

Liberia Covid19 Telephone Interviews

Programming notes in blue

Questions

Date and time of interview need to be recorded automatically by ODK

Intro & Consent

Oral Consent Script

Hello, my name is _____.

I am part of a team conducting some research in Liberia and I wondered if you'd be interested in being involved. The study is led by researchers of the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) which is based in Germany. We came to your town between November and December 2019. Now, we would like to ask you just a couple of follow-up questions.

We would like to have a conversation with you where we will ask a range of questions about how your life has changed over the past couple of weeks, how you and your family are coping with the current situation, and what are the main challenges that you are experiencing. Your answers will form the basis of our research. The time it takes to complete the interview will vary, but the average amount of time is **20-30 minutes**.

Before we begin the interview, we want to make sure you understand the following information about the study:

Your participation in this research is voluntary. You may refuse to take part in the interview, and you may stop at any time if you do not want to continue. You also have the right to skip any question or questions if you do not wish to answer them.

You must be at least 18 years old to participate.

The information collected in this study will be used for research purposes. The personal information you will share with us will not be passed to any third party. All the information we collect will be stored securely, and any results that are made public will not contain information which could be used to identify you.

You have the right to ask questions at any point before the interview, during the interview, or after the interview is completed (xxx).

Int1	Interviewer ID	
Int2	Date	2020
Int3	Time	
Int4	Household ID <i>numeric</i>	

Please call *PHONE NUMBER*

Int5	Did someone pick up?	1	Yes
		0	No
<i>If NO:</i> Please try again later. Try up to 5 times (as discussed during the training). If you are not sure what to do, please ask your supervisor.			

If YES:

A1	Do you agree to participate in this survey?	1	Yes
		0	No
A2	If NO, what is the main reason for refusal?	1	Too busy
		2	Not interested/waste of time
		3	Questionnaire too personal/too intrusive
		4	Sickness/ Recent Death
		5	It took too long last time
		6	Other (Specify)

respondent	Select the person you are talking to.	Drop-down with HH member names.
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H1	Before this call, have you heard about the "coronavirus" or COVID-19?	1	Yes
		0	No

If No, read: "Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a virus. Coronavirus typically causes fever, a dry cough, and difficulty breathing. Most people who become infected with coronavirus experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others"

A HH Roster

From our last survey we already have some information about your household. However, some time has passed and there might have been changes in your household. Please tell me if the following information is correct.

A1	Is Name of HH member 1-N still a member of your household?	1	Yes
		0	No
A1_a	If A1 = NO , Why not?	1	Died
		2	Moved within Liberia
		3	Moved abroad
		4	Has own household now
		88	Other, specify
A2	Is there any other person living in this household? Note: Remember household members are people who usually live in your house and share meals with you.	1	Yes
		0	No
If A2 = YES			
A2_a	How many additional household members do you have? <i>Including children</i>		

A2_b	Name of household member		
A2_c	Is Name male or female?	1	Male
		2	Female
A2_d	How old is name ?		
A2_e	What is name relation to the head of household?	1	head of household
		2	spouse
		3	mother/father
		4	daughter/son
		5	sister/brother
		6	grandmother/grandfather
		7	aunt/uncle
		8	cousin
		9	niece/nephew
		10	friend [<i>this means that there are no blood relations</i>]
		11	foster parent
		12	foster child
		13	grand child
A2_f	Did name move to the household due to the pandemic?	1	Yes
		0	No

B Employment

Compare to initial questionnaire

Read: We would now like to ask you some questions about the economic activities of your household members in May this year. Remember, this was the time a number of measures had been introduced to control and prevent further spread of the corona virus in Liberia. This included restrictive movement in the hotspots of the outbreak.

*We will now ask you about **Name's** main and secondary occupation.*

A main occupation is the occupation the person does most of the time.

A secondary occupation is the occupation, the person does second most of the time.

Ask for each HH member for whom we have info on first and secondary occupations

B1_a	During our last interview you told us that Name's main occupation is X.		
B1_b	Is this still correct?	1	Yes
		0	No
	IF YES: In May this year, would you say ... much more / more / the same / less / much less / not at all in this activity than in a normal year?	1	much more

		2 more
		3 the same
		4 less
		5 much less
		9999 not at all in this activity
B1_c	IF YES: In the last 30 days, would you say ... much more / more / the same / less / much less / not at all in this activity than in a normal year?	1 much more
		2 more
		3 the same
		4 less
		5 much less
		9999 not at all in this activity
B1_d	IF NO: What is Name's main occupation now?	1 Farmer (oil palm)
		2 Farmer (other crops, livestock)
		3 Fishing, hunting or collecting
		4 Non-farm self-employment
		5 Wage employment in agriculture
		6 Wage employment in non-agriculture
		7 Civil / public servant
		8 Unpaid work
		9 Housework (own house)
		10 Unable to work
		11 Student / Unpaid apprentice
B1_e	During our last interview you told us that Name's secondary occupation is X.	
B1_f	Is this still correct?	1 Yes
		0 No
B1_g	IF YES: In May this year, would you say ... much more / more / the same / less / much less / not at all in this activity than in a normal year?	1 much more
		2 more
		3 the same
		4 less
		5 much less
		9999 not at all in this activity
	IF YES: In the last 30 days, would you say ... much more / more / the same / less / much less / not at all in this activity than in a normal year?	1 much more
		2 more
		3 the same
		4 less

		5 much less 9999 not at all in this activity
B1_h	If NO: What is Name's secondary occupation now?	1 Farmer (oil palm) 2 Farmer (other crops, livestock) 3 Fishing, hunting or collecting 4 Non-farm self-employment 5 Wage employment in agriculture 6 Wage employment in non-agriculture 7 Civil / public servant 8 Unpaid work 9 Housework (own house) 10 Unable to work 11 Student / Unpaid apprentice 99 None

B4	Since the introduction of restrictive measures due to the Corona virus in May this year, would you say that your personal working hours in all employment activities... Note: READ out all options – Select one	1	Decreased a lot
		2	Decreased a little
		3	Stayed the same
		4	Increased a little
		5	Increased a lot
B5	Since the introduction of restrictive measures due to the Corona virus in May this year, would you say that your households labour earnings from all employment activities... Note: READ out all options – Select one	1	Decreased a lot
		2	Decreased a little
		3	Stayed the same
		4	Increased a little
		5	Increased a lot

B7 B7_a	Since May this year, have the farm had to alter planned planting, harvesting or marketing of agricultural products because of Covid-19/coronavirus or related restrictions? If B7=Yes, which did you have to do?	1	Yes
		0	No
		9999	My household does not make a farm
		8888	Don't know
		1	Delayed planting
		2	Decreased acreage planted
		3	Delayed harvesting
		4	Harvested early
		5	Could not harvest in time

If treat_expost==1 :		
	How many people from your village work in the palm oil plantation that used to be Sime Darby (region==1) / at EPO (region==2)	
	Please think back to the time when we did the last interview. That was in November/December of last year (2019). How many people from your village worked at Sime Darby (region==1) / at EPO (region==2) back then?	
	Please think back five years ago. I.e. to the year 2015. How many people from your village used to work at Sime Darby (region==1) / at EPO (region==2) back then?	

When Sime Darby/EPO first came to your village were you happy about the arrival?

In December last year (2019), were you happy about the investor?

Are you happy about the investor now?

C Consumption

Compare to initial questionnaire

Now, we would like to ask you about your household's consumption during **May this year**.

C4	Overall, did your household spend more or less in May this year compared to a normal year??	1	Much more
		2	A little more
		3	Same
		4	A little less
		5	Much less

Now, please tell us more details about your consumption during May this year.

Food consumption I (May)									
C	Consumption of [item C1*] during May this year								
	Note: If person does not know write 9999. If they did not spend any money on it, write 0.								
		Did you consume any [item] in May this year?	If C1_* = YES Consumption from purchases				Consumption from own		
		C1a_*	C1b_*	C1c_*	C1d_*	C1dcurr_*	C1e_*	C1f_*	
			Quantity	Unit	Total value (LBD/USD)	In which currency?	Quantity	Unit	

		1 yes 0 no		1 kg 2 Hundred 3 Litre 4 Piece 5 Pound 6 Parts 7 Cups 8 Gallon 9 Snap 1 Pack 0 1 Small Bag 1 (25kg) 1 Big Bag (50 2 kg) 1 Pile 3 1 Bunch 4 1 Bucket 5 1 Head 6 1 Whole animal 7 1 Bottle 8 9 Other 9		1 Liberia n Dollar s 2 US Dollar s		C1_c *
_1	bush meat							
_2	fish							
_3	yam							
_4	rice							
_5	Corn/mai ze							
_6	bread							
_7	cassava							
_8	chicken							
_9	plantain							
_1 0	vegetable s (e.g. tomatoes, cucumber							

	, pepper, lettuce)							
_1 1	Cooked meals/ meals in restaurants, cafes, canteen							
_1 2	palm oil or other oil							
_1 3	corn dough							
_1 4	palm nuts							
_1 5	bottled water							
_1 6	soup cubes							
_8 8	other food items							
C2 Non-food items								
_1	charcoal							
_2	firewood							

C3 Non-food items I (May)			
Consumption of [item _4- _15] during May this year			
Note: If person does not know write 9999. If they did not spend any money on it, write 0.			
		How much money did you spend on the items during the last 30 days?	In which currency?
		C3_*	C3curr_*
			1 Liberian Dollars 2 US Dollars
_4	Matches		
_6	Lighters		
_7	Laundry soap / washing powder		
_8	Personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste ...)		
_9	Cigarettes or tobacco		
_11	Air time and internet bundles		
_12	Transport (not for farming / business)		
_14	Clothing and footwear		
_15	Contributions to organizations/church/...		

Now, we would like to ask you about your food consumption during the last 30 days.

C4a	Overall, did your household spend more or less in the last 30 days compared to a normal year.	1	Much more
		2	A little more
		3	Same
		4	A little less

		5	Much less
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Now, please tell us more details about your consumption during the last 30 days.

Food consumption II (last 30 days)								
CII	Consumption of [item C1*] in the last 30 days (i.e. during August 2020)							
	Note: If person does not know write 9999. If they did not spend any money on it, write 0.							
		Did you consume any [item] in the last 30 days	If C1_* = YES Consumption from purchases				Consumption from own	
		CII1a_*	CII1b_*	CII1c_*	CII1d_*	CII1dcurr_*	CII1e_*	CII1f_*
			Quantity	Unit	Total value (LBD/USD)	In which currency?	Quantity	Unit
		1 yes 0 no		1 kg 2 Hundred 3 Litre 4 Piece 5 Pound 6 Parts 7 Cups 8 Gallon 9 Snap 1 Pack 0 1 Small Bag 1 (25kg) 1 Big Bag (50 2 kg) 1 Pile 3 1 Bunch 4 1 Bucket 5 1 Head 6		1 Liberian Dollars 2 US Dollars		CII1_c*

				1 Whole animal 7				
				1 Bottle 8				
				9 Other 9				
_1	bush meat							
_2	fish							
_3	yam							
_4	rice							
_5	Corn/maize							
_6	bread							
_7	cassava							
_8	chicken							
_9	plantain							
_10	vegetables (e.g. tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, lettuce)							
_11	Cooked meals/ meals in restaurants, cafes, canteen							
_12	palm oil or other oil							
_13	corn dough							
_14	palm nuts							
_15	bottled water							
_16	soup cubes							
_88	other food items							
CI12 Non-food items								
_1	charcoal							
_2	firewood							

CI13 Non-food items II (las 30 days, i.e. August 2020)			
Consumption of [item 4-15] during the last 30 days			
<i>Note: If person does not know write 9999. If they did not spend any money on it, write 0.</i>			
		How much money did you spend on the items during the last 30 days?	In which currency?
		CI13_*	CI13curr_*

		1 Liberian Dollars
		2 US Dollars
_4	Matches	
_6	Lighters	
_7	Laundry soap / washing powder	
_8	Personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste ...)	
_9	Cigarettes or tobacco	
_11	Air time and internet bundles	
_12	Transport (not for farming / business)	
_14	Clothing and footwear	
_15	Contributions to organizations/church/...	

C4b	Would you say food prices have increased or decreased since corona virus and the lock down?	1	Decreased a lot
		2	Decreased a little
		3	Stayed the same
		4	Increased a little
		5	Increased a lot

D Assets

Compare to initial questionnaire

assets	Which of the following does your household currently own?		
	Note: Read out loud each item quickly and ask the respondent to indicate with yes/no whether the household owns the respective item.		
[item asset1 – 36]	1 yes	How many items of this does your household own?	
	0 no		
asset1	Building (e.g. homestead, business establishment)		
asset3	Fishing nets		
asset4	Goats		
asset5	Sheep		
asset6	Pigs		
asset7	Chicken		
asset8	Turkey		
asset9	Ducks		
asset10	Hoes or similar		
asset11	Plough		
asset17	Generator		
asset19	Motorbike		
asset20	Bicycle		
asset21	Mobile phone		
asset23	TV		
asset24	Radio		
asset25	Video player (DVD, VCD, VCR, etc.)		
asset28	Bed/mattresses		
asset29	Tables, chairs		
asset30	Sofa set		
asset31	Pressing iron		

asset36	Mosquito net		
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E Trust & Beliefs

Now, we would like you some questions about you personally.

Note: These questions refer to the respondent only.

E1	In May this year, how often have you attended church or mosque, or gathered with people from outside your household to pray?		1 Never 2 1-2 times 3 weekly 4 More than once a week
E2	Are you member of Poro or Sande?	1	Yes
		0	No
E3	Are you member of another secret society (e.g. the Leopard Society, the Crocodile Society or others) ?	1	Yes
		0	No
E3a	If E3 = YES: Which one?	Text	

E4	Think about the conditions of your ethnic group. Are their economic conditions worse, the same as, or better than the economic conditions of other groups in this town?		1 Much better 2 Somewhat better 3 Same 4 Worse 5 Much worse 99 Don't know / Refuse
E5	Think about your [personal] economic conditions. Are they worse, the same, or better than the economic conditions of other individuals in this town?		1 Much better 2 Somewhat better 3 Same 4 Worse 5 Much worse 99 Don't know / Refuse

Imagine that there was a new job opportunity in your town (e.g. on a plantation). Many people would like to get the job but there is only limited jobs available.	1 Yes 2 No
Would you say that people who are close to the town chief, e.g. his relatives or people with the chief's ethnicity have a better chance to get the job?	

F Food security & Health

Please think back to May, when the corona-related measures were quite strict when answering the following questions.

	During last May until now...	
F1	Were you worried you would run out of food because of a lack of money or other resources?	0 no 1 yes 98 refuse 99 Don't know
F2	Did you eat only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources?	0 no 1 yes 98 refuse 99 Don't know
F3	Did you have to skip a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food?	0 no 1 yes 98 refuse 99 Don't know
F4	Were you hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food?	0 no 1 yes 98 refuse 99 Don't know
F5	Did you go without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?	0 no 1 yes 98 refuse 99 Don't know

G Conflict

Compare to initial questionnaire

G1	Which of the following statements comes closest to your view? Choose Statement A or Statement B. A: The use of violence is never justified. B: It is sometimes necessary to use violence in support of a just cause.	1 strongly in favor of A 2 in favor of A 3 undecided 4 in favor of B 5 strongly in favor of B 99 Don't know / Refuse
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G2	Can you feel fine when you hit somebody or you yell at somebody?	0 never	1 rarely	2 sometimes	3 every time	99 Don't know / Refuse
G3	Since May this year, when a number of measures had been introduced to control and prevent further spread of the corona virus in Liberia, have you or another member of your household been involved in any conflicts over domestic issues in this town?	0	Never			
		1	Only once or twice			
		2	Several times			
		3	Many times			

H Knowledge & Coping

H2	How did you get to know about the restrictive measures that have been put into place related to the corona virus? <i>Select multiple // Do NOT READ</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Radio 2. Newspaper 3. TV 4. Internet/social media 5. Town leadership informed me 6. Someone else informed me 7. Other, please specify
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H3	How much would you say your life has changed due to the corona virus?	1	changed completely to the worse
		2	has become slightly worse
		3	did not change
		4	has become slightly better
		5	changed completely to the better
H4	Have any of the following measures been used in your community to prevent the spread of the corona virus? <i>Note: READ out all options – Select ALL that apply</i>	1	People are only allowed to leave their homes to get essential supplies or seek medical help.
		2	People showing symptoms must not leave their homes for any reason.
		3	Schools and childcare centers are closed.
		4	Hygiene products have been distributes (e.g. masks, soap, hand washing buckets)
		5	Companies have been urged to put their staff on leave.
		6	All gatherings of any size in public places have been banned.

		7	All non-essential travel on foot, bicycle, scooter or automobile has been banned.
		8	Religious services in churches and mosques are halted.
		99	None of the above
H4 a	Are you aware of any other measures being used in your community to prevent the spread of the corona virus?	0	No
		1	Yes, please specify measures

H5	Who is the most important person controlling the implementation of Corona virus-related measures in your town?	1. Town chief 2. General town chief 3. Clan chief 4. Paramount chief 5. Elders 6. Traditional leader/zoe 7. Religious leader (imam/priest) 8. Other, please specify
H6	How well or badly would you say this person is handling the following matters: Guaranteeing that there was enough food for the town in times of the Corona virus	1 very good 2 fairly good 3 fairly bad 4 very bad 97 not their mandate 99 Don't know/Refuse
H7	How well or badly would you say this person is handling the following matters: Making sure that everyone follows the Corona virus-related measures and rules	1 very good 2 fairly good 3 fairly bad 4 very bad 97 not their mandate 99 Don't know/Refuse
H8	Do you feel that you or anyone in your household is at risk of contracting the corona virus?	1 Yes
		0 No
		88 Don't know
H8a	If H8a = NO Why do you feel that your household is protected from the corona virus? Note: DO NOT READ Options	1 Belief in God
		2 Follow preventive/protective measures (handwashing, social distancing or masks)
		3 Does not exist where I live
		4 Does not exist at all
		5 We are strong and healthy
		6 We are not elderly
		7 Hot weather
		8 Because my ethnic group is not affected
		9 Government is protecting us
		10 We do not go out
		11 We live in a rural area
		12 It is curable/treatable
		99 Other (specify)

H9	Did the lockdown and corona measures make it difficult or impossible for you to ...	1	Find food to buy
		2	Afford food

	SELECT MULTIPLE	3	Access medical treatment or medicine
		4	Work in your usual job
		5	Earn enough money
		6	Care for family members
		7	Access markets
		99	None of the above
H10	Since the corona virus and the lockdown started, have you or someone in your household been forced to do any of the following to pay for food, healthcare, or other expenses? SELECT MULTIPLE	1	Sell off assets (including livestock, land)
		2	Deplete your savings
		3	Borrow money you were not certain you could pay back on time
		4	Skip making a required payment on a loan
		5	Buy fewer inputs than planned for your business / farm
		99	None of the above

H11	Since the corona virus and the lockdown started, have you received any food, cash or other support from anyone else that you do NOT usually receive?	1	Cash
		2	Food
		3	Water
		4	Loan
		5	Medicine or hygiene products (e.g. mask, soap, bucket)
		88	Other
H11 a	If H11a = YES: From which source?	1	Government or other Politicians
		2	Church / mosque
		3	Relatives
		5	Neighbours
		6	Town or Community leaders
		8	NGOs
		99	Other

End note

Thank you very much for participating in this questionnaire. We appreciate it a lot.