

Instructions for Enumerators and Consent Script

You must use these instructions when you have sampled and are approaching a household.

Ask to speak with the head of household or other senior member of the household. Read the following introduction and obtain assent before proceeding with sampling a respondent:

“Hello. My (our) name(s) are _____ . We are researchers on a scientific study of the impact of the UN peacekeeping mission on livelihoods and women’s experiences in Monrovia. This study is led by researchers from New York University, an independent academic institution in America, and it is funded by the Swedish government.

Every household in the city has a chance of being included in this study, and you have been chosen by chance. If you choose to participate in our survey, we will ask you some questions about your household, and we would like to interview one member of your household in more depth. This will take about fifteen minutes of your time, and the in-depth interview will take another forty-five minutes. We will administer the survey right here, if you give permission.

Participation is completely voluntary, and all information will be kept strictly confidential. Nobody in Liberia, including ourselves, will be able to link your name or address to your answers.

Some questions may be more sensitive than others. You can refuse to answer any question at any time. You can decide to stop the interview at any time. You can take a rest at any time. If you become upset, you can tell me, and I can try to help.

You and your household will not receive any direct benefits or fees for participating in this survey. But this research may help us better understand the views of people in Liberia.

The results from the survey will be used entirely for academic purposes. You can see the names and contact information of the researchers on this sheet. [Hand over a copy of the researchers’ contact information.] If you like, you can keep a copy of this information. Feel free to contact the researchers if you have any questions about the study or your participation.

Do you agree to participate in our survey?”

IF NO (or head of household refuses to speak with you), write this information on your recruitment sheet. Explain **WHY** you think the head of household does not want to participate. Then use the instructions for sampling households within EAs to select another household.

IF YES, complete the household questionnaire. Then say the following:

“We are now going to randomly select one member of your household to participate in an in-depth interview.”

We consider anyone who would currently eat together from the same pot as living in the same household. But do not include temporary visitors, or persons living elsewhere for studies or work.

Next, take out your **random group sheet**. Select the next available group. You will interview an individual of this type. If there is no individual like that in the household, cross out the group and select the next available group, and so on.

Once you have selected a group, identify all respondents of that type on the household roster. Next, take out your **random number sheet**. Go to the row that corresponds to the number. This is the individual chosen for our survey. Cross out the number on the random number sheet and the group on the random group sheet, so we will not use them again.

Ask the head of the household if you could speak with the individual selected for the survey. If the individual is too ill or disabled to take the survey, use the random selection process above to select another member of the household. If the person is not available right now, arrange to return for an interview later.

Once you are speaking to the selected individual, read the following introduction:

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Every person in the city has a chance of being included in this study, and you have been chosen by chance. If you choose to participate in our survey, we will ask you questions about your background, opinions, and experiences. This will take about forty-five minutes of your time. We will administer the survey right here, if you give permission.

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Do you agree to participate in our survey?”

IF NO, write this information on your recruitment sheet. Explain **WHY** you think the individual does not want to participate. Then select a different individual from the same household using the random number sheet and repeat the introduction to the selected individual. If there are no other individuals that can be selected, check “Refused by all eligible individuals” on your recruitment sheet. Then use the instructions for sampling households within EAs to select another household.

IF YES, begin with the in-depth questionnaire.