

URBANIZATION IN THE CARIBBEAN IN THE YEARS OF THE CRISIS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

INTERVIEW No. _____

NAME OF RESPONDENT _____

ADDRESS _____

NEIGHBORHOOD _____ E.D. _____

COMMUNITY _____

NAME OF INTERVIEWER _____

DATE OF INTERVIEW _____

LENGTH OF THE INTERVIEW _____

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My name is _____ and I am working for THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK, UWI. We are conducting research to understand what has happened to the neighborhoods and the people who live in the urban areas during the economic crisis which affected the country since the beginning of the 1980s. We are interviewing people like you who live in this neighborhood. Your cooperation is voluntary and will only take you a short time.

This is a very important study. The results will be compared with those of similar studies that are being conducted in other countries of the Caribbean.

The information collected in this questionnaire is confidential and will be used only for scientific purposes. Would you agree to participate in the study?

Yes ____ No. ____

Why? _____

(Interviewer: Stop the interview at this point. Write address of respondent).

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESPONDENT

1. Gender: 1. Male _____ V01 _____
 2. Female _____

2. Could you tell me your age? _____ YEARS V02 _____

3. What is your marital status? V03 _____

- 1..Single
- 2. Married
- 3. Separated/Divorced
- 4. Living with partner (not married)
- 5. Widowed
- 6. Doesn't answer (N/A)

4. How many years of school have you completed? _____ V04 _____

IF THE ANSWER TO 4 IS 12 OR MORE, ASK 4a. IF NOT, GO TO 5.

4a. Have you finished academic or trade (tech.) studies? V04a _____

1. Academic	2. Trade (technical)	3. Both	4. None	5. N/A
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5. How many sons and daughters do you have? _____ CHILDREN V05 _____

6. Please tell me the age of each of your sons and daughters, if he or she goes to school, and, for all your sons and daughters, how many school years they finished. V6-a1 to V6-c5 inside the table

	a. Age	b. Go to School	c. Finished School Years
1. First			
2. Second			
3. Third			
4. Fourth			
5. Fifth			

7. Could you please tell me what your religion is? V07 _____

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 10. Catholic | 32. slim |
| 21. Pentecostal/Church of God | 33. wish |
| 22. Seventh Day Adventist | 34. tafarian |
| 23. Anglican | 35. Other Religion (specify) _____ |
| 24. United | 40. Don't have a Religion |
| 25. Moravian | 50. N/A |
| 26. Baptist | |
| 27. Jeovahs Witness | |
| 28. Christian (specify) _____ | |

8. How frequently do you attend religious services? V08 _____

1. One or more times a week
2. One or more times a month
3. One or more times a year
4. Never or almost never

9. Where were you born?

1. City, Village _____ V091 _____

2. Parish or Country _____ V092 _____

QUESTIONS 10, 11, 12, ARE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT BORN IN THE CAPITAL CITY

We would like to talk now about the way in which you arrived and found a place in this city.

10. How many years have you been living permanently in this city? V10 _____
city?

_____ YEARS

11. How many other places did you live before coming to this city? V11 _____

_____ PLACES

ALL RESPONDENTS:

12. How many years have you lived in this neighborhood? V12 _____

_____ YEARS

13. In how many neighborhoods of this city did you live before coming to this neighborhood? V13 _____

_____ NEIGHBORHOOD

I. Which neighborhood did you live in before coming here? VI _____

14. Do you have relatives abroad? V14 _____

- 1. Yes -->Q14a
- 2. No -->Q15

14a. Who are they and where do they live (those who are abroad)? V14a-1a
V14a-3c
inside the
table

a. Relation with R	b. City	c. Country
1.		
2.		
3.		

15. What is your regular occupation? V15 _____

16. And what is your present job? (If the respondent has more than one job, ask about the one in which he/she earns the most. Write the name and a clear description of the job). V16 _____

IF THE RESPONDENT DOESN'T HAVE A JOB, ASK QUESTION 17, IF THE RESPONDENT HAS A JOB, ASK QUESTION 18.

17. Could you please tell me in what situation are you now? V17 _____

1. Looking for a job	2. Living from a pension	3. Living from rents
4. Housewife	5. Student	6. other (Specify)

QUESTIONS 18-34 ARE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A JOB.

18. Are you currently: V18 _____

1. Self-employed working in permanent location.
2. Self-employed without a permanent location.
3. Foreman or director with salaried.
4. Worker or employer with salaried
5. No answer (N/A).

19. Where is your job located? V19 _____

20. How long have you worked in this job? _____ V20 _____

21. How long does it take you to get to work? (Hours and minutes) V21 _____

22. What kind of transportation do you use to get to work everyday? V22 _____

1. Private car
2. Motorcycle
3. Public bus
4. Other (Specify) _____

23. Approximately, how many hours do you work every week? V23 _____
_____ HOURS

QUESTIONS 24-28 ARE ONLY FOR SELF-EMPLOYED PEOPLE

24. What product or service does your business produce? V24 _____
(Clear description)

25. Do you sell directly to the public or to other firms? V25 _____
1. To the public
2. To other firms --> Q. 25a

25a. To how many firms do you sell your product or service? V25a _____
_____ FIRMS

25b. What does the firm that is your main client produce, V25b _____
that is what goods or services does it offer?

26. How many workers do you employ? V26 _____
_____ WORKERS

27. How many of those are unpaid family members, paid family members
and non family employees?

1. Unpaid Family Members	_____ Number Unpaid	V271 _____
2. Paid Family Members	_____ Number Paid Family	V272 _____
3. Non Family Employees	_____ Number Non Family	V273 _____

28. Do your employees receive any of the following benefits?
(Interviewer: Any kind of coverage, public or private,
counts as "yes")

- | | | |
|--|-------|-----------|
| 1. Health Insurance | _____ | V281_____ |
| 2. Unemployment Insurance | _____ | V282_____ |
| 3. Disability Insurance | _____ | V283_____ |
| 4. Paid Vacations | _____ | V284_____ |
| 5. Contribution to Retirement
Plans | _____ | V285_____ |
| 6. Salary Bonuses | _____ | V286_____ |

QUESTION 29 IS ONLY FOR EMPLOYEES WITH A SALARY

29. Do you get in your job any of the following benefits?
(Interviewer: Any kind of coverage, public or private, counts as
"yes")

- | | | |
|--|-------|-----------|
| 1. Health Insurance | _____ | V291_____ |
| 2. Unemployment Insurance | _____ | V292_____ |
| 3. Disability Insurance | _____ | V293_____ |
| 4. Paid Vacations | _____ | V294_____ |
| 5. Contribution to Retirement
Plans | _____ | V295_____ |
| 6. Salary Bonuses | _____ | V296_____ |

30. Have you had other jobs before the current one? V30_____

1. Yes
2. No --> Q. 32
3. N/A

31. What were your former jobs? (Name and clear description) (List the most recent first, the one before that second and so on)

1. _____ V311 _____

2. _____ V312 _____

3. _____ V313 _____

32. Do you have more than one job at present? V32 _____

- 1. Yes
- 2. No --> Q. 34
- 3. N/A

33. What are your other jobs, excluding the one in which you earn the most? (Name and clear description of the jobs) V33 _____

1. _____ V331 _____

2. _____ V332 _____

3. _____ V333 _____

QUESTIONS 34 AND 35 ARE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE A JOB

34. Have you worked before? V34 _____

- 1. Yes
- 2. No --> Q. 36
- 3. N/A

35. What was your last job? (Name and clear description of the job) V35 _____

36. Are you currently working in any casual job, such as odd jobbing, that gives you some income? (Interviewer: Try to obtain information about any casual job that R is doing, it doesn't matter if it's for a very short time or if the income is very little)

V36 _____

1. Yes
2. No --> Q. 38

37. What kind of casual jobs are you doing? (Name and description of the job)

V37 _____

1. _____

2. _____

SECTION 2: INFORMATION ABOUT SPOUSE OR PARTNER* (This section is optional)

WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE (PARTNER)

38. Can you tell me how old your spouse (partner) is? V38 _____
_____ YEARS

39. How many years of school did your spouse (partner) finish? V39 _____

40. Where was she/he born? V40 _____

1 City or Village _____ V401 _____

2. Parish or Country _____ V402 _____

41. In what year did your spouse (partner) first arrive in this city? V41 _____

42. What is his/her regular occupation? V42 _____

43. And what is his/her job now? (If he/she has more than one job, write the one in which he/she earns the most. Write name and description of the job). V43 _____

IF HE/SHE DOESN'T HAS A JOB, ASK QUESTION 44, IF HE/SHE HAS A JOB, GO TO QUESTION 45.

44. What is his/her situation now? V44 _____

1. Looking for a job
2. Living from a pension
3. Living from rents
4. Housewife
5. Student
6. Other (Specify)

We would like to know a bit more about the job of your spouse (partner).

45. In his/her actual job, is he/she: V45 _____

1. Self-employed working in a permanent location.
2. Self-employed working without a permanent location.
3. Foreman or director, salaried.
4. Worker or employee, salaried
5. No answer (N/A)

46. Has your spouse (partner) more than one job now? V46 _____

- 1. Yes
- 2. No --> Q. 48
- 3. N/A

47. Which are his/her other jobs, excluding the one in which he/she earns the most? (Name and clear description of the jobs) V47 _____

1. _____ V471 _____

2. _____ V472 _____

3. _____ V473 _____

SECTION 3: CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

We would like to ask you some questions about your house and the people who live with you.

48. Could you please tell me if this house is: V48 _____

1. Yours and/or of your spouse or partner's
2. Rented
3. You squat or occupy it without paying
4. Belongs to a relative
5. You share the rent with another person
(excluding spouse/partner)
6. You pay to the home owner to live here

49. How many rooms does this house have? V49 _____

_____ ROOMS

50. Beside yourself, how many people live in this house? V50 _____

_____ PERSONS EXCLUDING RESPONDENT

51. Could you please tell me who else (beyond you) live in this house, if those people have a job and, what these jobs are? V51-1a to
V51-8c
Inside the
table.

a. Relationship with <u>R</u>	b. Has a job	c. What is his/her job?
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

52. Are you satisfied with your present income? V52 _____

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. N/A

53. Could you please tell us what is your total monthly income? V53 _____

J\$ _____ [_____]

54. Do you currently receive any help from relatives or friends abroad? V54 _____

- 1. Yes
- 2. No --> Q. 56
- 3. N/A

55. Could you tell me approximately how much money do you receive each month from your relatives or friends abroad? V55 _____

J\$ _____ [_____]

56. Who are the other persons that contribute with their income to maintain your family? Approximately, how much money does each of them contributes every month? V56-1a to V56-6b inside the table

a. Relationship with R	b. Monthly contribution (J\$)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

57. Does your family own any of the following items?

- 1. Radio _____ V571 _____
- 2. Television _____ V572 _____
- 3. Refrigerator _____ V573 _____
- 4. Bicycle _____ V574 _____
- 5. Motorcycle _____ V575 _____
- 6. Car _____ V576 _____

58. Is the economic situation of your family better, equal, or worse than 10 years ago? V58 _____

- 1. Better
- 2. Equal
- 3. Worse
- 4. Doesn't know

59. Which of the following best describes your present situation? V59 _____

- 1. My income is good and I can save
- 2. My income is just enough, but I don't have big financial problems.
- 3. My income is not enough, I have problems in meeting expenses every month.
- 4. My income is far less than what I need
- 5. N/A

60. The people of this city can be divided into those who are upper class, middle class, working class and poor. To which class would you say your family belongs? V60 _____

1. Upper class	2. Middle class	3. Working class
4. Poor class	5. Don't know	6. NA

SECTION 4: INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES AND

SOCIAL WELFARE: We would like to ask you some questions about city services.

61. Could you please tell me if you have the following services?

V61-a/c
inside
the table

A. Running Water	1. Yes. Running water at home.
	2. Installation without service
	3. No
B. Electricity	1. Yes, has legal access and pays bills
	2. Yes, taps electricity power and does not pay
	No
C. Sewerage	1. Yes
	2. No

62. Do you think that public transportation in this city today is better, the same or worse than 10 years ago?

V62 _____

1. Better
2. The same
3. Worse
4. N/A

63. Do you think that medical services in this city today are better, the same or worse than 10 years ago?

V63 _____

1. Better
2. The same
3. Worse
4. N/A

64. Does your neighborhood have any special program, to help people to get a job, food or medical assistance?

V64 _____

1. Yes
2. No --> Q. 66

65. Have you or your family used any of these services during the last year? v65 _____

1. Employment _____ V651 _____

2. Food _____ V652 _____

3. Health _____ V653 _____

If the respondent or his/her family have used any of these services ask question 65* (optional), if not ask question 66.

66. Do you think that the schools in this city today are better, the same or worse than 10 years ago? V66 _____

- 1. Better
- 2. The same
- 3. Worse
- 4. N/A

67. And would you say that the life in this city today is more, equally or less Dangerous than 10 years ago? V67 _____

- 1. More
- 2. The same
- 3. Less
- 4. N/A

68. I will read you some sentences and would like you to tell me with which do you agree. V68 _____

Anthony said: Today the poor in this city live under worse conditions than 10 years ago.

Frank said: Today the poor in this city live under better conditions than 10 years ago.

Who is right?

1. Anthony	2. Frank
3. None -->Q. 68a	3. Don't know

Why? _____

V68a _____

SECTION 5: THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE URBAN AUTHORITIES AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION.

We want to ask you know some questions about politics in this city.

69. Who is the highest authority in this city? (Name).
What is his/her position?

1. Name: _____ V691 _____

2. Position: _____ V692 _____

70. What are the main political parties in this city?

1. _____ V701 _____

2. _____ V702 _____

3. _____ V703 _____

71. Did you vote in the last elections for city authorities? V71 _____

- 1. Yes --> Q. 72
- 2. No --> Q. 71a*

71a. Why you didn't vote? V71a _____

72. Do you belong today to any political party? V72 _____

- 1. Yes → Q. 72a
- 2. No --> Q. 73

72a. To which party do you belong? _____ V72a _____

73. Please, tell me with whom do you agree: V73_____

James said: It is better to stay out of politics. After all, common people have very little say in how the country is run.

George said: It is important to take part in politics. If common people get together they can have a say in how the country is run.

Who is right?

1. James	2. George
3. none -- > Q. 73a	4. Don't know

73a. Why? V73a_____

74. Do you think that the present city government meets the needs of the population better, the same or worse than the government 10 years ago? V74_____

1. Better
2. The same
3. Worse
4. Don't know

75. With whom of the following do you agree? V75_____

Charley said: Municipal authorities don't have the power or the capacity to solve the problems of this city. Only the national government can do it.

Peter said: Municipal authorities have the power and the capacity to solve the problems of this city.

Who is right?

1. Charley	2. Peter
3. None -- > Q. 75a	4. Don't know

75a. Why?

V75a _____

SECTION 6: INFORMATION ABOUT IMAGES OF THE CITY AND OPINIONS ABOUT LIFE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

It is very important that we ask you some questions about life in this city and this neighborhood.

76. Approximately, what is the population of this city? V76 _____

_____ POPULATION

77. Where do rich people in this city live, that is in what neighborhoods? (name up to 3 neighborhoods) V77 _____

1. _____ V771 _____

2. _____ V772 _____

3. _____ V773 _____

78. And where do the poor live? (name up to 3 neighborhoods) V78 _____

1. _____ V781 _____

2. _____ V782 _____

3. _____ V783 _____

79. With whom do you agree? V79 _____

Dan said: Poor people in this city are poor because they don't work hard.

Andy said: Poor people in this city are poor because they lack any real opportunity to progress.

Who is right?

1. Dan	2. Andy
3. None -- > Q. 79a	4. Don't know

79a. Why? V79a _____

80. With whom do you agree?

V80_____

Paul said: Rich and poor people live closer together in this city today than 10 years ago.

Jeff said: Rich and poor people live farther apart in this city today than 10 years ago.

Who is right?

1. Paul	2. Jeff
3. None -- > Q. 80a	4. Don't know

80a. Why?

V80a_____

81. With whom do you agree?

V81_____

Bryan said: People are much less satisfied with life in this city today than 10 years ago.

Tom said: People are as satisfied with life in this city today as 10 years ago.

Who is right?

1. Bryan	2. Tom
3. None -- > Q. 81a	4. Don't know

81a. Why?

V81a_____

82. In your opinion, why is it that poor people in this city are poor? (Interviewer: Read the alternatives twice. The respondent can choose only one)

V82 _____

1. Bad luck
2. Lack of jobs
3. Low pay
4. Too many children
5. Alcohol and drugs
6. Society is unjust to the poor
7. The government, that doesn't help them
8. They don't work hard enough
9. The rich, that exploit the poor
10. Don't know

11. Other (Specify) _____

83. Are you currently more, equally or less satisfied with your situation than 10 years ago?

V83 _____

1. More
2. The same
3. Less
4. Don't know

IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 83 IS LESS, ASK QUESTION 84, IF NOT GO TO QUESTION 85.

84. Who is responsible for the fact that you are currently less satisfied with your situation? (Interviewer: Read the alternatives twice. The respondent can choose only one). V84 _____

1. My own vices
2. Fate, bad luck
3. Lack jobs opportunities
4. Illness, bad health
5. Pay is too low
6. Lack of government help
7. An unjust society
8. The rich
9. Don't know

10. Other (Specify) _____

We would like to ask you some questions about your own neighborhood.

85. Approximately. How many organizations (like neighborhood committees, sport clubs, etc) exist in this neighborhood? V85 _____

_____ ORGANIZATIONS

86. And what are those organizations?

- 1. _____ V861 _____
- 2. _____ V862 _____
- 3. _____ V863 _____
- 4. _____ V864 _____

87. Would you say that these organizations can help to improve the neighborhood? (Interviewer: If the respondent says some can help and others can't, try to obtain a general answer regarding the organizations in general) V87 _____

1. A great deal	2. Some
3. Only little	3. Not at all

88. To what organizations do you belong? V88 _____

1. _____ V881 _____

2. _____ V882 _____

3. _____ V883 _____

4. _____ V884 _____

89. Please, tell me with with whom do you agree: V89 _____

Helen said: The city government should give more participation to neighborhood organizations because those are the true voices of the people.

Laura said: The city government should not give more participation to neighborhood organizations because they represent only the interest of small groups.

Who is right? V89 _____

1. Helen	2. Laura
3. None -- >Q. 89a	2. Don't know

89a. Why? V89a _____

90. I am going to read you a story and would like you to tell me with whom do you agree. John, Paul and George all live in the same neighborhood. Each uses his free time differently. John joined a political party. He says that only by participating in politics is it possible to solve the problems of the city. Paul joined a neighborhood committee that works to improve the conditions where he lives. George did not join any organization and spends his free time at home or with his friends. Who is making better use of his time? V90 _____

1. John	2. Paul	3. George
4. None of them	5. Don't know	5. N/A

91. In your opinion, the majority of the people in this neighborhood are: V91 _____

1. Upper Class	2. Middle Class	3. Working Class
4. Poor	5. Don't know	6. N/A

92. Are you happy living in this neighborhood? V92 _____

1. Happy
4. Neither happy nor unhappy
5. Unhappy

93. What was the most important change that happened in this city during the last 10 years? V93 _____

94. And was this change for good or bad? V94 _____

- 1. Good
- 2. Bad
- 3. Neither
- 4. Doesn't know

95. Who was responsible for this change? V95 _____

96. What is the most important thing, in your opinion,
that has to change in order for this city to progress?
(specify) V96 _____

97. And who do you think can bring about this change? V97 _____

Thank you very much for your collaboration. Your answers have been very useful and important to us.