# Village Visits: Desired Information

*NOTE 1: For each question, please take initiative and ask follow up questions that you might think of at the moment. The more information the better!!*

*NOTE 2: These are the perceptions of the village leader. There is no ‘right or wrong’, just their opinion that you are to collect.*

## Village description

* What commune and Province? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Where is the village relative to nearby big cities, to the border crossing?
  + In kilometres? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + In the time it takes to travel? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* How big (i.e., area in ha) is the village? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the present village population? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + How many males/females? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Are there older population data? (i.e., do we know what the population was at some point in the past?) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - How many households are in the village? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Village Leadership Structure

* The village leader is? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Age?
  + Gender?
  + Occupation?
  + Background?
* Who else is part of the village leadership? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Position?
  + Age?
  + Gender?
  + Occupation?
  + Background?

## Language and Culture

* What is the primary language spoken in the village? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What other languages do the villagers know/speak and with who? \_\_\_\_\_
* Is the village religious? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Which religion? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + How regularly do they practice their faith? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Are there minority groups in the village? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Who and how many? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Weather and climate

* Is there any data on the weather and climate for the village? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What are the typical seasons in the village? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Has the village recently experienced a flood or drought? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + When, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What was the long-term impact? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Other information about any recent disasters. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Household characteristics

* What is the typical family size? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + How many children do most families have today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + How many children did families tend to have 10 years ago? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* How long have most people lived in the village? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + To where do most people trace their ‘origins’? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Education

* Is there a school in the village? How many? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + How many students attend the school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Does the school know how many school-aged students from the area do not attend the school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What is the typical/average level of completion for students at the school?
    - For girls? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - For boys? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Do children attend secondary school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Where? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What are the rates of literacy in the village? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + For women/girls? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + For men/boys? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Economics and Farming

* What is the present day-labourer wage? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What was the wage last year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the primary occupation of village… \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Women? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Men? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the typical way that people supplement their income? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Women? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Men? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Do villagers work ‘off farm’? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Where? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Doing what?
* What is the average annual income for a…
  + Female villager?
  + Male villager?

* What do most of the farmers currently produce?
  + Where do they sell their products?
  + To who do they sell their products?
* What price have cassava farmers received for their crops this year?
  + Are yields for the village rising, sinking, flat?
* Are cassava farmers shifting to other crops?
  + What crops and why?
* Is inter-cropping becoming more popular?
  + Why?
* Are fruit trees becoming more popular?
  + Why?

## Healthcare

* What do villagers tend to do when they are sick?
* What do villagers tend to do when they are injured?
* Who supports women during childbirth?
* Where do women tend to give birth?
* How far is the nearest trained doctor?
  + In KMs?
  + In time to travel there?
* How far is the nearest hospital?
  + In KMs?
  + In time to travel there?

## Infrastructure

* What type of roads connect the village to nearby cities?
  + Dirt or Asphalt?
  + Quality…
    - Excellent/ Good/ ok/ bad/ very bad
* Do most homes in the village have electricity?
  + How reliable is the electricity?
  + Do most people rely on generators or batteries?

## Assets

* Do most people have…
  + Mobile phone?
  + Tablet or computer?
  + Car?
  + Motorcycle?
  + Tractor? (two or four wheel)

Problem-Solution Pathways (PSPs)

* What is the most significant cost for households in the village?
* What is the most significant problem for households in the village?
  + What does the leader think should be done to address the problem?