

PHONES STUDY: NOTES ON FIELD APPLICATION OF SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

[Remember that for those under 18 years, you must obtain guardian/carer permission before proceeding to the main survey]

Good morning/afternoon/evening. I am from[university]. We are conducting a study with Durham University in UK and other African universities about young people and mobile phones in Africa. My university first came here 6 years ago to research young people's transport and mobility problems. Following on from this we have been here recently again to try to discover how mobile phone use has grown and what benefits and problems have emerged for young people as a result. Now we are conducting a survey of young people aged 9-25 years. We will take our findings to the community and to other policy makers so they will know about the benefits and problems and the need to help young people find ways of solving any negative impact and about promoting positive impacts. Please could you give me a little time to participate in our study? If you are unhappy about the questions, you can tell me at any time and we will stop.

We will not use your name in any way in this research. If you need any further information, we are staying at while we are here. Our university address is

1. Ignore the boxes labelled CaseID, Age and Sex at the top of the form. Your administrator will enter these.
2. **Selecting households:** follow a transect route across the settlement [e.g. north-south street], interviewing at each occupied house as you go. When you have finished that transect, start another one [e.g. east-west]. If there is no one present in the house aged 9-25y then move on to the next house.
3. **Selecting the Young Person Respondent:**
 - For households with 1 or 2 people aged 9-25y, select one respondent.
 - For households with 3 or more people aged 9-25y, select two respondents.To select the respondent(s) in each household: give everyone aged 9-25y present in the household a scrunpled piece of paper. If sampling 1 respondent, ensure that one piece of paper has a star on; or that 2 pieces of paper have a star if sampling 2 respondents in that household. Conduct the survey with the person(s) who receive the paper with the star.
4. At the bottom end of our age range, if the only child in the household is an 8-year-old who is capable of answering the survey, then go ahead. **Please do not survey anyone over 25 years** [other than the initial questions to adult household representatives where the respondent will be under 18y].
5. **Try to conduct the survey out of earshot of others** – the ideal situation is likely to be where other people are in sight of your respondent [especially if female and/or under 18] but can't hear the discussion. It may be very difficult to prevent adults from sitting in on the survey, especially given that the first questions for under-18s are addressed to an adult, and especially in high density urban compounds. Rather than causing offence, you may have to go ahead with the parent/guardian listening in. They often soon get bored and move off to do other things.
6. Some children may be very keen to be interviewed: please explain that you can go to the child's household but must make a random selection from all 8/9-25 year-olds there.
7. Ideally interviewing should take place at a time when there are likely to be children at home from school.
8. There is no need to put lots of additional information on the questionnaire (we will have substantial material from the qualitative interviews). However, anything really novel/significant which emerges should be noted.
9. **When you have completed the questionnaire, check back on every page [front and back] before you leave the compound** to ensure that you have asked all relevant questions. If not, your survey administrator (who is checking every completed questionnaire) will require you to return later or the next day to fill any gaps.
10. **Keep a count of refusals** and give this to your survey administrator at the end of each day.
11. In each of the 8 study settlements in your country we need a total of a) 125 completed interviews with 9-18 year olds, and b) 63 completed interviews with 19-25year olds. Within each age group, there needs to be a good spread of ages. Your administrator will check numbers at the end of each survey day and may then ask you to focus more on a particular age group in subsequent days, depending on numbers achieved.