

Feed the Future Zone of Influence Survey

Social Science Interviewer Training

Questionnaire Guidance









Module 8

Household Consumption Expenditure









Objective



To collect information about how much the household used, consumed, and purchased in the past week, month, and year

This includes food the household members have eaten over the past seven days, as well as any non-food items that household members have bought.

Who responds to this module?

- Whoever is most knowledgeable about:
 - Food eaten in the past week by household members (Module 8.1)
 - Non-food items that the household has purchased over the past year (Modules 8.2– 8.7).









Module sections

- 8.1 Food consumption
- 8.2 Non-food expenditures, I-week/7-day recall
- 8.3 Non-food expenditures, I-month recall
- 8.4 Non-food expenditures, 3-month recall
- 8.5 Non-food expenditures, I-year/12-month recall
- 8.6 Housing expenditures
- 8.7 Durable goods









8.1: Food consumption

- Broken into food groups, with several food items listed under each group, totaling 100+ different foods:
 - Cereals, Grains, and Cereal
 Products
 - Roots, Tubers, and Plantains
 - Nuts and Pulses
 - Vegetables
 - Meat, Fish, and Animal Products
 - Fruits
- There are NO "Other (specify)" categories for food.









- Milk and Milk Products
- Sugar, Fats, and Oil
- Beverages
- Spices and Miscellaneous
- Cooked Foods from Vendors



8.1: Food consumption - General flow

- Ask whether each food within the group was consumed within the past week (7 days).
- For foods that were consumed, ask for:
 - The total quantity of food consumed
 - The total quantity of food consumed from three different sources
 - The value of the food consumed from the three different sources
- The three sources of foods are:
 - Purchased food
 - Food grown, harvested, or gathered by the household
 - Food that was a gift or came from other sources









8.1: Food consumption - Quantities and units

- Food quantities are recorded by:
 - Entering a numeric quantity
 - Selecting an appropriate unit
- The units will reflect those that are commonly used in Ghana for the food item.









8.1: Food consumption - Module introduction

Before beginning the module, read the introductory statement to the respondent: "Now I would like to ask you about the kinds of foods that you and other members of your household have eaten over the past week.

I'd also like to ask you about items that you or members of your household may have bought in the past week.

Please include foods in meals that are shared with other members of the household, as well as foods that individual members of the household may have consumed independently of other family members.

First we will ask about foods that were eaten at your home, or at the home of friends or other family. Later we will ask about foods that were purchased already prepared from a restaurant or a vendor."









Items 801-803B

- **Item 8.101:** FOOD ITEM to be used with ITEM CODE.
- Item 8.102: "Over the past one week (7 days), did you or others in your household eat any [FOOD ITEM]?"
- Item 8.103A: QUANTITY and Item 8.103B: UNIT: "How much in total did your household eat in the past week?"

Note: The tablet will not allow a value of 0 to be entered. The tablet will direct you to the food items that were consumed during the previous week. If you are prompted to enter values for Items 8.103A and 8.103B, you indicated that the food was consumed during the past week in Item 8.102. If the food was not consumed, you should navigate backward through the survey to change the response to Item 8.102.









Items 8.104-8.107C

- Item 8.104A: QUANTITY and Item 8.104B: UNIT: "How much of what you ate came from purchases?"
 - Purchases include what was paid by the household and also apply to food purchased on credit.
 - If the quantity entered for Item 8.104A is 0, skip to Item 8.106A.
- Item 8.105: LOCAL currency Gh¢: "How much did you spend on what was eaten last week? If your family ate part but not all of something you purchased, estimate what you spent only on the part that was consumed."









Items 8.104-8.107C

- As with the quantities, the cost should only refer to what was eaten in the previous week and not the total purchase price.
- Respondents may have difficulty adjusting the cost when not all of the food is eaten within the week.
- You may help the respondents by asking what portion of the purchased food was eaten within the past week.
- From the total cost, you may be able to determine the value of the portion eaten in the past week.
- If a respondent has difficulty remembering cost, remind him or her that estimates are acceptable.









Items 8.104-8.108

- Item 8.106A: QUANTITY and Item 8.106B: UNIT: CHECK 8.103 AND 8.104. IF QUANTITY IS EQUAL, GO TO NEXT ITEM. How much of what you ate came from your household's own production?
- Item 8.106C: ESTIMATE LOCAL currency Gh¢: CHECK 8.106A. IF 8.106A IS
 > 0,ASK: "Please tell me how much it would have cost to buy that much [FOOD ITEM] if you had to purchase it in the market today."
- Item 8.107A: QUANTITY and Item 8.107B: UNIT: "How much of what you ate came from gifts or other sources?"
- Item 8.107C: ESTIMATE LOCAL\$: CHECK 8.107A. IF 8.107A IS > 0,ASK: "Please tell me how much it would have cost to buy that much [FOOD ITEM] if you had to purchase it in the market today."









Items 8.108-8.111

- Refer to people who ate with the household but do not usually live there.
- Include people who periodically visit and share meals with the household.
- If the respondent indicates that people who are not members of their household ate with them, confirm that they are not in the household roster.









Items 8.108-8.111

- Item 8.108: "Over the past one week (7 days), did any people who are not members of your household eat any meals in your household?" (If none, skip to Item 8.112.)
- Item 8.109: "Over the past one week (7 days), how many people who are not members of your household ate meals in your household?"
- Item 8.110: "Over the past one week (7 days), what was the total number of days in which any meal was shared with people who are not members of your household?"
- Item 8.111: "Over the past one week (7 days), what was the total number of meals that were shared with people who are not members of your household?"









Items 8.112-8.115

- Item 8.112: "Does your household own a pet such as a dog or a cat?" (If no, skip to Sub-module 8.2.)
- Item 8.112A: "Over the past one week (7 days), did your household purchase pet food for family pets like a cat or a dog?" (If no, skip to Item 8.114.)
- Item 8.113: "How much did you spend on pet food last week?"
- Item 8.114: "Over the past one week (7 days), were there any other expenditures on pets?" (If no, skip to the next sub-module.)
- Item 8.115: "How much did you spend on other purchases for pets last week?"









8.2: Non-food expenditures over past 7 days

• Before beginning the sub-module, read the introductory statement to the respondent:

"Now I would like to ask you about items that you or members of your household may have bought in the past week."









Items 8.201-8.203

- Item 8.201: ITEM to be used with ITEM CODE.
 - Codes 8187–8195 are listed for each item in the next column (ITEM CODE).
- Item 8.202: "Over the past one month, did your household purchase or pay for any [ITEM]?"
- Item 8.203: "How much did you pay (how much did they cost) in total?"

Ask the respondent whether the household bought each of the listed items. If yes, ask how much it cost in local currency.

If a respondent has difficulty remembering the cost, remind him or her that an estimate is sufficient.









8.3: Non-food expenditures over past | month

• Before beginning the sub-module, read the introductory statement:

"Next I would like to ask you about items that you or members of your household may have bought over the past one month."









Items 8.301-8.303

- Item 8.301: ITEM to be used with ITEM CODE.
 - Codes 8207–8231 are listed for each item in the next column (ITEM CODE).
- Item 8.302: "Over the past one month, did your household purchase or pay for any [ITEM]?"
- Item 8.303:"How much did you pay (how much did they cost) in total?"

Ask the respondent whether the household bought each of the listed items. If yes, ask how much it cost in local currency.

If a respondent has difficulty remembering the cost, remind him or her that an estimate is sufficient.









8.4: Non-food expenditures over past 3 months

• Before beginning the sub-module, read the introductory statement:

"Next I would like to ask you about items that you or members of your household may have bought over the past three months."









Items 8.401-8.403

- Item 8.401: ITEM to be used with ITEM CODE.
 - Codes 8237–8275 are listed for each item in the next column (ITEM CODE).
- Item 8.402: "Over the past one month, did your household purchase or pay for any [ITEM]?"
- Item 8.403:"How much did you pay (how much did they cost) in total?"

Ask the respondent whether the household bought each of the listed items. If yes, ask how much it cost in local currency.

If a respondent has difficulty remembering the cost, remind him or her that an estimate is sufficient.









8.5: Non-food expenditures over past 12 months

• Before beginning the sub-module, read the introductory statement:

"Now I would like to ask you about items that you or members of your household may have bought over the past one year."









Items 8.501-8.503

- Item 8.501: ITEM to be used with ITEM CODE.
 - Codes 8287–8318 are listed for each item in the next column (ITEM CODE).
- Item 8.502: "Over the past one year (twelve months), did your household purchase or pay for any [ITEM]?"
- Item 8.503:"How much did you pay (how much did they cost) in total?"

Ask the respondent whether the household bought each of the listed items. If yes, ask how much it cost in local currency.

After asking about all listed items, ask whether there were any other household purchases made over the past year not already captured. If yes, record the item and cost for "Other: specify" (code 8318).









8.5(2): Non-food items that may or may not have been purchased

- Item 8.504: PRODUCT to be used with ITEM CODE.
 - Codes 8319–8321 are listed for each product in the next column (ITEM CODE).









Items 8.505-8.508

- Item 8.505: "Over the past one year (12 months) did your household gather, use or buy any [ITEM]?"
- Read the interviewer guidance to the respondent: "Note that the value of these items should be entered only if they were purchased or used for household use, not for investment purposes."
- Item 8.505a: QUANTITY and 8.505b: UNIT: "What was the estimated total quantity of [ITEM] used?"
- Ask the respondent about each of the listed items. If yes, ask how much it cost in local currency and also ask Items 8.506–8.508 (next slide).
- After asking about all listed items, ask whether there were any other items not already captured. If yes, record the item for "Other: specify" (code 8321).









Items 8.505-8.508

- Item 8.506: "Did your household gather [ITEM], or did your household pay for [ITEM]?"
 - If the item was gathered, only ask Item 8.507.
 - If the item was bought, only ask Item 8.508.
- Item 8.507 FOR ITEMS THAT WERE GATHERED: "What was the total estimated value of [ITEM] that you used?"
- Item 8.508 FOR ITEMS THAT WERE BOUGHT: "How much did you spend in total on [ITEM]?"









8.6: Housing expenditures

• Before beginning the sub-module, read the introductory statement: "Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your home."









Items 8.601-8.602

- **Item 8.601:** "Do you own this house, are you purchasing this house, is it provided to you by an employer, do you use it for free, or do you rent this house?"
 - If the house is free or employer-provided, skip to Item 8.604.
 - If the house is rented, skip to Item 8.605.
- Item 8.602: "If you sold this dwelling today, how much would you receive for it?"
 - If a respondent has difficulty establishing a value, you may ask how much it has taken them to build it or how much it would cost them to rebuild the home.









Item 8.603

- Item 8.603: YEARS: "How old is this house, in years?"
 - Many houses are built gradually and grow over time as a family grows.
 - Report the number of years since the house was first built and inhabited.
 - In other words, how long has someone lived in the oldest part of the house?
 - After asking this question, skip to Item 8.606.









Item 8.604

- Item 8.604A: LOCAL currency Gh¢ and Item 8.604B: UNIT: "If you rented this dwelling today, how much rent would you receive?"
 - Report a quantity of currency per unit of time (day, week, month or year).
 - Respondents may not know how much they could earn by letting someone else live in their home.
 - You may ask them how much they would expect to pay to rent a similar house elsewhere in the community.
 - After asking this question, skip to Item 8.609.









Items 8.605-8.609

- Item 8.605A: LOCAL currency Gh¢ and Item 8.605B: UNIT: "How much do you pay to rent this dwelling?"
 - Report a quantity of currency paid per unit of time (day, week, month or year).
 - After asking this question, skip to Item 8.609.
- Item 8.606: "Do you pay a mortgage on this house, that is, a regular payment towards purchasing the house?" (If no, skip to Item 8.609.)
- Item 8.607: "How often do you make mortgage payments?"
- Item 8.608: "How much do you pay each time you make a payment on your mortgage?"
- **Item 8.609:** "In the past one month, how much did you spend on repairs and maintenance to this house?"









8.7: Durable goods expenditures

- Before beginning the sub-module, read the introductory statement: "Now I'd like to ask you some questions about items that may be owned by your household."
- As with other lists, you will first ask whether each of the items is owned by the household. For those items that the household owns, you will ask a series of questions aimed at understanding the quantity and value of those items.









Items 8.701-8.707

- Item 8.701: ITEM to be used with ITEM CODE.
 - Codes 8322–8352 are listed for each item in the next column (ITEM CODE).
- Item 8.702: "Does your household own a [ITEM]?"
- Item 8.703: "How many [ITEM]s do you own?"
- Item 8.704: "What is the age of these [ITEM]s?" IF MORE THAN ONE ITEM, AVERAGE AGE.
- Item 8.705: "If you wanted to sell one of these [ITEM]s today, how much would you receive?" IF MORE THAN ONE ITEM, AVERAGE VALUE.
- Item 8.706: "How much did you pay for all these [ITEM]s when you purchased it?"









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