



FAO Standard Seed Security Assessment

Key Informant Interview (KII)

Note

a. Text highlighted in YELLOW to be modified or replaced after adapting the questionnaire to local context.

b. Text in BLUE are note to the enumerators

The responses from the KII have to be recorded in a note book

Target: Key Government, FAO and NGOs Officials e.g. Government agriculture officers at Zonal, County, District or lower levels; FAO Field officer; NGO Programme Officers/Coordinators – at regional/zonal, county, district or lower levels

Objective: These guide questions will help the SSA team get an overview of the crop/seed system in the state/county. It is important to have such general information in order to situate the specific data collected from the FGD, HHS and LMS as well as find out who else could be interviewed on seed security.

Part I: Crop Production/Seed System Overview

1. Which are the main crops grown in this **state/county**? Which are most important for food and which for income? Is there an evolution in the importance of these crops? If so, which are increasing in area, which are decreasing? Why?
2. Are there any 'value chain' projects and/or any projects supporting farmers in this area? If yes, who runs the project, where?
3. Please share any documents that you have on the agriculture in your **state and county**.

Part II: Seed Formal Seed Sector Operation

4. Are there agro-input dealers in the **state/county**? If yes, how many and what crop seed do they sell? Are they registered with the relevant ministry?
5. Are there seed-producing groups in this **state/county**? If yes, where are they? What are they producing? Who ensures the quality of the seed they are producing? Are there projects that support seed multiplication in the **state/county**? Who runs these projects?
6. Do you have access to seed policy documents OR any seed assessment document/reports? If yes, what would you consider as the strengths and weaknesses of these policy document/reports? Can you provide us with copies? Could you also provide us with any seed intervention/evaluation report?

Part III: Seed security in generals

7. In this **state/region/county**, do farmers have access to adequate seed of the right varieties they need in time for planting?
8. Are there concerns around the quality of the seed planted or being planted in this area?
9. Are there some varieties considered unsuitable but being promoted in the areas and why? Which varieties are these?

Part IV: Disaster/Crisis

10. What do you consider as major disasters/crisis normally affect seed security of the community this **state/county**?
11. In which year would you consider this disaster having affected seed security significantly? And why?
12. How do you describe these disasters – chronic, acute, mild or severe?
13. What are the mitigation measures in place?

Part V: Most Vulnerable

14. Who do you regard as most vulnerable farmers in communities? And why?
15. Do women farmers have specific needs? If, yes, what are their three major needs

Part VI: Food security and nutrition

16. In your view, what is the food security situation of the community in this state, location?
17. Can you briefly describe/explain to us about malnutrition in this state/county? *(ask a nutrition expert this question)*
18. *Where the discussion is about malnutrition.* What are the major contributing factors to malnutrition? *(ask nutrition experts)*

Part VII: Important documents and contact

19. Are there any other important **agricultural and nutrition information documents** you might be able to share with us? (This could be overviews, or yearly reports or evaluations. etc. Even seasonal data could be useful).
20. Are there key contacts to which the SSA team should speak/consult?
 - Key people?
 - Key organizations?