

### **Gender Sensitive Interview Questions for female combatants**

#### **1. Roles and experiences during conflicts**

- What was your main job(s) in the armed force/group? (e.g. combatant, health care provider/nurse, cook, porter, spy, messenger, translator/interpreter, administrator, radio operator, mine worker, public information, camp leader, sex worker)
- What was your rank in the armed force?
- What training (if any) did you receive?
- How long did you spend in the armed force?
- How did you join? Was it voluntary or by force?
- Why did you decide to leave the armed force and come to this programme?
- How did you hear about this programme? (e.g. radio)
- Have you been in touch with your family or in your area of origin through the conflict?

#### **2. Socio-economic status**

- What kind of occupation did you have before joining the armed force? How long did you do that work?
- How much did you earn from the previous job?
- Have you received formal education? Up to what level?
- What languages do you speak?
- Do you know how to read and write? In how many languages?
- Are you a member of any type of social group or civil society organization? How long?
- Do you own any capital? What kind? (e.g. land, livestock, house)
- Are you the head of your household? If not, who is? (e.g. brother in law, mother, father, uncle)
- How much does it cost you per month to support your family?
- What kind of job do you want to have after this programme?

#### **3. Family/Household**

- What is your main responsibility inside the household?
- How many people live in your household?
- How many dependants do you have? (age, gender, location, health status: i.e. disabled or/and chronically ill)
- Who takes decisions about spending money within your household?
- Who is responsible for buying food, and getting water and fuel?
- Who is responsible for the health of your family?
- Who is responsible for the education of your children?
- What is your spouse's profession/economic activity?
- Who should receive the settling-in assistance for the family?
- Would you accept that part of the settling-in assistance to be provided under the program for you and your family be given directly to your spouse? Why?
- What do you think your spouse/partner would do with the settling-in assistance?

#### **4. Marriage**

- Are you married, a widow(er), or single?
- If you are married or a widow(er), when did you get married (before, during, after the conflict)? How did you get married (legal, customary, or no ceremony: i.e. "bush marriage")?
- If you are married, are you the only spouse? If not, please elaborate.
- Did your spouse/partner participate in the conflict?
- Where is your spouse/partner now?
- Are you planning to stay with your spouse/partner after this programme?
- Where are you (and your spouse/partner) planning to return after the programme?
- If you are separated from your spouse/partner, why?
- Is there any other information about your marital status that you consider important for us to know? (gives an opportunity to talk about abduction and/or abuse)