

# Appendix 3. Research Questions: Approval Message

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The Food Security/Rural Livelihoods Working Group has asked that the following research questions be added to, or woven into, the ones you have identified (in order to explicitly address the rural livelihoods focus of the "food security" strategic objective:

1. What is happening to the importance of agriculture in rural livelihoods across the region? Has it remained the same? Has agriculture increased/decreased in importance?
2. Can any new/interesting rural activities be identified that might address food security from a rural livelihoods perspective? What facilitated or preceded their occurrence? Would these conditions be replicable?
3. What are some successful examples that you have seen of market principles being integrated into efforts to improve rural livelihoods?
4. What are the effects of transaction costs on rural livelihoods? What lessons can be learned from successful or non-successful attempts to reduce transaction costs?
5. What needs to be done to better link rural producers to rural markets? What factors are impeding regional and international trade in agricultural goods from rural producers?
6. What factors can constrain the multiplier effect in Africa (whereby increased agricultural incomes lead to increased non-farm incomes)? If agricultural production does increase, what follow-on services are needed to maximize the impact on rural livelihoods?
7. What are the best practices in the dissemination to technical services to rural producers?

With the above additions, I hereby give you approval on the research questions and you may proceed to the next stage. Thanks!

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Dear Marcia:

Please find attached the research questions from the Food Security Group.

Please do let me know if you have any questions.

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