



# Socioeconomic Situation Survey

## ***Section 1: General Information***

1. Identify the respondents gender
  - Masculine (male)
  - Feminine (female)
2. How old are you?
  - Under 18 years
  - 18-24 years
  - 25-31 years
  - 32-38 years
  - 39-45 years
  - 46-52 years
  - 53-59 years
  - 60 and over
3. What is your relationship status?
  - Married
  - In a common-law relationship
  - In multiple relationships
  - Single
  - Widowed
  - Divorced
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is the head of your household?
  - Me/ Self
  - Father
  - Mother
  - Spouse/ partner
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What is the gender of the head of your household?
- Masculine (Male)
  - Feminine (Female)
6. If you are not the head of your household, what is your relationship to the head?
- Spouse of head
  - Child of head
  - Other relative of head (state type e.g. brother, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you see any other members of your household in this session at this time?
- Yes (Go to Question 6a)
  - No
- a. How many other members of your household are present at this session now?
- 1 person
  - 2 persons
  - 3 persons
  - 4 persons
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the position of the other members of your household attending this session to the head of your household?
- Head
  - Spouse of head
  - Child of head
  - Other relative of head (state type) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Can tell us the last name of the head of your household, to prevent duplication of household information?
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## ***Section 2: Adequate Standard of Living***

10. For how long have you been living in this community?
- Under 1 year
  - 1-5 years
  - 6-10 years
  - 11-20 years
  - More than 20 years.
11. How many times have you and your family moved house in the last 5 years?
- Moved 0 times **[skip to 13]**
  - Moved once
  - Moved 2 times
  - Moved 3 times
  - Moved 4 times
  - Moved 5 times or more
12. What caused/ motivated you and your family to move house:
- \_\_\_\_\_
13. How many persons do you currently live with, in your household, who are under the age of 12 years?
- None
  - 1 person
  - 2 persons
  - 3 persons
  - 4 persons
  - 5 persons or more
14. How many persons do you currently live with, in your household, who are between the ages of 12 and 18 years?
- None
  - 1 person
  - 2 persons
  - 3 persons
  - 4 persons
  - 5 persons or more

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15. How many persons do you currently live with, in your household, who are between the ages of 18 and 60 years?
- None
  - 1 person
  - 2 persons
  - 3 persons
  - 4 persons
  - 5 persons or more
16. How many persons do you currently live with, in your household, who are over the age of 60 years?
- None
  - 1 person
  - 2 persons
  - 3 persons
  - 4 persons
  - 5 persons or more
17. How many bedrooms does your house have?
- 1 bedroom
  - 2 bedrooms
  - 3 bedrooms
  - 4 bedrooms
  - 5 bedrooms or more.
18. Do you have toilet and bathroom facilities at home?
- Yes
  - No (Go to 19)
- a. Where are your toilet facilities located at your home?
- Inside my home
  - Outside my home
- b. What kind of toilet facility do you use at home?
- Pit latrine
  - Flush toilet
  - Other (state other facility(ies) not listed)

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23. Would you describe your household's ability to provide clothing for its members as "adequate"?

- Yes (Go to 24)
- No

a. Why do you think that your household cannot adequately provide clothing for members?

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24. Have you ever tried to access any kind of loan from an official lending agency, e.g. bank, RADA, MIDA, JBDC?

- Yes
- No (Go to 25)

a. Were you successful?

- Yes (Go to 25)
- No

i. What were the barriers/ problems that you experienced?

- Bad attitude by loan officer/ banking representative
- Inability to meet the financial requirements
- Inability to meet other loan requirements
- Fear and lack of knowledge about using lending agencies
- Other

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### **Section 3: Work**

25. Have you had a job, for which you were paid for at least a day, in the last month?

- Yes
- No

26. What is your current work status?

- Part time (Go to 27)
- Full time (Go to 27)
- Self employed (Go to 27)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Go to 27)
- Not employed (Go to 28)

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27. What is your current occupation/ job \_\_\_\_\_

a. Would you describe the environmental conditions in your workplace as safe (health and physical safety)?

- Yes (Go to 27b)
- No

i. Why do you think that your workplace is not safe for your health?

\_\_\_\_\_

b. Are you satisfied that your working conditions are "just and favourable"?

- Yes (Go to 27c)
- No

i. Why do you think that your working conditions are not just and favourable?

\_\_\_\_\_

c. Do you feel secure in your job?

- Yes (Go to 28)
- No

i. What are the reasons for your insecurity? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Are you interested in having a job?

- Yes (Go to 30)
- No

a. Why aren't you interested in having a job?

\_\_\_\_\_

29. Do you go looking, applying, or seeking for work?

- Yes
- No (Go to 30)

a. When was the last time that you tried to get work?

- Recently (less than 3 months ago)
- Between 3- 6 months ago
- Between 7-12 months ago
- More than 12 months (1 year) ago

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b. Do you experience difficulties in attempting to get a job?

- o Yes
- o No (Go to 30)

i. What difficulties do you experience in attempting to get a job?

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30. How many employed persons are currently living in your household?

- o No employed persons
- o 1 person
- o 2 persons
- o 3 persons
- o 4 persons
- o 5 employed persons or more

31. What are the age(s) of the employed persons in your household?

- o Under 18 years                      Yes  No
- o 18-24 years                         Yes  No
- o 25-31 years                         Yes  No
- o 32-38 years                         Yes  No
- o 39-45 years                         Yes  No
- o 46-52 years                         Yes  No
- o 53-59 years                         Yes  No
- o 60 and over                         Yes  No

32. What are the occupations/ jobs of the employed persons in your household?

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33. About how much money does your family earn each month?

- o Less than Ja. \$10,000
- o Ja \$10,000-20,000
- o Ja \$21,000-30,000
- o Ja \$31,000-40,000
- o Ja \$41,000-50,000
- o More than Ja \$53,000

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34. From which sources besides your household's income do you receive financial support?
- o Relatives and/or friends living abroad **Yes**  **No**
  - o Relatives and/or friends living in Jamaica **Yes**  **No**
  - o Relatives and/or friends living in your local community **Yes**  **No**
  - o Pension (local) **Yes**  **No**
  - o Pension (foreign) **Yes**  **No**
  - o Church **Yes**  **No**
  - o Other (state sources other than those listed) \_\_\_\_\_
  - o No other source of income **Yes**  **No**

### ***Section 4: Education***

35. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?
- o Primary
  - o Secondary/ High School
  - o Tertiary
  - o Other training (name training institution) \_\_\_\_\_
36. How many persons, in your household, have completed primary school education?
- o None
  - o 1 person
  - o 2 persons
  - o 3 persons
  - o 4 persons
  - o 5 persons or more
37. How many persons, in your household, have completed secondary school education (including high school)?
- o None
  - o 1 person
  - o 2 persons
  - o 3 persons
  - o 4 persons
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38. How many persons, in your household, have received educational training after high/secondary school?

- None
- 1 person
- 2 persons
- 3 persons
- 4 persons
- 5 persons or more

39. How many persons are currently living in your household, who are of school age (3-16 years)?

- None **(Go to 41)**
- 1 person
- 2 persons
- 3 persons
- 4 persons
- 5 persons or more

40. How frequently do child(ren) attend school?

- Every day (Go to 41)
- Most days (Go to 41)
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never

a. What are the main reasons for absence from school?

- Illness **Yes**  **No**
- Transportation **Yes**  **No**
- Community violence **Yes**  **No**
- Costs **Yes**  **No**
- Other (state other reason(s) if not listed above) \_\_\_\_\_

41. Can all adults (over age 18 years) read and understand newspapers, books, letters, government documents, can figure out and add up a grocery bill, receipt for goods etc.

- Yes
- No

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## ***Section 4: Property Ownership***

42. Do you (or does your family) own the house and property in/on which you currently live?
- Yes
  - No
43. Have you or any other family members attempted to buy a house or purchase land in the community in the past 3-5 years?
- Yes
  - No **(Go to 44)**
  - a. Was the attempt at buying house or land successful?
    - Yes **(Go to 44)**
    - No
    - i. What were the difficulties experienced in attempting to buy house or land?
      - No money to meet the financial requirements
      - Unavailability of land/ houses for sale in the area
      - Fears and lack of knowledge about lending agencies
      - Rumors about the difficulties from others
      - Other \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Section 5: Healthcare***

44. How would you rate the level of, health and physical, safety of the surroundings and conditions of your community?
- Extremely safe (Go to 45)
  - Fairly safe
  - Unsafe
  - a. What are the health and physical safety problems that exist?
    - Improperly disposed garbage                      **Yes**  **No**  **Unsure**
    - Air pollution from factories, mining, etc.      **Yes**  **No**  **Unsure**
    - Water pollution from commercial farms, factories, etc. **Yes**  **No**  **Unsure**
    - Uncollected and poor garbage disposal services **Yes**  **No**  **Unsure**
    - On-going or sporadic (from time to time) gang feuds **Yes**  **No**  **Unsure**
    - Other \_\_\_\_\_

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49. Does your household currently have disabled dependents?
- Yes
  - No **(Skip all other questions)**
  - a. How many members of your household are currently disabled?
    - 1 person
    - 2 persons
    - 3 persons or more
50. Do disabled family members currently receive social security benefits from the Jamaican government?
- Yes **(Go to 51)**
  - No
  - a. Why are disabled members of your household not receiving benefits?
    - No application for benefits were made
    - Fears and misconceptions about enrolment, etc, in social security programmes
    - Lack of knowledge and information about social security programmes
    - Other \_\_\_\_\_
51. Are you are satisfied with social security provided by the Jamaican government?
- Yes **(Skip 51a)**
  - No
  - a. What are you dissatisfied with? \_\_\_\_\_

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