**LICOP Study Template for Alignment**

Use the template below to note study parameters and major methodological decisions for better understanding of results and easier comparison across studies.*For the Living Income Benchmark and Living Income Analysis Information sections, please see Major Choice Points Table A and Table B below.*

This template is extracted from the [LICOP Aligned Inclusive Living Income Narrative and Indicators](https://www.living-income.com/fileadmin/living_income/The_Concept/Measurement/LICOP_publication_-_Aligned_Inclusive_Living_Income_Narrative_and_Indicators.pdf).

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| **LICOP Study Template for Alignment** | **Fill in boxes below with study information** |
| **Study Parameter** | |
| Name of study |  |
| Geographic area |  |
| Study population description (i.e., part of program, general sourcing area, etc.) |  |
| Study Period (period of time covered by the study) |  |
| Data collection period |  |
| Sampling method (e.g., cluster sampling, stratified sampling, etc.) |  |
| Number of farming households in the sample and total population |  |
| Range of land sizes (total farm) |  |
| Range of land sizes (focus crop) |  |
| Household size (median & average). If # adults and # children known, please note here. |  |
| **Living Income Benchmark (LIB) Information** (use TABLE A below) | |
| LIB study name and reference Link |  |
| LIB year conducted |  |
| Original LIB living income value (local currency per household per year) |  |
| LIB value adjusted for study household size and inflation (local currency per household per year) |  |
| Method used for household size adjustment *(see table A)* |  |
| Inflation rate used |  |
| If converted to other currency (USD, Euro, etc.) list currency and exchange rate used |  |
| Benchmark application (single adjustment for all households or benchmark adjusted to each household) *(see table A)* |  |
| **Living Income Analysis Information** (use TABLE B below) | |
| Cost of Production for Focus Crop: is actual cost of production or sustainable cost of production used? |  |
| Cost of Production for Focus Crop *(see table B)* |  |
| Total Volume Sold *(see table B)* |  |
| Price Received at Farmgate *(see table B)* |  |
| Premium Received by Household *(see table B)* |  |
| Land in Focus Crop *(see table B)* |  |
| Net Other on- and off Farm Income *(see table B)* |  |
| Value of Food Produced at Home *(see table B)* |  |

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| **Major Choice Points Table A. These should be clearly noted using the LICOP Study Template for Alignment**  In the upcoming FAQ update, the TAC will provide input into recommendations on the above choice points | | | | |
|  |  | | **Choice Points** | |
|  | |  | A | B  **More rigorous**  **Less rigorous** |
| **Living Income Benchmark** | | **Household size adjustment** | Proportionally / linearly, using the total number of household members | Equivalency Scale (Oxford OECD, modified OECD, and the Square Root)[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| **Benchmark application** | Single adjusted benchmark used for all farming households | Benchmark is adjusted to each individual household |

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| **Major Choice points - Table B. These choices points around data collection should be clearly noted using the LICOP Study Template for Alignment**  Section 2 of the [LICOP Income Measurement FAQ](https://www.living-income.com/fileadmin/living_income/Publications/Actual_Income_and_Gap_Measurement/FAQ_-_LI_CoP_income_measurement_guidance_series_v6.pdf) offers guidance on methods and how to consider the rigor needed for data collection | | | | | |
| **Income type** | **Indicator** | **Choice points** | | | |
| A | B | C | D |
| **Focus Crop Income** | **Cost of Production for Focus Crop** | Secondary data  For guidance on use of secondary data, see the LICOP paper [Estimating Farmer Household Income](https://www.impactinstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/0c5ab3_de11a0e9da2f4e6b97da2c801ec950d6.pdf) | One estimate of cost of production (for region or country) used across farming households | Farmer self-reported cost of production (survey) | Farmer self-reported cost of production (record keeping) |
| **Price Received at Farmgate / Premium Received by Household** | Company sales receipts (if applicable, calculated with estimation of % sold on secondary market with estimate of price for on secondary market) | Farmer self-reported (survey) | Triangulation between sale receipts and self-reported prices (i.e., choice points B&C) |
| **Total Volume Sold** | Company sales receipts (+ an estimate of volume sold to other buyers) | Farmer self-reported (survey) | Triangulation between sale receipts and self-reported volumes (i.e., choice points B&C) |
| **Land in Focus Crop** | Farmer self-reported (survey) | Polygon / GPS mapped |  |
| **Net Other On- and Off-Farm Income *(if collected together)*** | **Net Other On- and Off-Farm Income *(collected together)*** | Projected from self-reported: percentage of total income from focus crop (survey or FGD) | Self-reported, estimated total value (percent and value) |  |
| ***If other on- and off-farm income are not collected together, treat them separately using the columns to right*** | **Net Other On-farm Income** | Self-reported percentage of total net farm income (can be asked as % net farm income from focus crop and then calculated) | Self-reported, estimated total value (percent and value) | Self-reported (detailed collection of revenue and costs) |
| **Net Off-farm Income** | Self-reported percentage of total net household income | Self-reported, estimated total value (percent and value) | Self-reported (detailed collection of revenue and costs, if relevant) |
| **Value of Food Produced at Home** | **Value of Food Produced at Home** | Focus group discussion results, extrapolated to the whole sample | Self-reported percent of food produced at home, then multiple this percent by value of food portion of benchmark | Self-reported (detailed collection of production volume and market price) |

1. For more information about these Equivalency Scales: https://www.living-income.com/fileadmin/user\_upload/Adjusting\_Living\_Income\_Benchmarks\_for\_Household\_Size\_in\_the\_Cocoa\_Sector.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)