**Focus Group Discussion (FGD) Guide for community members**

**An assessment of flooding from dam releases and its impacts on diarrhoea disease and microbiological contamination of water sources in selected dryland areas in Northern Ghana.**

**Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_ Translator / recorder name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Note-taker: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# Start time: \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

**End time: \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of male participants: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of female participants: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Pseudonyms / IDs for participants and seating chart**



**[Introduce project objectives. Read Consent to participate among the group and seek consent to continue]**

1. Describe the flooding occurrence in this locality?

**Probes:** How often does it occur, when did the community begin to experience flooding?

1. What would you consider to be the causes of flooding in this?
2. How does flooding affected you in this community?

**Probes**: Destruction of lives, properties, occasions, farming, livelihoods etc.

1. Has there been any outbreak or increase in some disease in this community due to flooding?
2. How do people in this community normally seek treatment during flooding periods?

**Probes**: Do you use traditional or orthodox treatment?

1. What are the early warning information you receive about coming floods? What does the information entails?
2. Whom do you receive such information from and through which medium?
3. How does early warning signs or information influence the selection and implementation of flood adaptation measures?
4. What are some of the strategies or measures you put in place to wait for the floods? [Probe for]
5. Crops planting and livestock protection.
6. Storing essential items (food, water, seeds, firewood, stoves, matches, items destroyable by water).
7. What are some of the adaptation or coping strategies employed during flooding to mitigate the adverse effects? [Probe for]
8. Water and Food protection (source protection, changes in food consumption behavior)
9. Safety of family members (canoes for movements, stay at lower risk areas)
10. Measures to protecting livestock, poultry, and other assets (feed, shelter/cage)
11. Migration, involving in Income-generation activities (IGA) (food for work, labor-intensive jobs in cities)
12. Land selling and other assets
13. Borrowing of money.
14. Others……..
15. What are some of the activities you carry out after the flooding to recover all damages and harms caused by the flood?
16. Are there any gender roles in the strategies to mitigate the flooding adverse effects?
17. What are some of the constraints which impedes the community from adapting/coping with flood impacts?
18. Any recommendation and final words about the flooding events in this community?