



SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

IASC/REDSS CRITERIA	SAMPLE FGD QUESTIONS
<p>PROTECTION, SAFETY AND SECURITY AND SOCIAL COHESION</p>	<p>Threats to safety and security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How safe and secure do you feel in this area? • What threats to their safety do people living here face? Who in the community is most affected by these threats? Do women and children face specific threat? • What do people do in this community if they are a victim of a crime? What about if they are in a dispute (over land or property for example)? • What are your experiences of dealing with the police/formal courts/informal courts? Are they accessible? Do you trust them? Are you satisfied with them? • Do you experience any restrictions moving within and outside of this location? If yes, ask for an explanation • Do you or your family members experience any form of stigmatization or discrimination in the community or from the authorities? • What are your experiences in dealing with the host/refugee/IDP/returnee community?
<p>ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING</p>	<p>Health/education/water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you feel about the health/education/water services that you receive? • What are the challenges that people face in accessing these services? (affordability? distance? information? appropriateness Etc) Are there particular population groups who face more access challenges than others? Specific challenges for women and girls? • Do IDPs/refugee/returnees and host community access the same services? <p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you experience times of food shortage? What are the reasons for these shortages? Is the situation any different to IDPs/refugees/returnees/host?

<p>ACCESS TO JOB CREATION/ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What types of economic activity/jobs are you involved in? • Are there specific activities/jobs that women are engaged in? How about young people? • Do refugees/IDPs/returnees face any specific challenges in finding jobs or engaging in business activities? • Are there any groups that have formed to engage in small business activities? • Are people able to borrow money if they need it? If not, why?
<p>EFFECTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE MECHANISMS TO RESTORE HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY</p>	<p>Security of tenure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you own land/property? Or rent it? How about other people living in this community? • Do IDPs/refugee/returnees/host face any specific challenges in owning or renting land? • If you own or rent your land, do you have documents to prove this? • Have you or other people in this community been forced to move from the land you were living on, or been threatened with this? <p>Enforcement of housing, land and property right</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any land disputes in this community? How are land disputes dealt with? • Have those who have returned home been able to return to their original land? If not, why not? Have they received any help in reclaiming their land? If so, who from?
<p>ACCESS TO PERSONAL AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have birth certificates (or other documents) for yourselves and your children? If not, why not? • Do people who do not have documents encounter any problems? (for example, are children without birth certificates able to attend school?) • What are the procedures for obtaining birth certificates (or other documents)? Are IDPs/refugees/returnees able to enjoy the same access to these as the host community?
<p>FAMILY REUNIFICATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there children who are separated from their families in this community? If so, what is their situation (are they living with other adults or on their own)? • Is there any support available for these children? If so, what kind of support do they received? Do they receive any help in finding their families?
<p>PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION</p>	<p>Voting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you vote in the last local/national election? What about other people in this community? • If people did not vote, why was this? <p>Decision-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of leadership structures [ask about community structures as well as local authorities] do you have in this community? • Are leadership structures separate or joint for refugees/IDPs/returnees and host community? • Do women get to participate within these structures? • Are you satisfied with the structures? Please explain.

ACCESS TO EFFECTIVE REMEDIES AND JUSTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• [Ask about specific mechanisms that have been identified in the course of the SDR and KIs]• Have the people who have needed to access these mechanisms been able to? If not, why not. Are there particular population groups who have had trouble accessing them? If yes, what kind of support have they received?• Are people satisfied with these mechanisms? If not, how could they be improved?
GENERAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What can be done to address the problems identified above?• Do you feel like the authorities/NGOs/UN Agencies listen to you? Do they involve you in, or inform you of, their planning?• Do you plan to stay in this area? What about other IDPs/returnees/refugees? Please explain.