FOREST-SWIFT

RAPID POVERTY ASSESSMENT TOOL

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WHY FOREST-SWIFT?

POVERTY DATA IN FORESTS IS SCARCE. Collecting reliable poverty data* is costly, time-consuming and complex. Household survey data bring little evidence on the contribution of forest resources to households’ livelihoods and how these resources could contribute to moving out of poverty. Without this evidence, the poor are often invisible, marginalized, and overlooked in development programming, undermining their uses of forest resources.

Forest-SWIFT measures poverty and forest dependence for your project. So you don’t have to.

FOREST-SWIFT IS QUICK, RELIABLE AND LOW-COST

- Using cutting-edge statistical methods, Forest-SWIFT estimates poverty and forest dependence from 10–15 simple questions.
- Forest-SWIFT collects data using tablets or smart phones. This reduces errors in data collection and shortens processing time.
- Forest-SWIFT is customized to your specific project needs, context, and contribution to development goals.

FOREST-SWIFT FOLLOWS 4 SIMPLE STEPS

SURVEY DESIGN AND DATA COLLECTION

Enumerators interview the household members. Either face-to-face or over the phone.

DATA RECORDING AND FORMATTING

Results are recorded on tablets and sent to a cloud server.

ANALYSIS AND REPORTING ON RESULTS

Data are downloaded and analyzed.

EMBEDDING RESULTS INTO YOUR WORK

Results can help you monitor and report on your impact, and better target your project design.
ADOPTING FOREST-SWIFT CAN HELP YOU TO

**MEASURE** your contribution to the development goals easily

**ESTIMATE** poverty and forest dependence for a specific group of people quickly

**MONITOR** the welfare effects of government’s investment or program

**IDENTIFY** the poorest 40% to ensure that your programming reaches them

FOREST-SWIFT CAN BE USED TO ESTIMATE:

- Poverty
- Forest dependence
- Inequality
- Income and growth
- Intervention impact

Survey of Well-being via Instant and Frequent Tracking
