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**VILLAGE LAND COMMITTEE MEMBER INTERVIEW  
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## **TGCC KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW – VILLAGE LAND COMMITTEE MEMBER**

*If there is no village land committee member, please ask the headman who in the village is very knowledgeable about land issues in the village (besides the headman).*

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am a researcher working with Rural Net, the U.S. Agency for International Development, Cloudburst Group, and Clark University on a study of agroforestry and land tenure across Zambia's Eastern Province. I would like to ask you some questions to better understand these issues in your village. Your participation is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate, our discussion will last for around 60 minutes. Please rest assured that your answers will remain completely confidential. We will not provide your name and answers to anyone outside of the research team. Do not feel obligated to answer any question that you are not comfortable with and do not hesitate to ask me for a clarification if you think that a question is a bit difficult or unclear. You may stop participating at any time. If you have questions about this survey, you may contact the Research Manager in Zambia, Stephen Tembo, at 0966743100. This study has been approved by the Clark Committee for the Rights of Human Participants in Research and Training Programs (IRB). Any questions about human rights issues should be directed to the IRB Chair, Dr. James P. Elliott (508) 793-7152. We would be very thankful for your participation. Can we begin?

### **I. Land Related Decision Making**

1. What are the main decision making bodies for land related issues in this village?
2. How are decisions made about land allocation in this village? (general)
3. What factors/conditions influence the allocation of land to different households who live in this village? (Wealth, gender, family size, relationship to village authorities...etc.)
4. What factors/conditions influence the re-allocation of land away from a household that has been using it in this village? (e.g. land not used productively, dispute with neighbor, allocate land to newcomers, etc.)

### **II. Land disputes and dispute resolution**

1. In your experience, what are the most common types of land disputes in this village? In comparison to 5 years ago, please describe the conflict frequency and intensity of conflict for these different kinds of land disputes over time.
2. What do you see as underlying causes of these disputes that commonly occur in this village?
3. What is the process to resolve land disputes in this village when they occur?
4. What are the specific roles of village land committee, induna, headman, and chief in resolving major and minor conflicts / disputes around land use in this village.
5. In general, how effective are these resolution processes when land disputes do occur (would you say that the parties involved are satisfied with the resolution outcomes)? Do you have any suggestion for how such disputes could be avoided in future? What about a more effective processes for resolution?

### **III. Tenure security**

1. Do you think that most households in this village are aware of their land rights? In your opinion, how difficult is it for households currently to enforce their rights to customary land that they use?
2. What do you see as the major contributors to tenure insecurity among households in this village?
3. What do you think should be done to help households reduce uncertainty over the tenure status of land they use?
4. Do you have knowledge of any households in this village who have lost access to land they were accustomed to using, over the past 12 months? What about over the past 5 years? Can you describe these situations for us? How common would you say these occurrences are in your village?
5. In your opinion, do women have secure rights to use land in this village? Please explain.
6. In your opinion, do women have secure rights to inherit land in this village? Please explain.
7. In your view, are there any groups or kinds of people that have particular difficulties around land allocation and security issues, in this village?
8. In your view, are any groups or kinds of people benefitting more than others from the current land allocation processes, in this village?

### **IV. Customary Land Certificates**

1. Are you familiar with the use of customary land certificates in Zambia?
2. Do you think there is interest among households in this village to obtain such certificates? Why or why not?
3. Do you think the issuing of customary land certificates from the chief to individual households is a good or bad policy? Please explain.

*Thank you for your time talking with me about these issues. Now that we have finished discussing, do you have any last questions for me?*

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