugbor - - - -	268
b. Sinkor-Old /Tarr Town - - - -	269
c. Congo Town/Backroad - - - -	270
d. Central Monrovia/Centennial Area -	256
e. Central Monrovia/Warwein - - -	259

Objective
The target group was met.

Observation
Monrovia is a basic city where almost every inhabitant goes out in search of their daily needs. With this understanding, we at many times met the absences of the respondents, thereby creating more call backs.

Constrain
There were lots of difficulties in reaching our enumeration areas due to the location of each team member couple with traffic congestion in the City of Monrovia and its environs.

Challenges
We had problems with identifying the respondents and the structures, because of the way in which the numbering systems were done in the past. However, we used our field experience in dealing with the problem.

Recommendations
Based on numerous problems encountered, we wish to highlight/recommend the following:

a. *The field listers/mappers should follow their format properly so as to avoid future embarrassments for the next incoming field workers.*

b. More working days be given for such a survey to reduce more pressure on the field workers during the data collection.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of US$175.00 (One Hundred & Seventy-five United States Dollars) and two (2) scratch cards were signed for a number of specified reasons. During the period under-review, the above mentioned amount was used on communication, transportation, administration and market survey.

Below is a complete breakdown as of the use of the amount.

a. Communication - - - - - - 20%

b. Transportation - - - - - - 20%

c. Administration - - - - - - 10%

d. Market Survey - - - - - - <u>50%</u>
                                                         100%

VEHICLE REPORT

During the period under-review, my team used three (3) vehicles starting with BP-795 (AVIS), which served us from August 6 to September 7, 2007. The second vehicle from different vendor (Efficient Logistic Service) was assigned at the time the first driver failed to take us to work on time, thereby serving us for two (2) days, (8-9 September). Due to mechanical problem, the said vehicle was later replaced by another vehicle plate No. 4925-PC, thereby serving us from the 10-22 of September.

FIELD REPORT
CORE WELFARE INDICATOR QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY IN MARYLAND, GRAND KRU & MONTSERRADO COUNTIES

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