

Poverty-Scoring Role-Play Script

The purpose of this role play is to demonstrate the proper application of the poverty scorecard. Please read the script word-for-word.

The trainer should play the part of the respondent. The trainees should take turns reading the part of the enumerator. In this way, all the trainees participate and pay attention throughout the role play.

All trainees should fill out a sample scorecard as the role play progresses.

Enumerator: (*speaking to self*) OK, let's see what header information can I complete before I see the household. I know the township, it is [*your office's township*]. I will leave "City/town" blank because it pertains to urban areas, and this is a rural area. The village tract is [*village-tract name*]. And the village itself is [*village name*]. The field office is of course [*name of your field office*]. I am the enumerator; that is an easy one. The date scored is today. OK, here is the house. (*talking to respondent*) Hello? Is anyone home?

Participant: Good morning.

Enumerator: Good morning. Is this the home of [*name of participant*]?

Participant: Yes, I am she.

Enumerator: Ah, good. My name is [*your name*]. I am doing a brief survey to help UNDP learn more about how households live. We are surveying your household, others in this village, and also many other households in many other villages all over the country. The responses will help UNDP do its job better, and no one will know what responses are yours. Are you like to participate?

Participant: Yes, I would be happy to. Should I send for my husband? He is working in the fields.

Enumerator: You may if you like. Or you can just answer by yourself. Either way is fine. Is that him coming down the path now?

Participant: No, that is a neighbor and his wife. They always come over when we have visitors. Would you like some tea?

Enumerator: No, thank you. I just had some in the previous house. It is fine if your neighbors are here, but the survey is for you and your household, and you should be the one who gives the answers.

Participant: OK. What will UNDP give me for answering?

Enumerator: Unfortunately, we are not offering any incentive. Your answers will help UNDP do its job better.

Participant: OK.

Enumerator: We can continue in the Myanmar language, right?

Participant: Yes, sure.

Enumerator: Thank you. May we start the interview now?

Participant: Yes, go ahead.

Enumerator: Thank you. First, I will ask for some basic information about your household. What is the name of the head of the household?

Participant: [*Male name.*]

Enumerator: Is that your husband? [*Write head's name in scorecard header, and turn over to the back-page worksheet and write it there too.*]

Participant: Yes.

Enumerator: And how old is he?

Participant: 43 years.

Enumerator: And what is your name?

Participant: [*Female name.*]

Enumerator: And your age?

Participant: 40 years.

Enumerator: Thank you. [*Turn back to the front-page header section.*] When UNDP last did its wealth-ranking exercise, was your household A, B, C, D, or E?

Participant: Umm, we are D.

Enumerator: Thank you. In what year did you start participating with UNDP?

Participant: I think it was two years before the last elections.

Enumerator: OK. [*Fill in relevant year, and turn again to the back-page worksheet.*] Please tell me the names and ages of all the persons who usually sleep in the dwelling, eat most of their meals here, and share expenses together. You should include all members of the family, including any children or other persons who may be away for study or work but who consider this as their permanent residence. It also includes any other people who are not blood relatives but who normally sleep here, eat most of their meals here, and share expenses. You already told me about your husband and yourself. Are there any other household members?

Participant: Well, there is this baby I am holding.

Enumerator: Yes, of course. What a cute child! Are there any other children?

Participant: Yes, our son, and two daughters.

Enumerator: How old are they?

Participant: 16, 14, and 9 years.

Enumerator: Anyone else?

Participant: No. My husband's brother normally lives with us, but right now he is working for another farmer, and he sleeps and eats there.

Enumerator: OK. Does he plan to come back when the work is done?

Participant: Yes, of course.

Enumerator: Is he sending any money to your household while he is away?

Participant: Well, sure, he sends a couple thousand kyat every month.

Enumerator: In his main job, is your husband's brother connected to agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishery, mining, or quarrying?

Participant: Well, yes, as I said, he is an agricultural labourer.

Enumerator: Thank you. And in his main job, is your husband connected to agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishery, mining, or quarrying?

Participant: Yes, is a paddy farmer.

Enumerator: What about your 16-year-old son? In his main job, is he connected to agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishery, mining, or quarrying?

Participant: Right now he is at the monastery. But normally, when he is at home, he helps his father in the fields, when he is not causing trouble with his friends.

Enumerator: I see. Does this son plan to return home from the monastery?

Participant: Yes, he is coming back next week. We will have a special meal!

Enumerator: That will be fun. What about your 14-year-old daughter? In her main job, is she connected to agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishery, mining, or quarrying?

Participant: (*Laughs*) No, she just helps me around the house. She does help in the fields during planting and harvest, like the rest of us.

Enumerator: So does your 14-year-old daughter spend more time overall helping with housework or working in the fields?

Participant: I guess that most of her time is spent in housework.

Enumerator: Thank you. And for yourself, do you also help sometimes in the fields?

Participant: Yes, we all help sometimes.

Enumerator: Do you think you spend more time overall doing housework or working in the fields?

Participant: Mostly housework.

Enumerator: Thank you. So your household consists of 7 people: Yourself, your husband, your husband's brother, your 16-year-old son, your 14-year-old daughter, your 9-year-old daughter, and your baby. Is that correct? Did I leave anyone out?

Participant: That's everyone.

Enumerator: Who is this nice lady sitting here who keeps trying to take the baby from you? You have not said anything about her.

Participant: She is my mother.

Enumerator: Oh, of course. It is nice to meet you, ma'am. Is your mother part of the household?

Participant: No, she is just visiting. She plans to go back home once the baby starts walking.

Enumerator: So she is visiting you temporarily to help with the baby?

Participant: Yes.

Enumerator: (*Talking to self*) So there are seven total household members. So I put "seven" in the header under "# HH members". And for Q1, I mark "B. Seven". (*Talking to respondent*) What is the highest standard/diploma/degree that you have passed?

Participant: (*A little embarrassed*) I never did go to school.

Enumerator: OK, no problem, not everyone is lucky enough to have that opportunity. (*Talking to self*) So for Q2, I mark option B, "None, KG, or first standard".

Neighbor: I completed first standard.

Enumerator: Yes, very interesting. The survey, however, concerns only this household. Now then, it looks to me like you occupy 3 rooms: this living room that we are sitting in, that bedroom over there, and that other bedroom—is that correct?

Participant: Yes, I mean, it’s really just one big room with the bedrooms separated from this living room by that curtain and that cupboard. But whatever you think. We also have a kitchen, and the latrine.

Enumerator: OK, thanks. (*Talking to self*) So for Q3, I mark “C. Three”.

Participant: Are you sure you would not like some tea?

Enumerator: Yes, I am sure, I just had some. You are very kind.

Neighbor: I would like some tea.

Enumerator: (*Clears throat. Looks carefully around at the floor of the house. Speaking to self*) OK, some of the floor is bamboo, but most seems to be wood planks, so for Q4 I mark “B. Wood planks, etc.”

Participant: I am sorry, I did not understand.

Enumerator: I was just talking to myself. Please excuse me. (*Looks carefully at the exterior walls of the house. Speaking to self*) Well, the exterior walls seem to be about half rudimentary wood, and about half finished wood. Let’s see what the “Guidelines” say to do in this case . . . , hmmm, it does not give a conclusive answer. I think I will ask the respondent what she thinks. (*Speaking now to the respondent*) What do you think is the major construction material of the exterior walls?

Participant: We have been working so long to replace the rough wood with finished wood. Thank goodness we are mostly done. We have a pile of finished planks there in the corner that we will put up after our son gets back.

Enumerator: (*Speaking to self*) OK, she thinks that it is mostly “finished wood”, so for Q5 I mark “C. Unbaked brick and mud, finished wood, or other”. (*Speaking to respondent*) What type of stove is used most often for cooking food in the household?

Participant: When I got married, my uncle gave me a gas stove. It’s over there in the corner.

Enumerator: I see. Is that the stove that you use most often for cooking?

Participant: Oh, no. I cook with just a pot on three bricks over firewood, see, look there (*points to open stove in kitchen*).

Enumerator: I see. (*Speaking to self*) For Q6, I mark “A. Open fire, open stove, etc.” (*Speaking to respondent*) Thank you for your patience.

Participant: No problem.

Enumerator: Does any member of your household own or have access to a cupboard or a food-storage cabinet (including one rented to others or pawned)?

Participant: (*Does not answer, looks confused*)

Enumerator: Does any member of your household own or have access to a cupboard or a food-storage cabinet (including one rented to others or pawned)?

Participant: I am sorry, but I do not understand.

Enumerator: Do you own or possess a cupboard or a food-storage cabinet?

Participant: Oh. We have that cupboard there that separates this room from the children’s bedroom. But we do not have a food-storage cabinet.

Enumerator: What do you do with left-over food?

Participant: Well, usually, we do not have any. If we do, then I put it on the shelf of the cupboard, and close the door. That keeps the cat away.

Enumerator: Thank you. (*Speaking to self*) So for Q7, they use the cupboard as a food storage cabinet, so I mark “C. Both”. (*Speaking to respondent*) We only have three more questions.

Participant: OK.

Enumerator: Does any member of your household own or possess a black-and-white or colour TV?

Participant: No, we do not.

Enumerator: That TV there, next to the cupboard, that your nine-year-old is watching, whose TV is that?

Participant: It is ours, but my husband bought it on credit. I told him he was crazy. We are still making payments on it.

Enumerator: I see. (*Speaking to self*) So for Q8, I mark “B. Yes”. (*Speaking to respondent*) Does any household member own or possess a bicycle or non-motorized boat, a motorcycle, power tiller, trishaw, motorboat, trawlarjee, three-wheeled motor vehicle, motorcar (4 wheels or more), or tractor?

Participant: Sorry, I dealing with the baby. Could you repeat?

Enumerator: Sure. Does any household member own or possess a bicycle or non-motorized boat, a motorcycle, power tiller, trishaw, motorboat, trawlarjee, three-wheeled motor vehicle, motorcar (4 wheels or more), or tractor?

Participant: My son has a bicycle. My husband has a trawlarjee, but it broke several years ago.

Enumerator: Thank you. (*Speaking to self*) So for Q9, I mark “B. Only bicycle or non-motorized boat”.

Participant: Why do you keep talking to yourself like that?

Enumerator: Oh, sorry, it is just a habit I have. OK, we are almost done. You already told me that your husband, his brother, and your 16-year-old son have their main jobs in agriculture.

Participant: Yes.

Enumerator: Does any household member own or have the right to use land for agriculture, forestry, pasture, livestock breeding, or water surfaces?

Participant: We do not own any land. My husband farms about an acre of paddy, but he has to give the landowner one-third of the harvest.

Enumerator: OK, understood. Does the household own or possess any non-draught oxen, non-draught buffalo, cattle, mythun, horses, or donkeys/mules (including ones rented to others or pawned to others)?

Participant: We have the cow, but she does not give much milk anymore.

Enumerator: Thank you. So some household members work in agriculture, you sharecrop in some land, and you have a cow. (*Speaking to self*) So for Q10, I mark “D. Agricultural household with land and with non-draught large animals”. (*Speaking to respondent*) That was the last question. Let me just check to make sure I did not accidentally skip something. (*checks*)

Participant: Take your time.

Enumerator: (*Speaking to self*) The points add up to 45, so the score is 45.

Participant: Say, can I have a copy of what you are writing there?

Enumerator: I am sorry, I need to take this back to the office. And I do not have any extra copies.

Participant: Oh, OK.

Enumerator: I have an answer for every question, so we are done. Thank you very much for helping UNDP. I will go now to the next house on my list. Good-bye.

Participant: Good-bye.