

A. Household Composition and age of members

B. Communication between household and migrant family members

1. Do they have relatives that have moved to a larger city or town?
 - If yes, where?
 - What is the relationship to that relative? (father, mother, sister etc.)
2. Do they keep in touch with their relatives in the city?
 - If no, why not?
 - If yes, how do they communicate with them?
3. Do they visit their relative in the city/town?
 - If no, why not?
 - If yes, how long do they stay?
 - What do they like to do there?
 - Do they like the city?
4. Do their relatives in the city come to visit them in the village?
 - If no, why not?
 - If yes, how long do they stay?
 - What do they like to do in the village?
5. How many people do they know who have the village?
6. Did any of them eventually return to the village?
 - If yes, what were the reasons?
7. Would they ever move to the city?
 - If no, why not?
 - If yes, where and under what conditions?

C. Links between rural and urban economy

Information should be elicited regarding the links between the village and the urban economy. The urban center does not need to be Kars but can be Ardahan, another town in the region or a city in Turkey. Cases of transnational migration (if any) to Germany or other EU countries should be clearly identified.

1. What village products do they bring to sell in town?
2. What village products do they bring to their relatives in town?
3. What products do they buy in town? (medicines, appliances, clothes, shoes, housecleaning items and detergents, soap, cosmetics, etc)
4. How do they spend the money they make from all sources of income combined? What are their priorities in terms of expenditures?
 - Buy seed or equipment for their agricultural production
 - Purchase livestock
 - Produce and sell (milk, cheese, honey)
 - Purchase land
 - Improve their houses: priority improvements
 - Buy clothing

- Pay debts
 - Medical expenses
 - Plant fruit trees or raise honeybees to diversify their production
 - Pay cooperative dues
5. Do migrant family members send money regularly or on special occasions?
 6. Who decides on priorities regarding expenditures of money received from sales of products in the city?

D. Impact on village life

1. What kind of a home do they live in? (observe and describe) Do they own it? Did they build it, buy it or inherit it?
2. What changes have they made to the house during the past five years?
 - Installed new wall and roofing
 - Purchased home appliances
 - Expanded the house
 - Built new house on the property
3. Did life change when family members left for the city (chores, animals, etc.)?
 - If yes, who does what on the farm now?

E. Questions for cooperatives:

Give a general description of the village including number of families currently living there and whether population is increasing or decreasing.

1. Are they taking measures to improve their stockbreeding?
2. Are they planting or buying Korunga or fig?
3. Is there an agricultural cooperative in the village? If yes, are they members of the cooperative?
 - If yes, what benefits do they receive from the cooperative?
 - If no, why not?
4. Are they taking measures (seed or equipment) to boost agricultural production?
5. Are the farmers selling meat or milk through the cooperative?
6. How does the cooperative market the products?
7. Where and to whom are the products sold?
8. What other activities is the cooperative doing?