



ASSESSING ACCESSIBILITY & AVAILABILITY OF LOGGING INFORMATION TO COMMUNITIES

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ABBREVIATIONS

DA	District Assembly
DCE	District Chief Executive
DFO	District Forest Officer
EU	European Union
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
FCP	Forest Carbon Partnership
FIP	Forest Investment Program
FLEGT-AP	Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade Action Plan
FLEGT	Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade
FSD	Forest Services Division
FC	Forestry Commission
FWP	Forest and Wildlife Policy
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communications
HFZ	High forest zone
JCM	John Bitar Company Limited
KII	Key Informant Interview
LLL	Logs and Lumber Limited
NREG	Natural Resources and Environment Governance
NREG-TA	Natural Resources and Environment Governance Technical Assistance
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
SRAs	Social Responsibility Agreements
TO	Technical Officer
TOS	Timber Operation Specification
TUC	Timber Utilization Contracts
VPA	Voluntary Partnership Agreement
WB	World Bank

DURING HARVESTING

Was the community informed about the logging schedules of the various contractors in the forest reserves						
Are community members informed when by the FC when timber contractors are to work on weekends?						
Was the community or the representative of the TA made aware to be part of the measuring of harvested trees?						
How do you rate information flow between the FSD and the community during harvesting operations?	1	2	3	4	5	1=Excellent 2= Good 3=Moderate 4=Absent

AFTER HARVESTING

Are communities informed about the closure of compartments after logging?						
How do you rate information flow between the FSD and the community during harvesting operations?	1	2	3	4	5	1=Excellent 2= Good 3=Moderate 4=Absent
What effective approaches and media should be used to ensure that local communities have greater access to logging information						



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