#### APPENDIX 1: HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEW GUIDE

## **Household Interview Guide**

#### Introduction

- Greet the person you are interviewing, and introduce yourselves.
- Explain where you are coming from: You are coming from Save the Children, but not implementing a specific project. Instead, you are trying to listen to the voices of people in Dollo Ado and communicate the information to government, organizations and agencies that are making decisions concerning development for the region.
- Explain the purpose of the study: This research project aims to capture the stories and experiences of people in Dollo Ado, especially in regards to their livelihood strategies and food security. It is particularly interested in the role of cereals in assuring food security for all types of households.
- Ask if the person you are speaking to has any questions and if she is willing to be interviewed. If she agrees, start the interview. If she is not willing, do not ask any of the questions and move to the next household.

Basic Information		
Interview Details Household Identification		
Name of Interviewer(s):	Kebele:	
Date of Interview:	Clan:	
	Sub-Clan:	

Household Profile		
Name:	Age:	
Husband's Name:	Age:	Number of wives:
Number of her children:	Age(s):	
Other people living in HH:	Age(s) and relations of others:	
Length of time in this area:		
Born/raised in:		

## Household Income and (non-purchased) Food Sources

### Livelihood Activities

#### **Guided Discussion:**

- Which types of work did the members of your household do, in order to earn food and income?
  - Livestock production (rearing & selling, selling dairy products, selling meat, selling hides & skins, selling wool, rearing chickens, selling eggs, beekeeping)
  - Crop farming (cereal food crops, root crops (potato), beans, oil crops, fruits, vegetables, *khat*)
  - Sale of natural products (charcoal, firewood, water, precious stones, incense, wild foots, animal feed, construction materials)
  - Employment/labor (salaried job, daily laborer, farm worker, animal herder, maid, restaurant/hotel, military, construction, carpenter)
  - Trading (buying for sale: livestock, livestock products, food crops, other foods, clothes & shoes, building materials and hardware, contraband, *khat*)
  - Crafts/small industry (basket/mat-making, tailoring, making utensils or farm tools, henna, pottery, jewelry)
  - Services (water-carrier, counselor, barber, musician, religious teacher, circumciser, healer, TBA)
  - Rents (house, farmland/sharecropping, renting out animals, renting wheelbarrow, cart)
  - Food & drink processing (tea, coffee, cake, bread, fruit juice, soft drink, cooked food)
- What are the arrangements of doing these activities? Who does them? How?
- How often does your household do these activities?
- How much money do they bring?

### Crop Farming (if appropriate)

- Did you farm your own land? Did relatives help? Did you hire day laborers?
- What were the farm arrangements sharing the crop (shirkad, kiro)?
- Is your farm in a favorable site?

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- Did you use fertilizers or manure to increase your farms productivity?
- What source of water did you use (rain-fed, flood plain, irrigation)?
- Do you have enough land for farming?
- When was the last harvest? the last good harvest?
- What did you plant this last season? When? What stage are the crops at now?
- During the last harvest (if within the last year), what did you harvest?
  - Crop (maize, sorghum, beans, sesame, khat, tomatoes, onions, other?)
  - How many sacks were harvested? Kgs/sack?
  - How were the sacks used (consumption, gifted, sold)?
  - How much did the sacks sell for?

### Informal and Formal Transfers

- Have you received any informal transfers (money, goods or remittances from a relative, friend or neighbor)? When? What?
- Have you given or received zakaat? When? What? From who?
- If your household had a problem and needed money or food urgently, could you ask anyone? Who? Where are they?
- Do you receive any formal transfers (food aid, cash transfer, seeds, tools, credit, livestock from NGOs or gvt)?

# Food Aid (if appropriate)

- How many times did you receive food aid? From whom?
- How much did you receive each time?
- What did you do with the food aid (consumed, gifted, sold, fed to livestock)? If sold, how much did it sell for?

# Household Cereal Consumption and (Purchased) Sources

## Food Consumption

- What food have you eaten in the last week (sorghum, maize, rice, barley, pasta, wheat, bread, beans, meat, milk, eggs, fish, vegetables, fruit)?
- How many meals do you usually eat per day?
- What usually constitutes each meal? How much of each item?
- Do you remember a time when it wasn't possible to eat your usual number of meals? Why was that time difficult?

# Cereal Purchases

- How does your HH access (buy, food aid, barter, grow) the cereals (maize, sorghum, rice, pasta) that you eat?
- If you buy them, from whom do you buy? How did you choose them (are you related/neighbors)?
- Where does the place you buy from get the cereals from?
- Do you always pay cash, or sometimes take in credit? If credit,
  - From whom can you take credit? Why?
  - What are the arrangements? When do you have to pay back?
  - How much do you currently owe?
- What are the prices of cereals? Have they fluctuated? Why?

#### **Broad Concluding Questions**

- If you were a development NGO or the local government, what kind of intervention would you make to make it easier for HHs to access cereals here?
  - If the answer was food aid, then: What if all food aid is banned? Then what intervention would you make?
- I've asked a lot of funny questions; do you have any questions for me?
- I'm very interested in cereal production and trade in this place. Is there anything else that you think would be interesting for me to know?

#### Conclusion

- Thank the person for the interview.
- Ask if you can take her photo. If she doesn't accept do not take any photos.
- Appoint the respondent for the focus group discussion with all interviewed households in their kabele.