Life Events Questionnaire - Draft

***Instructions to participants***

*Below are questions about a number of events that commonly happen in people's lives. Each question is concerned with whether an event has happened to you (and in some cases your spouse) during the* ***LAST 12 MONTHS****.*

*When we ask a question about a person's spouse/partner, we are referring to both MARRIED SPOUSES and to unmarried partners who LIVE TOGETHER and have a MARITAL-LIKE relationship.*

*Some of the questions we ask below may remind you of rather painful feelings. They are, however, extremely important to people when they do happen, so please try to answer.*

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|  | **Have you moved (*shifted*) during the last 12 months?**  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q2)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Would you say that you moved to a neighbourhood that is better, worse, or about the same as where you were living? [*1=same,* *2=better, 3=worse*] | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. Overall, would you say that your moving was a good or bad experience?   *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Have you broken off an engagement to be married or ended an intimate relationship during the last 12 months?** *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q3)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. How would you rate your feelings about breaking up?   *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Did you get married during the last 12 months?** *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q4)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Did you want to get married?*1=yes, 2=no* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. Overall, would you rate getting married as a good or bad experience?*[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Did someone you were close to die during the last 12 months?**  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q5)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, who?  *1=Spouse or intimate friend, 2=Parent, 3=Spouse's parent, 4=Brother or sister, 5=Child , 6=Other relatives, 7=Friend, 8=Other* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Were you separated or divorced during the last 12 months?**  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q6)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Did you want to get separated or divorced?*1=no, 2=yes* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. Overall, would you rate your separation or divorce as a good or bad experience?   *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Did you break up with a close friend during the last 12 months?**  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q7)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Did you want to break up with this friend?*1=yes, 2=no* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. Overall, would you rate your breaking up as a good or bad experience?   *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Have you had any important relationship** (e.g. with your spouse, a close friend, your boss, or a family member) **become significantly worse during the last 12 months** *(this should not include the relationship referred to in item 6 above)*? *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q8)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. With whom? *(more than one response is possible)*   [*1=Boss, 2=Spouse, 3=Friend, 4=Child, 5=Parent 6=Other family member*] | |\_\_|, |\_\_|, |\_\_| |
|  | **Did you have a child or adopt a child during the last 12 months?**  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q9)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Is this a first child? *1=yes, 2=no* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. Did you plan to have this child? *1=yes, 2=no* |  |
|  | 1. Would you rate having a child and adjusting to having a child as a good or bad experience? *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. Who is available in the home to help you care for the baby? *[1=None, 2=Spouse only, 3=Nanny only, 4=Spouse and nanny, 5=Spouse and relatives (including older children, grandparents, siblings, in-laws etc.; with/without nanny]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. What parenting difficulties have you experienced? *[1=None, 2=Baby crying a lot, 3=Baby difficult to calm down, 4=Baby needing a lot of attention (more than I think in usual), 5=Baby not feeding well, 6=Baby falling sick a lot, 7=Not able to meet baby’s needs adequately, e.g. food, 8=Received little support from spouse/family, 9=Busy work schedule, 10=I was stressed/depressed, 11=Other]*   If other, specify …………………………………………………………………….. | |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Have you, a very close friend, or close family member had an** **accident that required emergency medical treatment during the last 12 months?** *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q10)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Who? *(more than one response is possible)*   *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Child, 4=Parent, 5=Spouse’s parent, 6=Brother or sister, 7=Friend, 8=Other* | |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Have you, a very close friend, or close family member been hospitalized for a serious (life-threatening) illness during the last 12 months?**  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q11)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Who? *(more than one response is possible)*   *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Child, 4=Parent, 5=Spouse’s parent, 6=Brother or sister, 7=Friend, 8=Other* | |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. If yes, were you responsible for their care in hospital or at home? *1=yes, 2=no* | |\_\_\_| |
| 1. a | **(Women) Have you been pregnant during the last 12 months?**  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q12)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Was the pregnancy planned or unplanned? *1=planned, 2=unplanned* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. How would you rate being pregnant?   *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
| 1. b | **(Men) Has your wife or girlfriend been pregnant during the last 12 months?** *[Tick no if he do not have a wife or girlfriend] 1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q12)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Was the pregnancy planned or unplanned? *1=planned, 2=unplanned* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. How would you rate this pregnancy?   *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
| 1. a | **(Women) Have you had a miscarriage, abortion or stillbirth during the last 12 months?** *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q13)* | |\_\_\_| |
| 1. b | (**Men) Has your wife or girlfriend had a miscarriage, abortion or stillbirth during the last 12 months*?*** *[Select ‘no’ if he does not have a wife, partner, or girlfriend] 1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q13)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Have you or your spouse/partner lost or changed jobs or been involuntarily unemployed during the last 12 months?**  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q14)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Who?   *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Both* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. Why did you (or spouse) leave? (answer only for you if both lost or changed jobs)   *1=On strike, 2=Temporarily laid off, 3=Fired, 4=Found better job, 5=Business/organisation closing or reorganizing, 6=Retired, 7=Other* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. Could you (or spouse) have stayed in your old job if you wanted? *1=yes, 2=no* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. How would you rate your feelings about leaving your job? (or your spouse leaving his/her job)?   *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **During the last 12 months, have you or your spouse/partner suffered a significant business or investment loss or has a business you owned failed?** *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q15)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Who? *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Both* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **During the last 12 months, have you or your spouse/partner had any serious problems or disappointment at school or in an educational course (university, training program, etc.)?** *(answer only for participant if both had disappointments)* *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q16)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Who? *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Both* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. What was the disappointment?   *1=Demoted, 2=Failed to get raise or promotion, 3=Failed a course, 4=Trouble with boss or coworkers, 5=Put on academic probation, 6=Failed to get into an educational course (college, training program, etc.), 7=Other*  *If Other, specify ……………………………………………..* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Have you or your spouse/partner had significant success at work or in an educational course (university, training program) during the last 12 months?** *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q17)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Who? *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Both* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Has there been a significant change in your personal finances during the last 12 months?** *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q18)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Has the change been for the better or worse?   *1=Better, 2=Worse* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Has your house been broken into and/or burgled during the last 12 months?** *1=yes, 2=no* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Have you or your spouse/partner or other member of your immediate family been assaulted or mugged during the last 12 months?**  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q20)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Who? (more than one response is possible)   *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Child, 4=Parent, 5=Brother or sister, 6=Other* | |\_\_|, |\_\_|, |\_\_| |
|  | **Has the behaviour of any member of your family been a significant problem for you during the last 12 months?** *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q21)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Who? (more than one response is possible)   *1=Spouse/partner, 2=Child, 3=Parent, 4=Brother or sister, 5=Other* | |\_\_|, |\_\_|, |
|  | **Have you or your spouse/partner had to appear in court during the last 12 months** as a defendant, a witness in a criminal case, or as party to a suit?  *1=yes, 2=no (skip to Q22)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | 1. Who? *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Both* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. How would you rate the court experience?   *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | Other than the events we have already asked about, **have any other important things happened to you or to a very close friend or close family member in the last 12 months** that made that period significantly different from a typical year? *1=yes, 2=no (Skip to next section)* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | If yes, |  |
|  | You can list up to two (2) events. *Please do not feel obliged to include an additional event or events unless they were significant!* |  |
|  | 1. **Event 1: To whom?** *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Child, 4=Parent, 5=Spouse’s parent, 6=Brother or sister, 7=Friend, 8=Other* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. What happened? ……………………………………………………………   ………………………………………………………………………………… |  |
|  | 1. Did you want the event to happen? *1=yes, 2=no* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. How would you rate your feelings about this event? *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. **Event 2: To whom?** *1=You, 2=Spouse/partner, 3=Child, 4=Parent, 5=Spouse’s parent, 6=Brother or sister, 7=Friend, 8=Other* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. What happened? ……………………………………………………………. | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. Did you want the event to happen? *1=yes, 2=no* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | 1. How would you rate your feelings about this event? *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
| ***Additional questions, specific to our setting*** | | |
|  | **With regards to the COVID-19 pandemic,** |  |
|  | 1. What are (or have been) your main concerns/fears/worries? [*1=not much, continuing with normal life, 2=becoming sick (myself or loved ones), 3=death (myself or loved ones), 4=financial loss/reduced income due to lockdown, 5=increased prices of food, goods and services, 6=limited transport, 7=quarantine, 8=curfew, 9=reduced social interactions, 10=reduced fun (bars, beaches closed), 11=children missing school, 12=children at home getting in trouble, 13=domestic violence, 14=unable to travel out of the country, 15=halting my studies, 16=other* | |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_| |
|  | If other, specify …………………………………………………………………….  ……………………………………………………………………………………….  ………………………………………………………………………………………. |  |
|  | 1. How would you rate your overall experience with the COVID-19 pandemic and related lockdown? *[1=very good, 2=moderately good, 3=slightly good, 4=slightly bad, 5=moderately bad, 6=very bad]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | Please explain ………………………………………………………………………...  ………………………………………………………………………………………………. |  |
|  | 1. What has helped you take your mind off the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated complications? ………………………………………………………………………………………..   ……………………………………………………………………………………….. |  |
|  | **Apart from COVID-19 related issues, what else usually keeps you awake at night? i.e. what else do you usually worry about?** *[1=not much, I tend not to worry about things, 2=not having enough money, 3=job/work security, 4=relationships, 5=issues that could affect my crop yield (drought, pests), 6=health (myself or loved one), 7=my future, 8=my children’s future, 9=worries about witchcraft, 10=, other]*  If other, specify ……………………………………………………………………….. | |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_| |
|  | **In your day-to-day life, what helps you deal with challenging situations/problems in life?** *[1=support spouse, 2=support from family, 3=support friends, 4=Faith in God, 5=own abilities, 6=other]*  If other, specify ……………………………………………………………………… | |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_|  |\_\_\_| |
|  | **How important to you is maintaining a good image and status in society (for yourself and family)?** *[1=not much, 2=somewhat, 3=very important, 4=extremely important]* | |\_\_\_| |
|  | **Measure of subjective status – use the society ladder in Kampala**  *Kampala participants are shown the drawing of a ladder with the following instructions: Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in your society. At the top of the ladder are the people who are best off - those who have the most money, most education and the best jobs. At the bottom are the people who are worst off - who have the least money, least education and the worst jobs or no job. The higher up you are on this ladder, the closer you are to people at the very top, and the lower you are, the closer you are to the bottom. Where would you put yourself on the ladder? Please place a large ‘X’ on the rung where you think you stand (****Annex 1****).*  **Or the community ladder in rural sites**  *Consider this ladder as representing where people stand in their neighborhoods. People define neighborhood in different ways; please define it in whatever way is most meaningful to you. At the top of the ladder are the people who have the highest standing in their neighborhood. At the bottom are the people who have the lowest standing in their neighborhood. Considering the living standard of people in your neighborhood, where would you place yourself on this ladder?* *" (****Annex 1****)*  ***Record the number corresponding to the mark were the participant placed the ‘X’. [numbers 1-10)*** | |\_\_\_| |

***Thank you very much for your cooperation!***