# **Community Observation Guide**

## Observation check list:

The idea is that you walk around the community and try to capture as much information as you can, not that you try to find the things in this list. This list gives you an idea of what you could see.

* Conditions of housing, properties. Materials.
* Are there visible signs of malnutrition in children under 5 years old?
* Are there small animals around the house (e.g. chicken, goats)? Types, conditions
* Livelihood activities and who is doing what
* Livelihood infrastructure and assets
* Conservation / preservation of the agricultural production (barn, granary, dryer, mill…). Food storage facilities.
* Crop field visible/ status / maintenance
* Means of transportation visible
* Market and shops, what do they sell, and when. Gender, accessibility to women and men.

# **General market observation**

Overview of local economic activity:

* Visit the local market, central business district and/or the center of town where the majority of businesses are located.
* Observe the activities going on in the market and talk to sellers and producers. Type of goods and services/ types of shops/ sellers (Which goods are sold mainly by women / by men / both men and women, youth, elderly, PLWD). Who are the customers? Location, wealth groups, rural/urban, gender, ethnic groups
* Reflection: what items are being imported that could be produced locally? And why are these items not being produced locally? Is it because of lack of materials, lack of skills, or another reason?
* Refection: what items are being exported in the greatest quantity? Where is the highest demand? Are there opportunities to expand the export market in these sectors?
* Which services do you find around the market? (Financial services, transport, load and unload, tea/coffee and food services, etc.)
* Are there opportunities for labour/ daily workers?
* Visit the major trading and/or transport hub of the place, such as the local bus and taxi park or main intersection.