

**Timeline**

October-December 2019, September-October 2020

**Study Type**

Quasi-experimental Analysis

**Research Implemented by IPA**

No

**Liberia Covid19 Telephone Interviews**

*Programming notes in blue*

**Questions**

*Date and time of interview need to be recorded automatically by ODK*

**Intro & Consent**

**Oral Consent Script**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_

I am part of a team conducting some research in Liberia and I wondered if you'd be interested in being involved. The study is led by researchers of the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) which is based in Germany. We came to your town between November and December 2019. Now, we would like to ask you just a couple of follow-up questions.

We would like to have a conversation with you where we will ask a range of questions about how your life has changed over the past couple of weeks, how you and your family are coping with the current situation, and what are the main challenges that you are experiencing. Your answers will form the basis of our research. The time it takes to complete the interview will vary, but the average amount of time is **30-30 minutes**.

Before we begin the interview, we want to make sure you understand the following information about the study:

Your participation in this research is voluntary. You may refuse to take part in the interview, and you may stop at any time if you do not want to continue. You also have the right to skip any question or questions if you do not wish to answer them.

You must be at least 18 years old to participate.

The information collected in this study will be used for research purposes. The personal information you will share with us will not be passed to any third party. All the information we collect will be stored securely, and any results that are made public will not contain information which could be used to identify you.

You have the right to ask questions at any point before the interview, during the interview, or after the interview is completed (xxx).

int1	Interviewer ID	
int2	Date	2020
int3	Time	
int4	Household ID <i>numeric</i>	

Please call *PHONE NUMBER*

# The impact of COVID-19 on livelihoods and food security in rural Liberia (Questionnaire)

## Abstract

How does the outbreak of COVID-19 affect livelihoods and food security in rural Liberia? COVID-19 is not only a direct threat to health but has also disrupted domestic food supply chains, food production and formal and informal labour income in many developing countries. In an earlier study, researchers compared the impact of large-scale agricultural investments

(LSAIs) on livelihoods, i.e. consumption, assets and employment, in 73 villages by interviewing more than 2,000 inhabitants in LSAI-affected and matched control villages near two palm oil investment areas in rural Liberia. In this follow-up study, they conduct computer-assisted phone interviews with about 500 of these 2,000 people. Participants answer questions on their consumption, assets, employment and food security for two points in time: May and September 2020. By comparing the results of the previous study with the results of the current data, the researchers investigate how COVID-19 and its associated restrictions impact livelihoods and food security and if its medium-term effect (September) differs from the short-term effect (May). They further investigate whether the effect is heterogeneous across treatment status.

## Questionnaire Description

This is the accompanying questionnaire for the "The impact of COVID-19 on livelihoods and food security in rural Liberia" project.

## Implementing Organization

German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)

## Project Data Collection Mode

- CATI (Computer-assisted telephone interviewing)

## Researchers (\*corresponding author)

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## Questionnaire Language(s)

English

## Questionnaire Usage Permissions

Do not use without corresponding author's permission

## Questionnaire Stage

Data Collection Completed

October 23, 2020