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Core Household Income and Expenditure Diaries *Question Sheet* Thailand

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Please see the Guidance Sheets for details about how to complete the diaries. The sheet consists of lists of topics to be included, and possible questions.

These are guides to help you to ask the questions. We do not expect you to ask the questions exactly as phrased or to read out the examples. We do expect you to use them to make sure all the topics we are interested in are covered. In the conversation with your respondent you can use whatever gambits/questions you think appropriate and useful. You can also add your own checklists of things you think are missing (please feed these back to us and the group)

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Questions:

Statement of confidentiality: This questionnaire is part of a wider project on the well-being of people in different parts of the world. All information gathered is confidential and will be used only for research. The identity of the respondents or households will not be revealed to anyone. Nobody will be able to identify you or use the information against you.

PART 2: STORY OF THE MONTH

*Establish a rapport with the respondent: you have to work out how to do this in the light of the personality of the person you are talking to. It may take a long or short time. In this open-ended section we want you to record the story of the month **from the respondent's perspective**. These are the things we are particularly interested in:*

Possible opening gambits:

What's been happening since I last saw you? How have things been this month?

or

Say something about what is going on around when you meet with the respondent.

- What problems have you had/ bad things happened to you?
 - To your household?
- What good things have you done/ happened to you?
 - To your household?

PART 3: WORK

Ask each individual what different work they have undertaken in the last month **in order of importance**.

– e.g. agricultural work, herding, housework, cooking, weaving, childcare, fetching wood, fetching water, house building, fencing, road making, religious work, prostitution, civil service, trading, craft work, etc.

- 1. What work has the individual undertaken in the last month?**
- 2. If none why not? and then go to ***
- 3. Who was the work done with?**
- 4. Who was the work done for?**
- 5. Where was it carried out?**
- 6. What was the reward for the work?**
- 7. Were there any problems with the work?**
- 8. *Would the respondent have liked to do some/more work? Description [e.g. kind of work, why they couldn't]**

PART 4: EXPENDITURE

- 1. In the last month what expenditures did the respondent make?**

- What exactly?
- How much?
- Who made the expenditure, and for whom?

Check for

- **Food** (e.g. grain, pulses, livestock products, drinks, coffee, sugar, salt, oil, vegetable, fruit etc.)
 - **Recreation consumption** (e.g. alcohol, cigarettes, chat etc. football, other)
 - **Other consumption goods** (e.g. kerosene, soap...)
 - **Health-related expenditures** – e.g. medicines and treatment / modern and traditional
 - **Education-related expenditures** – e.g. fees, books, pens, etc.
 - **Books and newspapers,**
 - **Personal items** - clothes/shoes, make-up, jewellery etc.
 - **Construction items** – for house, fences etc
 - **Household assets** (e.g. kitchen equipment, furniture, sheets, towels, blankets, lamp, torch – anything else)
 - **Consumer goods** (e.g. radio, TV)
 - **Livestock** – e.g. oxen, donkey, chicken etc.
 - **Livestock-related** – labour for herding, feed, veterinary services
 - **Rent for land or oxen**
 - **Productive assets** – e.g. plough, mill, tractor,...
 - **Productive inputs** – e.g. fertiliser, pesticide, weedkiller, seeds, young plants, inputs for businesses e.g. weaving etc.
 - **Transport** – e.g. bicycle, car, lorry..,
 - **Transport-related expenses** – crop production/sale, to school, other.
 - **Organisational contributions** – e.g. festivals
 - **Ceremonies** – e.g. funerals, weddings, birth celebrations etc
 - **Religious payments** – e.g. merit making, beggars, gifts to religious leaders..
 - **Government taxes** and campaign contributions and other payments, other ‘informal taxes’
 - **Any other?** E.g. Maintenance of house, Payback loan/ borrowed money
- 2. Did the respondent manage to save any cash last month? How much?**
 - 3. Did the respondent give cash to anyone in the last month [includes remittances]? Who? How much? Why?**
 - 4. Description of expenditures the respondent would have liked to have made but could not afford.**

PART 5: INCOME

1. How did s/he pay for these expenditures? We need rough cash values for all these.

- *What income? Give details of source.*
- *Who earned, and from whom?*
- *How much?*

- **Asset sale?**
- **Borrowing?** [terms of loan]
- **Remittances**
- **Gift**
- **Output sale** – e.g. crops, livestock, livestock products, craft products
- **Business income:** trade, transport, broker etc
- **Wage/salary** - payment in kind for work
- **Pensions and other transfers:** (interest from investments)
- **Food aid and other aid** (include reasons)
- *Women only* **Cash from husband**
- **Other**

5.1 Income arrangement satisfaction

To household head, spouse, and other key household members. Months 1 and 12 only.

1. How satisfied are you with the arrangements on income control?

5.2 Income Expectations

To household head, spouse, and other key household members. Every Month

1. Comparing your family's total income now with your expected income for the next MONTH, do you think it will go up, stay the same or go down?

To household head, spouse, and other key household members. Months 1 and 12 only

2. Comparing your family's total income now with your expected income for the next YEAR, which of the following is true- it will go up, stay the same, or go down?

PART 6: GLOBAL HAPPINESS

All participants

Taking all things together, how would you say things are these days? Would you say you are very happy, fairly happy or not too happy?

PART 7: NEED DOMAIN SATISFACTION

Household Head Only

Every Month

- 1. Concerning your family's total income over the past month which of the following is true?
The total family income was not adequate, just adequate, or more than adequate?**

Months 1, 4, 8 and 12

- 2. Concerning your expenses on weddings, funerals and festivities in the last four months, how satisfied are you with the level of expenditure? Not adequate, just adequate, or more than adequate?**

Months 1 and 12

- 3. Concerning your children's education which of the following is true? The education they get is not adequate, just adequate, or more than adequate?**
- 4. Concerning the health care your family gets which of the following is true? The health care your family get is not adequate, just adequate, or more than adequate?**
- 5. Concerning your family's housing which of the following is true? The family's house is not adequate, just adequate, or more than adequate?**
- 6. Concerning your family's clothing which of the following is true? The family clothing is not adequate, just adequate, or more than adequate?**