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Annex 1. Semi-structured interviews used in this study

The basic questions

- This is the structure of the questions asked in all interviews:
- How did the tourism development start in the community?
- How the decisions were made about tourism development?
- How did you feel about the idea?
- How did people on average feel about the idea?
- How have you participated in the tourism programme?
- How would you like to participate in the programme in the future?
- Who in the community is involved with tourism?
- What do you think about visitors staying in the in your house/ in your community?
- What do you present to the visitors here in the community?
- What are the visitors most interested to see?
- What have been the positive/negative things about tourism development?
- What has been the biggest surprise/disappointment about tourism?
- How tourism has changed your life personally?
- How tourism has changed your family's life?
- How tourism has changed your children's life?
- How tourism has changed the life in the community?
- What are the current challenges in the tourism programme?
- How would you improve the tourism programme?
- What advice they would give to other communities starting with tourism development?

1. Supportive questions

In addition to basic questions, I used the following categories as supporting the interviews and to make sure that all the topics related to sociocultural sustainability had been noticed at some level. However, all these questions were obviously not mentioned in all the interviews but I used them more as facilitators in the interview situation and also to receive further information about topics that the informants had perhaps already mentioned.

Community and social capital:

- Is somebody in the community in charge of tourism development?
- Has everybody had equal possibilities to participate in the tourism programme?
- Do you see that people in your community share common values and goals?

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- Have you had conflicts inside the community because of tourism?
- Did you have similar conflicts already before tourism?
- Do you think that the local values have been taken into consideration in tourism development?

Work:

- Has tourism changed how and how much you work?

- How do you see the relation between tourism and coffee cultivation?
- How do you divide the workload during the high season of coffee and tourism?
- How do you share tasks inside your family?
- Have tourists helped you here with your everyday tasks?
- Do you feel that tourists are paying enough for the services in the community?

Gender equality:

- How do you understand the goal of promoting gender equality?
- Do you think there is need to promote the equality between men and women?
- If yes, how would you like the current situation to change?
- What are the current challenges related to the equal participation between men and women?
- How the different family members are in contact with the visitors?
- Do you think that tourism has changed the way women and men participate and what kind of roles they have in the family?

New skills:

- Have you learned something new with tourism development? What about your family members?
- Can you estimate what kind of importance these new skills or new knowledge have had?
- What would you like to learn in the future?

Self-esteem:

- How were the first experiences with the tourists?
- Have the social relations between you and visitors changed after the beginning of tourism programme?
- How do you feel about being with the tourists now?
- How do you feel when you present your home and community to the tourists?
- How do you feel when tourists are taking pictures here in the community?
- Has tourism changed your or your family members' self-esteem?

Cultural heritage and traditional arts?

- Are you presenting local dance, music, arts or something else similar to the visitors?
- Are these forms of culture changed after tourism begun? Did they exist before tourism?
- Have you told local legends/ stories to the visitors? Who has done this?
- Are tourists interested to hear these stories?
- Have you learned something new about your community after starting with tourism?

Cultural exchange?

- How do you like to speak with the tourists?
- How do you feel about the questions the tourists pose?
- What do you speak about with tourists?
- Is there something you do not like to speak about with the tourists?
- What do you think tourists have learned from you?
- Have you learned something new from the visitors?

- How do you feel when the visitors are sleeping and eating in your home?

Values and behavior?

- Do you like to work with tourism/ would you like to work with tourism?
- Have tourism changed the way the young people value the rural life and coffee cultivation?
- Are the young people willing to continue the work on the farm?
- Has tourism changed local people's needs (for example food, technology, clothing)?
- Have tourism changed the values of the people in your family/community?
- Has tourism changed people's behavior in the community?
- Have any people started to imitate the visitors in any way?
- Has tourism increased the usage of alcohol or drugs?