

Key Informants (KI) Interview Guide checklist

To examine the impact of the northern Ethiopia conflict on food security and livelihoods in Amhara region

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In light of the above, do you understand the purpose of the research and are you willing to participate by providing data? ☐Yes ☐No

- How local market is affected by the conflict? What supply and demand trends you have observed after the conflict? Has the impact of the conflict on market activities led to price escalation, and shortage of supply? Please elaborate.
- What are the major public and basic service infrastructures damaged or affected by the conflict? What is the implication of these damages on food security and livelihoods? (*hint: infrastructure could cover Agricultural research, Communication networks, Health facilities, Water systems, Electricity facilities, and others*)
- Could you provide the implication of the conflict on livelihoods activities? What was the impact of the conflict on business activities in general and how it affected them? (*hint: Job opportunities, Movement in search of livelihoods, and Banking services*)
- How do you understand the negative consequence of the conflict on the overall food system considering production, storage and distribution, retail and wholesaling, processing and consumption components of the food system?
- What are the human damages in terms of injury and death? How this affect poor households related to food security and livelihoods activities?
- Please provide how agricultural activities were affected during the onset of the conflict? Did this result in displacement?
- What were the different coping mechanisms deployed by affected communities?

- What kind of assistance from Government and NGOs was provided to displaced people at the IDP collection sites and people who are stranded by the conflict at the place of residence?
- Were there any protection risks that affected communities exposed to as a result of the conflict? How the conflict impacted people Psychologically? How this affected social fabrics within the affected community and what were the different rolls of social support mechanisms to manage and mitigate the impact of the conflict on food security and livelihoods?
- What do you think is the long-term consequence of the conflict on food security and livelihoods?
- What would you recommend ensuring food security and livelihoods are further deteriorated?

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Focus Group Discussion (FGD) Guideline

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