

FAMILY INTERVIEW PACKET FOR SURVEYER

Dear Family Um!

Welcome! Thank you for participating in our program. We understand you have been living in Rio for a long time, and we would be interested in learning more about your family and living conditions. We are sorry that you have not progressed very far with your house improvements.

In 1977, you and your family of seven, moved into a shack made of mud. While the shack is located far from the City's employment center or commercial areas, you could afford nothing else. The home does include water, sewage, electricity, cooking, light, and heating, but the roof needs continual replacement. It was your intention to expand the home to make more room for everyone, but finding steady, well-paying jobs has been increasingly difficult. Many of the other residents in the community are facing similar challenges, and you all rely on one another to survive. Nevertheless you feel close to your neighbors, and help one another out when you can.



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Dear Family Dois!

Welcome! Thank you for participating in our program. We understand you have been living in Rio for a long time, and we would be interested in learning more about your family and living conditions. It seems that you have been able to remodel your home to accommodate your needs.

We understand that you moved into your present home in 1988 with 3 other family members. The house was a makeshift shelter with basic amenities and one bedroom, a kitchen and a toilet. By 1990, your family size had increased to 6 people and you were able to build an additional room. The roof had been temporary until then and was made permanent during the construction of the second room. A staircase was also added to provide access to the roof. Presently your family is comprised of 9 members? Your younger three children are under the age of 12.

You managed to add a third room to your home in 2002 on an upper level. You and members of your family, along with other friends in the community built both of the construction additions?



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Dear Family Très!

Welcome! Thank you for participating in our program. We understand you have been living in Rio for a long time, and we would be interested in learning more about your family and living conditions. You have managed to successfully expand your home to accommodate your household needs.

After three expansions, your home now looks comfortable for your growing family. We understand that you moved into the core house in 1958 as just a household of three, but ten years later your brother, his wife, and child moved in with you. You pooled all your resources to add another floor with an extra bedroom. You were more than happy to welcome your relatives into the neighborhood. You have enjoyed living here as everything you need from grocery stores to health facilities to parks, are nearby. However, all the residents of the area stay busy and you have never gotten close to your neighbors, so it is nice to have relatives nearby.

By 1975, you also welcomed your aging parents into the house and decided to have them move on the ground floor for mobility reasons. And again, you expanded upward to accommodate everyone. After having your second child, you added a nursery room on the third floor next to your room. Luckily, all members of the household have had some form of employment and have been able to contribute to the home remodeling. Now your home has a total of four bedrooms and services were always provided. Your parents are retired, but receive a pension from the government that has been helpful as well.



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QUESTIONS TO ASK FAMILIES

- 1 What year did you move into your core house? (Plot on x-axis)
- 2 How many people lived in your home when you moved into the core house? In what years did your family expand/shrink? How many people currently live in your household? (Plot on y-axis)
- 3 How many rooms and floors did your house have at first?
- 4 Did you expand your home? If so, when did you begin adding on to it? At what other points did you add to it?
- 5 How many rooms and floors does it have today? (Plot questions 3-5 on graph)
- 6 What was your income when you moved into your home? In what years did your income change and how? What is it today? (Plot on graph as income line)
- 7 What triggered you to increase the size of your home at each point?
- 8 How did you pay for the expansions?
- 9 What needs improvement in your home? (Ex. Safety? Utilities? Location and Access What are the biggest obstacles in remodeling?)
- 10 What do you like best about living in your home and what do you like least?
- 11 Describe your city and neighborhood.