SMEAD [Schematic] interview schedule / aide-mémoire

Questions / issues to probe:

1. Household/Enterprise composition (use instrument)

* (Household, where applicable) members
* (Household) Roster
* Activity/ies portfolio (probe these)
* Assets list

1. Household / Enterprise activities:

* What do you do; what other activities do you engage in?
* What other activities does household engage in? (livestock etc.)
* Production engaged in?
* Where does your production go? (output markets)

1. Labour / employment

* Both paid and unpaid
* Kin labour?
* Quality of employment (conditions etc).

1. The market/ customers / downstream
2. Inputs, suppliers / stock
3. Household consumption and expenditure

* Profits/prices/costs

1. What is the nature of the social relations:

* Power, authority, governance?
* Including ‘Right to trade’, regulatory context etc.?
* Co-operation with other (farmers), markets, transport etc.?

More detailed questions:

Details of production (encompass most of the tiers/linkages).

1. Employment/labour

* Power relationships
* Hiring in and out of employees
* How much/many (people and money)
* Periodicity / seasonality
* In what activities (differ types of enterprises) are these employment relationship?
* Conditions of employment (Malawi: Ganyo labour: short term casual etc.)

1. Inputs

* Power relationships linked to these
* Types of inputs
* Sources of inputs
* Location of sources
* Types of patterns of exchanges to secure inputs (cash; product marketing; credit, advances)

1. Sources of capital (including non-farm income, grants etc)

* Power relationships at play here?
* Might also be linked to remittances or own production

1. Production

* Seasonality / periodicity
* What kind of production activities
* How much is being produced
* What types of co-operation with other farmers in production. For what purpose?

1. Transportation

* Power relationships
* Who transports your stuff, where are they located (local/outsider)
* Kind of charges, competition, how many service providers in area
* What choices? Service provider competition
* Contractual arrangements
* Any co-operative arrangements to access transport.

1. Relationship to Markets / marketing

* Power relationships
* Location (viz. local vs. outside markets)
* Regulations, nature of linkages between farmers and markets (contract, arms length, linked to input provision etc – i.e. level of embeddedness).
* Seasonal demand

1. Consumption / household expenditure

Use of the proceeds (where are they spent)? Local, or outside area? etc.

* What types of products / services do they spend them on (local?)
* Who is spending the money (gender, intra-household flows).
* Categories to keep an eye out for:
* Food (local or outside produced food).
* Local services: carpenter, building etc
* Livestock etc.
* Transport
* Medical care, healing, care-work (elder/childcare).
* Expenditure on manufactured goods from outside the area