

WELL-BEING IN NORTHEAST MADAGASCAR: INTERVIEW GUIDELINE

1. INITIAL QUESTIONS

1.a	Are you an original from this village? [Yes/No] If not : 2) Where are you from? 3) When did you move here? 4) Why did you move here?
1.b	If you don't mind, can you give us your year of birth?
1.c	What is your main occupation/job? (<i>Agriculture, trade, daily labourer, etc.</i>)
1.d	Do you have a special function in the village (president or other function in an association, Tangalamena, etc.)?
1.e	How many people live in this household, including yourself?
1.f	How many members of the household work?
1.g	Have family members left the household (<i>or even the village</i>)? 2) (If yes) Do they contribute to the household economically?

2. LAND AND INCOME

2.a	What are the three main activities of your household to make a living (income and subsistence)? [crops, animals, casual work, employment, business/commerce, handicraft, remittances, etc.] [<i>in order of importance</i>]
2.b	Do you practice shifting cultivation (<i>jinja</i>)? (If not): What about before? 2) And irrigated paddy rice cultivation (<i>horaka</i>)? (If not): What about before?
2.c	Is your land (cash crops fields (<i>tanimboly</i>), fallow land (<i>savoka</i>)) also important for collecting products? (<i>e.g. firewood, timber, lianas, etc., no complete list</i>)
2.d	Apart from cash crops, what is your source of income? 2) Do you employ hired labour?
2.e	Have your household's activities changed in the last 20 years? (Different agricultural activities/products incl. vanilla, cloves, jinja, horaka, zebu pasture) (<i>different proportion between subsistence and income, etc.</i>). If so, why? 2) What are the consequences of these changes for you? (<i>economically, traditional knowledge, cultural aspects, etc.</i>).
2.f	Are you satisfied with the amount of land you have for your children, including forest? 2) Why?
2.g	Are you happy with the opportunities you have to earn a living (incl. activities to make money, job opportunities, amount of land, animals), and the possible alternatives? 2) Why?
2.h	Besides being the basis for your economic activity (if this is the case), does the land you farm have any other meaning/importance for you? (<i>identity, position in the village, relations with others, cultural, etc.</i>)

3. EXPENSES AND MARKETS

3.a	Is your income sufficient for the expenses you have? 2) What expenses do you avoid if necessary? 3) If you have a surplus of money, what do you spend it on?
3.b	How many months are you able to feed your households with your own production of rice? 2) Are you able to buy rice for the months you can't cover with your own production?
3.c	How have these aspects related to your income and expenses changed over the last 20 years? 2) And how has the situation regarding your rice sufficiency changed?
3.d	If you had enough money to buy rice instead of producing it yourself, would you stop producing it? 2) Why ?
3.e	Is the quality of your food the way you wish? 2) Are you satisfied with the variety of your food?
3.f	Apart from being the main staple food, does rice have any other meanings for you (<i>e.g. cultural, for ceremonies, identity</i>)? 2) (If the household has zebus): And what meaning do the zebus have for your household (<i>e.g. trampling of rice fields, savings, ceremonies, cultural</i>)?
3.g	Are you satisfied with the price you get for your cash crops? Why? 2) Concerning access to markets where you sell your products (including collectors coming to the village), are you satisfied with the current situation? (<i>e.g. distance to and availability of markets, relation with the state of the roads, etc.</i>) Why?
3.h	How has the situation regarding cash crop prices and marketing changed over the last 20 years?

4. NATURE AND FOREST LAND

4.a	Do you collect any product in the forest? 2) If not, why? 3) If yes, do you sell some of these products?
4.b	Do you think the forest relates to your well-being in any way besides the material products you can obtain from it? (<i>environmental dynamics, e.g. water provision, temperature regulation, pollination, habitat for animals, etc.; cultural services, e.g. recreation</i>)
4.c	Is there any place in the forest that is of special importance to you? (<i>but not because you get anything material from there but e.g. to relax, walk, inspire, cultural or spiritual importance</i>)
4.d	Are you satisfied with the access to you have to forests (<i>for products and for place-based activities</i>)? 2) Why ?
4.e	How has your access to the forest changed in the last 20 years? (<i>PA, VOI/COBA</i>) 2) If negatively: are there also positive aspects? 3) If positively: are there any negative aspects? 4) How has the forest itself changed (<i>e.g. more or less forest, degradation etc.</i>)?

5. WATER AND HEALTH

5.a	Is there enough water all year round to drink and for irrigation? 2) Are you satisfied with the water quality? (<i>pollution, etc.</i>) 3) How has the situation (<i>quantity and quality</i>) changed over the last 20 years? 4) Has rainfall changed over the last 20 years? How? (<i>more or less rainfall, etc.</i>)
5.b	If you or any member of your family gets sick, what do you do? (<i>e.g. how far away is the doctor/hospital, etc., how do you get there, how do you get the medicine, etc.?</i>) 2) Are you satisfied with your access to and the quality of the health services? Why? 3) How have these aspects related to health changed during the past 20 years?

6. INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, AND SECURITY

6.a	Can you go where you want to go? (<i>e.g. security, age/health, distance, transport means, road conditions.</i>)
6.c	How have your possibility to move around changed during the last 20 years?
6.d	Are you satisfied with your house? 2) Why?
6.e	Are you satisfied with your access to electricity? Why?
6.f	How has your situation and satisfaction with housing and electricity changed over the last 20 years?
6.g	Do you live secure in this village? (<i>village peace, criminality, thefts related to cash crops, natural hazards, etc.</i>) Why?
6.h	How has your situation in terms of security changed during the past 20 years?
6.i	How do cyclones affect your life? (<i>farming activities, housing, etc.</i>) 2) Have you noticed any changes compared to cyclones? (<i>less/more, less strong/stronger, etc.</i>).

7. EDUCATION & KNOWLEDGE

7.a	What level of education do you have? (<i>How many years of schooling or level?</i>)
7.b	Do (did) you and your family have the access to education you want? 2) If not, why? 3) And how is it for your children?
7.c	Are you satisfied with the quality of the education in the village? (<i>e.g. teachers, buildings, methods, material etc.</i>)
7.d	Are you satisfied with the possibilities you have to obtain information you need (<i>e.g. about agriculture, cash crop prices, weather, materials, politics etc.</i>)?
7.e	Do you think these aspects about formal education and knowledge have changed in the last 20 years?

8. PARTICIPATION & GOVERNANCE

8.a	If decisions are taken which affect your life, are you satisfied with your possibilities to participate in them?
8.b	How has your situation in terms of participation changed during the past 20 years?
8.c	Has the creation of the PA influenced your life? Why? 2) (if negatively, ask): and positively in any way? 3) (if positively, ask): and negatively in any way? [<i>ask both</i>] 4) Do you receive/have received support from other projects? (<i>not related to the PA</i>)

9. SOCIAL RELATIONS, CULTURE AND RELIGION

9.a	Can you support and care for other people as you wish?
9.b	Are you happy with social relations in the village? (<i>social affairs, mutual aid, conflicts, etc.</i>). Why?
9.c	Do you think that you or others in the village are treated unequally? (<i>access to land, age, minorities, religion, gender, financial situation, etc.</i>). Why?
9.d	How have aspects related to social relations changed over the last 20 years?
9.e	What do you do when you have free time? 2) Where do you spend your free time? 3) Are you satisfied with your free time? (<i>quantity, possibilities</i>). Why?
9.f	Are you satisfied with the possibilities you have to plan your life? (<i>Do you think you can influence what happens in your life? Can you make your wishes come true?</i>)

GENERAL SATISFACTION

- In general: What 3 aspects are the most difficult to achieve in your life?
- And which 3 aspects are the most satisfying?

OTHERS

⇒ - Are there any important questions/topics that we have not discussed today? Is there anything else you would like to discuss? Do you have any questions? Thanks a lot!