BASELINE SURVEY:

Introduction

Hello, is this [respondent first name]? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) decline to answer

This is [name of RA] working with Twaweza and their partners. A colleague of mine recently visited you in your village and asked you to sign up to receive information about public services in your village. I would like to ask you a few questions before we start sending information. This survey will take about 10 minutes. You will receive 1000 shillings in airtime if you finish the survey, thought you can skip any questions that you do not want to answer. Your answers are completely confidential and we will not tell anybody about them. We are not affiliated with any political party and only seek to understand how people use information in elections. Is okay that I ask you a few questions?

[If yes, continue survey. If no, thank the person for their time and wish them well.]

[Important instructions for research assistants: **RAs should not read the "refuse" and "don't know" options when reading the script** -- please only read response options that are bolded]

(Q1) In general, how do you rate your living conditions compared to other Ugandans? Would you say they are (1) much worse, (2) worse, (3) the same, (4) better, or (5) much better? (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q2) Would you say that you share the same tribe as your current LC5 councilor? (1) yes, (2) no, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q3) Do you intend to vote in the upcoming LC5 election? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) not sure, (9) refused to answer

(Q4) Do you intend to vote in the upcoming LC3 election? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) not sure, (9) refused to answer

(Q5) If the LC5 election were held today, would you vote to reelect the current councilor or to elect a councilor of the same party? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) not sure, (9) refused to answer

(Q6) If the LC5 election were held today, would you vote to reelect the current chairperson or to elect a chairperson of the same party? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) not sure, (9) refused to answer

(Q7) If the LC3 elections were held today, would you vote to reelect the current councilor or to elect a councilor of the same party? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) not sure, (9) refused to answer

(Q8) If the LC3 election were held today, would you vote to reelect the current chairperson or to elect a chairperson of the same party? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) not sure, (9) refused to answer

(Q9) Generally speaking, what party do you identify with most? (1) National Resistance Movement, (2) Forum for Democratic Change, (3) Democratic Party, (4) Uganda People's Congress, (5) other [please state], (6) not aligned, (9) refused to answer

[Only ask the next question if the response to Q9 is "other"]

(Q9a) What other party do you identify with most?

(Q10) On a scale of one to seven, where seven means you identify very much with [*political party indicated in Q9*], and one means you identify very little with [response to Q9], how much do you identify with [*political party indicated in Q9*]? (8) refused to answer (9) not applicable

(Q11) Did you vote for the current councilor in the 2011 LC5 elections? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) did not participate in the LC5 councilor election, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q12) Did you vote for the current chairperson in the 2011 LC5 elections? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) did not participate in the LC5 chairperson election, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q13) Did you vote for the current councilor in the 2011 LC3 elections? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) did not participate in the LC3 councilor election, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q14) Did you vote for the current chairperson in the 2011 LC3 elections? (1) yes, (2) no, (3) did not participate in the LC3 chairperson election, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q15) How likely is it that the current LC3 or LC5 councilor, or someone from their party will offer something like food or a gift in return for your vote in the upcoming election? (1) very unlikely, (2) somewhat unlikely, (3) somewhat likely, (4) very likely, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q16) When you decide how to vote for your LC5 chairperson and councilor elections, how important is it that the district manages its budget well, for example by accounting for expenditures and preventing fraud? (1) not important, (2) not very important, (3) somewhat important, (4) very important, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q17) When you decide how to vote for your LC5 chairperson and councilor, how important is the quality of public services like primary schools, water access, and health clinics? (1) not important, (2) not very important, (3) somewhat important, (4) very important, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q18) I am now going to give you a list of public services that your LC5 and LC3 councils are involved in providing. When you decide how to vote for these officials, which of these public services are most important to you? (1) primary schools, (2) water access, (3) local roads, (4) local health services, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q19) Which of these services matter to you the second most? (1) primary schools, (2) water access, (3) local roads, (4) local health services, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

[Only ask the following two questions if primary schools are most important issue]

(Q20a) If you compare your LC5 performance in managing the quality of the government primary schools in your villages to other villages in your district how do you think it will compare? (1) much better, (2) better, (3) a little worse, (4) much worse, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q20b) How certain are you about your response to this question? (1) very certain, (2) certain, (3) not certain, (4) very uncertain, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

[Only ask the following two questions if roads are the most important issue]

(Q20c) How do you think the quality of the community roads provided by your LC3 in your village compare to the quality of community roads provided to most other villages in your district? (1) much better, (2) better, (3) a little worse, (4) much worse, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q20d) How certain are you about your response to this question? (1) very certain, (2) certain, (3) not certain, (4) very uncertain, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

[Only ask the following two questions if water is the most important issue]

(Q20e) How do you think the water access provided by your LC5 and LC3 in your village compares to the average water access provided to other villages in your district? (1) much better, (2) better, (3) a little worse, (4) much worse, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q20f) How certain are you about your response to this question? (1) very certain, (2) certain, (3) not certain, (4) very uncertain, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q21) Now I am going to give you a list of places where people commonly receive information about the public services provided by LC5 and LC3 officials. Please tell us how much trust you have in the information you receive from each of these sources.

(Q21a) Local politicians: (1) trust a lot, (2) trust a little, (3) do not trust at all, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q21b) Twaweza: (1) trust a lot, (2) trust a little, (3) do not trust at all, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q21c) Non-governmental Organizations, often called NGOs: (1) trust a lot, (2) trust a little, (3) do not trust at all, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q21d) The Uganda Auditor General: (1) trust a lot, (2) trust a little, (3) do not trust at all, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q22) If you compare your LC5's record of managing its budget expenditures and contracting to other districts in Uganda how do you think it will compare? (1) much better, (2) better, (3) a little worse, (4) much worse, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q23) How certain are you about your response to this question? (1) very certain, (2) certain, (3) not certain, (4) very uncertain, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q24) How likely do you think it is that powerful people can find out how you vote, even though there is supposed to be a secret ballot in Uganda? (1) Not at all likely, (2) Not very likely (3) Somewhat likely, (4) Very likely, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer

(Q25) How likely do you think it is that the counting of votes in this election will be fair? (1) Not at all likely, (2) Not very likely (3) Somewhat likely, (4) Very likely, (8) don't know, (9) refused to answer