

HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

Interviewer _____

Date: _____

Site of Interview _____

Household's Name _____

HH ID _____

Name of Household Head _____

Name of Person Interviewed if not HH Head _____

BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

List names of all Household members. Start with Household Head

Name	Relation to HH Head	Sex	Age	lo rtags* (animal sign)	Birth Year	Marital Status	Lives Where?	School Now?	Highest Education Attained
Wangdu	head of HH	m	45	horse	1966	married (1st)	home	no	None
Tsering	wife	f	42	bird	1969	married (1st)	home	no	2nd grade
Buti	sister	f	47	dragon	1964	never (nun)	home	no	monastic
Kyipa	daughter	f	14	mouse	1996	never	school (place)	yes	8th grade
Lobsang	son	m	11	rabbit	1999	never	home	yes	5th grade

* Tibetans often do not give their ages according to the Western system of age reckoning. An individual is considered one year old at birth, and advances one year in age on the first day of each *losar* (Tibetan New Year). Use the stated age (current age) and the animal sign of birth (e.g., ox, dog, snake) to figure out the corresponding birth year.

List names of all people who were born in the household but are no longer members of the household.

Name	Relation to HH Head	Sex	Age	lo rtags	Birth Year	Marital Status	Lives Where?	Highest Education Attained	Reason for Leaving HH
Purbu	daughter	f	21	snake	1989	married	town B	4th grade	Marriage
Pasang	brother	m	49	tiger	1962	never(monk)	gomba A	monastic	moved to monastery

BASIC ECONOMIC DATA

Ask about *resources*: how much land, how many animals?

Ask about *possessions*: tractors, televisions, motorcycles, telephones, agricultural equipment, etc.

Ask about *income*:

Farm Income: selling grain, selling animals, selling dairy products, etc.

Off-Farm Employment: Who in HH is employed? Where? Doing what? For how long each year? Income?

Other Income: producing something for sale, leasing land or buildings, pension, interest from loans or banks, welfare.

Ask about *expenditures*:

Domestic: food, clothing, education, housing, health expenses.

Farm: fertilizer, petrol, seed, fodder, labor, leasing land, etc.

Others: taxes, interest on loans, transportation, rituals, etc.

REPRODUCTIVE HISTORY SURVEY

Generally conducted with women aged 15-49 (if focus is only on current fertility) or women aged 15 and above (if focus is on current and completed fertility). Sample can be universal (everybody included) if conducting research at the village level. Otherwise, use sound sampling procedures so that results can be generalized to the entire population (e.g., County, District, City, Region).

OBTAIN BASIC INFORMATION ON INTERVIEWEE

name, age, place of birth, current marital status, age at first marriage

NOTE 1: details on spouse should be available through household survey.

NOTE 2: If woman has experienced the termination of a marriage, also ask: age at termination of first marriage, reason for termination of first marriage (spousal death; separation or divorce), age at second marriage.

FERTILITY HISTORY

Start by establishing some basics:

Are you currently pregnant? How many times have you been pregnant? How many of those pregnancies resulted in the birth of a live child?

NOTE 3: For demographic purposes it is essential to distinguish live births (counted in fertility analysis) from stillbirths (not counted in fertility analysis). To distinguish live births from stillbirths, ask if the child breathed, suckled, cried, or gave any other sign of life.

birth order	name of child	sex	current age	lo rtags (animal sign)	birth year	birth month	alive now?	if dead, age at death	if dead, cause of death
1	Dorje	m	13	ox	1997	2	yes		
2	---*	f	---	hare	1999	9	no	2 years**	accident
3	Pema	f	7	sheep	2003	4	yes		
4	Tashi	m	4	dog	2006	2	yes		
5	---*	m	---	pig	2007	11	no	3 months**	diarrhea and vomiting

* For Tibetans it is culturally inappropriate to pronounce the names of dead individuals. Do not press for details.

** Establishing age of death is important. Infant Mortality Rate is calculated using only deaths to children under one year of age. 40 percent of this woman's children have died. That does not mean 40 percent infant mortality!

CONTRACEPTIVE KNOWLEDGE AND USAGE

The above survey provides sufficient data for calculating cohort and period fertility. However, reproduction in contemporary societies is influenced heavily by contraceptive usage. Therefore, it is important to include questions about contraceptive knowledge and usage (e.g., ever used? when? which method? currently using? which method? why this method? source of information? source of contraception? etc.)