DEMOGRAPHIC SAMPLE SURVEY IN WEST CAMEROON

INSTRUCTION NO 3

FORM D 2

DETAILED INFORMATION ON WOMEN

Refer to Instructions No 1 and 2, you know that:

1/ In the "Individual Data", you had to number apart in column 2 all women
   - who were 15 years or above, or
   - who, being less than 15 years, were already married (not engaged) or had already a child.

2/ In the inset relating to deaths during the past twelve months, you had to assign a letter to the deceased women who were 15 or more at the time of their death.

For each of the women belonging to one of the above categories you fill a distinct form D 2.

Do not write anything in the small insets. They will be used later for the processing and tabulation of the results.

If the Form D 2 refers to a deceased woman, write in the upper right corner, above the word WOMEN, DW (Deceased Woman).

If a woman has contracted more than four marriages, another Form D 2 is to be used; in such case, you write 1 and 2 after the word WOMEN in the title on the first and the second form D 2 respectively.

A/ UPPER PART: General Information

State Native Authority, Clan or Group, Village or Town, Strata as in Form D 1.

Agent: Write here your name and number.

House: as in Form D 1.

Questionnaire No: For living women, enter the serial number inside the household, in column 2, Form D 1.

For deceased women, enter D followed by the number under which the death was recorded (D1, D2, etc.)
**WOMAN NO.** For living women, you enter here the number you wrote in column 2 of Form D 1, indicating the rank of the women among all women of the household subject to Form D 2.

For deceased women you enter the letter you wrote in the corresponding column of "Deaths during the past twelve months".

**Name** (of the woman)

If there are more than one form for the same woman, the two following data will be supplied on the first form only.

**Number of Marriages:** This is the total number of marriages and stable free unions the woman contracted during her life, including the present one, if any.

**Age at first marriage:** You must ascertain the figure directly by using historical calendars and other devices and not rely upon the woman's statement or any opinion about the age at which girls marry for the first time that might be widespread among the population.

B/ **INFORMATION ON MARRIAGES** (Personal history of women)

Fill a line for every marriage or stable free union (that is, if the woman was living with a man for a period of at least one year; casual unions should not be recorded).

You begin with the first marriage or union and proceed in the chronological order.

**Column 2 - Duration.** In years (Y) and in months (M) if less than two years.

**Column 3 - Nature**

- **CW** Church wedding
- **LW** Legal wedding (registered with a court or a local authority).
- **TW** Traditional wedding (performed according to local custom).
- **SU** Stable (free) Union, if the woman lived with a man for a length of time without any ceremony being performed.
Column 4 - Dowry
CP Completely paid (it refers to the amount prescribed by the custom or agreed upon).
PP Partly paid
NP Not paid at all
ND No dowry (where local custom does not provide for the payment of a dowry)

Column 5 - Dissolution
You state here how the marriage or union was terminated.
WID (widowed) if the husband died,
DIV if there was a formal divorce,
SEP (Separated) if the woman left the husband without there being a formal divorce.
In case of a stable free union, there can be no divorce, only separation.
The two following entries can be made for the last marriage only:
WID If the woman died during the past twelve months while married.
— No dissolution if the woman has still a husband at the time of the survey.

Columns 6, 7 and 8: Number of children -
You state here the total number of live-born children the woman gave birth to during each marriage (including those who were born after their father's death).
You put down the number of boys (b) and girls (g) live-born (column 6), surviving at the time of the survey (column 7), and who died previously (column 8). The three sets of questions must be asked separately, so as to be in a position to check.
How many boys (girls) were born alive during your first marriage?
How many boys (girls) from your first marriage are living to-day (in any place in or outside the household)?
How many boys (girls) from your first marriage died?
Then you make sure that the figures in column 7 and 8 add up to the figures in column 6.
Out of Wedlock

A child born out of wedlock is a child whose mother was not married to or in a stable union with the father.

You state here the number of boys and girls who were born when the mother was unmarried (not including the ones who were born from a husband after his death).

In the last line, you carry the total of all the figures above.

Should a woman have entered into more than four marriages, you put down the number of children born out of wedlock in the last form only. In the first form, you write "TO BE CONTINUED" across columns 6, 7 and 8 on the line "born out of wedlock". On subsequent forms, you alter the numbers in first column (5 instead of 1, 6 instead of 2 and so on).

The total in last form should be the sum of all figures in the corresponding column in both forms.

Cf (DEMOGRAPHIC) EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED DURING THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

1/ Live-born children

You record here the children the woman gave birth to during the last twelve months (Use yearly calendar).

In most cases there will be only one birth (or none at all), but there might be twins and, very exceptionally, two deliveries of live-born children in the same year.

Column Name State the child's name.

Column Sex Draw a cross in the sub-column corresponding to the child's sex and a dash in the other one:

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For a boy

For a girl

Column Birthdate You state the month (M) and the Year (Y) when the child was born. Use yearly calendar and check that the date falls within the last twelve months' period.

Column Dead Since If the child is still living, draw a dash across the whole column.
If the child died, you draw a cross in the sub-column corresponding to his or her sex and a dash in the other one.

Last column: If dead, date of death

If the child is still living, write ALIVE in capital letters.

If the child died, state the month and the year of death.

HOW TO ASK THE QUESTIONS

You must be very careful in order to record all live-born children (including those who deceased since) and only live-born children.

To be sure that no confusion arises, you will ask questions in the following order:

First: "Have you delivered a child during the last twelve months?"

If YES

Ask next question:

"Is he or she still alive?"

If YES

Record birth, enter ALIVE in last column

If NO

Ask another question:

"Did he or she cry?"

If YES

Record birth, state date of death in last column

If NO

The child was not born alive

Birth should not be recorded,

Strike inset.

2/ Deaths of children during the last twelve months

This refers to all sons and daughters of the woman, whatever their age may be, who died during the last twelve months, with the only exception of those who were born and deceased during that period, already recorded above.

This does not concern only the ones that were members of the household when they died. For instance: a sixty years old woman may have a forty-two years old son who died during the last twelve months; his death should be recorded, even if he
left her twenty years ago and settled permanently elsewhere.

**How to fill the columns:**

**Name** of deceased person

**Sex** same as above

**Age**
In years (Y), above **two years**
In year (Y) and months (M) between one and two years.
In months (M), below one year,
In days (D) below one month (this case will be quite exceptional)

**Date of Death** same as above.

**Observations**

If the deceased person was a member of the household, put down NH; if not, specify where he or she was residing when he or she died, for instance: V, Nkambe, East Cameroon, etc.