# Annex 7G: Focus group discussion checklist: Host community

**Note to interviewer:**

* Prior to beginning focus groups discussions (FGDs), please refer to the guidance for completing focus group discussions in the UMVAT guidance note (Section 3.2.11, STEP 3).
* It is essential to explain to the participants whether the data will be kept confidential or shared, and obtain their consent for the taking of notes.
* Please note that the questions set out below **are not to be used as a questionnaire** - rather they should be considered as guides to cover the main research issues of importance. Interviewers should prioritise thematic areas, or questions, according to the information needs of the assessment, their knowledge of the context, and depending on the direction of the conversations with study participants.
* There are some issues that it is critical to gain a gendered perspective on - such as protection, health, household relationships, access to remittances/credit, child care and vulnerability. It is recommended that these areas are highlighted in FGDs with women.
* Depending on the context there may be a need to differentiate between: (i) the broader host community; and (ii) actual host families – those within the community who have taken in and who are living with displaced people, and to include perspectives from both in the FGDs.

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| **3. Host community members** | | | |
| **Theme** | **Question** | **Notes to enumerator** | **Probe** |
| Host community: this tool can be used to explore the challenges facing host community members on account of the crisis, and perceptions of the host community towards the displaced. It looks at issues across NRC’s core competencies. | | | |
| Overview | What is your relationship with the displaced in your community? |  | Hosting family; neighbours; customers (in the case of service providers or retailers); no particular relationship. |
| Overview | How many of you are hosting IDPs in your household and how many are renting space to displaced families? | Show of hands |  |
| Overview | Before the displacement what were the main problems that you have encountered in your neighbourhood? |  | Physical insecurity / lack employment / lack community networks / lack of services, eg water, sanitation, electricity, school places, clinics / lack of rental shelter / cost of living. |
| Protection | In your opinion who are the most vulnerable people in the community? |  | In the host and in the displaced community? |
| Protection | How is the displaced population perceived by your community? |  | What are the reasons for this? Has this improved or diminished in recent months? |
| Livelihoods | What is the displaced peoples' standard of living relative to that of your community? |  |  |
| Shelter | Is there capacity to receive and house any future arrivals? |  |  |
| Shelter | Have there been any tensions caused by the impact of the displacement on rent and access to housing? |  | Tensions between host community and displaced; tensions between different groups of displaced; tensions in the home. |
| Shelter | How would you deal with the challenges of access to shelter? |  | Discuss merits of rebuilding displaced homes; constructing new homes; relocating displaced households. |
| Livelihoods | Are there any economic problems for the host community because of the displaced peoples' presence and who is affected? |  | Burden of support; reduced availability/inflation of goods; competition for jobs; are there particular groups in the host community bearing the brunt of this? |
| Livelihoods | Are there any economic opportunities for the host community because of the displaced peoples' presence – and who is benefiting? |  | Increased demand for goods and services; demand for materials and labour for construction; renting out of property; who specifically is benefiting? |
| ICLA/ Shelter /Environment | Is the influx of displaced people creating any additional pressures on available resources in the area? |  | Firewood; land; rented property; food. Has there been any decrease in assistance provided by government to the host community as a result? |
| ICLA/WaSH / education | Is the influx of displaced people creating any additional pressures on existing services? |  | Education, Information, Legal, WaSH. What is the scale of the problem; are there particular locations? |
| Governance | What is your government's policy on assisting the affected people? |  | Is government supporting host communities as well as the displaced? |
| Protection and governance | Are there any security problems or safety concerns because of the affected people’s presence? |  | Overcrowding; violence; crime? |
| Protection and governance | Are there any existing mechanisms that your community can call on to manage these safety and security concerns? |  | What about government mediation; community leaders; religious leaders? |
| ICLA | Have there been any arguments or disputes with neighbours, other families or people living in this area? |  | Did this involve host community or just displaced households; what were the reasons? |
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| ICLA | Who have you talked to or got advice from when these disputes take place? |  | Community leaders / friends and family / local police / government ministry / religious leaders? |
| Health / WaSH | What are the main health problems in the community? |  | Are they relating to living conditions / food consumption / water? Are there problems with mental health issues? Have they worsened since arrival of displaced people? |
| Health / livelihoods | Do health problems affect households’ ability to earn a living or access services? |  |  |
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| Health / livelihoods | How are people coping with these health problems? |  | Are they seeking treatment; how are they meeting these costs? |
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| Closing question | Thank you all for the discussion. Is there anything else that you would like to share with us that we have not asked? Do you wish to ask us any questions? |  |  |