

## Appendix B: Interview Guides

Table 1. List of sample interview questions.

Topic	Interview questions (‘X’ = specific type of local food system or organization ‘Y’ = city in question)
Background/city context	What is the social framework of Y?
	What is the economic framework of Y?
<i>Food Security</i>	How do you define “food security?”
	What is the general state of food security in Y? (Physical availability of food? Economic and physical access to food? Nutrition of consumption practices? Food safety? Resilience?)
	What are key barriers to ensuring food security in Y?
<i>Food Systems &amp; LFS</i>	What are the key food supply chains in Y?
	How do you define “local food system”?
	What are key local food systems in Y?
	Who are the key supporters of LFS? Who are the key participants?
	What are people’s motivations for participating in LFS?
	What are people’s general perceptions of LFS in Y?
<i>Social &amp; Policy Framework</i>	What are key food security policies in Y? How have they affected Y’s food system? What have their other impacts been?
	What are key food policies in Y? How to they relate to/support/inhibit LFS?
	How have relevant policies effected LFS developments and practices in Y?
	How can LFS be better integrated into Y’s policy framework?
	Are there social organizations/initiatives to enhance LFS in Y? Who implements them? What are their incentives?
	How have social initiatives effect LFS developments and practices in Y?
<i>Food Security &amp; LFS</i>	How important are LFS to Y’s food security?
	Are there any untapped benefits of LFS to improve Y’s food security?
<i>1. Physical availability of food</i>	How does production at X contribute to the surrounding area’s food supply?
	What is produced?
	How much is produced?
	What would this land be used for if it weren’t agricultural production/food distribution? (What was it used for prior?)
	How is the food distributed? Who is it distributed to?

<i>2. Economic and physical access to food</i>	Does X provide additional food to people who otherwise wouldn't have gotten it?
	Does X provide additional disposable income to urban residents? (Through direct wages/sales or by reducing income spent on food?)
	How much does food from X cost relative to other food suppliers?
	How does X contribute to broader community economic welfare or regeneration?
	What are the economic costs of producing at or purchasing from X?
	How geographically accessible is X? What are the geographic barriers to producing at or purchasing from X?
	Where is X located in relation to the people who it supplies food to? Related to food insecure people?
<i>3. Nutrition of consumption practices</i>	Does X provide any people with access to more nutritious or different types of food groups than they wouldn't otherwise have access to or eat?
	Does X provide any nutritional education?
	Does producing food at X provide people with greater trust in the quality components of their food?
<i>4. Food safety</i>	Does X enhance local residents' access to safe food/reduce risks of consuming unsafe food?
	Does X provide measures to insure consumers against the risks involved in eating unsafe food?
<i>5. Stability of the other four dimensions</i>	Does X provide people with continued access to food during economic/environmental/social/political shocks or disturbances?
	How vulnerable is X to economic shocks? What part of the economy does X function within? Where does its revenue come from? How outside of the "mainstream economy is it"?
	How vulnerable is X to potential/typical environmental disturbances or upcoming environmental change? What are physical and other barriers to remain resilient to environmental disturbances?
	What political affiliations does X have that might make it more or less vulnerable to changes in the political system or elected officials?
	What social affiliations or reputation does X have that may make it more or less vulnerable to changes in Y's social structure?