



# **ASSESSING ACCESSIBILITY & AVAILABILITY OF LOGGING INFORMATION TO COMMUNITIES**

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# ABBREVIATIONS

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