**FORM 4: OPTIONAL QUESTIONS**

**These questions are optional, but may be helpful to NGOs when monitoring markets.**

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| **Province** |  | **Municipality** |  |
| **Town/Village** |  | **Name of Market** |  |
| **Trader’s Full Name** |  | **Name of Shop** |  |
| **Information collected for:** | **[ ] RETAIL [ ] WHOLESALE** | **Date of interview** |  |

1. How would you describe each commodity’s current price in relation to the same time last year? *(Tick the appropriate boxes)*

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| **Commodity** | **Much lower** | **Lower** | **Normal or about the same** | **Higher** | **Much Higher** |
| Commodity 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commodity 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commodity 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commodity 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commodity 5 |  |  |  |  |  |

1. What is the current availability of each commodity compared to usual availability for this time of year? *(Tick appropriate boxes)*

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| **Commodity** | **Less available this year** | **Same availability this year** | **More available this year** | **Why?** (use codes below) | | |
|  |  |  |  | Reason1 | Reason2 | Reason3 |
| Commodity 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commodity 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commodity 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commodity 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commodity 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Codes for Lower or Higher than Normal | | |
| 0= No change | 5= Onset of food relief supply in community | 9=Insecurity (conflict) |
| 1= Change in demand (stable prices) | 6= Delayed arrival of food relief in community | 10=Change in transport |
| 2= Change in prices of this commodity | 7= Availability of commodity at source market | 11=Policy uncertainty or change |
| 3= Change in other food prices | 8= Weather shock (drought, flood, etc.) | 12= Other (specify):\_\_\_\_ |
| 4=Change in competition |  |  |

1. What is the quality of each commodity compared to the usual quality for this time of year?

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| **Commodity** | **Lower than normal** | **Normal** | **Higher than normal** |
| Commodity 1 |  |  |  |
| Commodity 2 |  |  |  |
| Commodity 3 |  |  |  |
| Commodity 4 |  |  |  |
| Commodity 5 |  |  |  |

1. If the commodity sold by the trader has different characteristics than the commodity procured and/or distributed by the project (i.e. if the trader responded YES to column 4 in Table 3: Price Data Collection), indicate the differences (column 6 in Table 3) and the reasons why the commodity is different from the project commodity.

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| **Commodity** | **Is the commodity different?** | **How is the commodity different?**  **1=Quality**  **2=Color**  **3=Size**  **4=Condition or processing**  **5=Source (local vs. imported)**  **6=Brand** | **Why?**  **(Note all that apply, using the below codes)** |
| Commodity 1 |  |  |  |
| Commodity 2 |  |  |  |
| Commodity 3 |  |  |  |
| Commodity 4 |  |  |  |
| Commodity 5 |  |  |  |

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| Codes for differences in commodity characteristics | | |
| 0= No change | 4= Poor agricultural production | 8= Color has changed |
| 1= Cannot physically access suppliers | 5= No demand | 9= Higher price |
| 2= Not available from suppliers | 6= Commodity attacked by insects | 10= Other (specify):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3= Stock has run out | 7= Presence of foreign material |  |
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