

Focused Interview Questionnaire – CHE Assessment Tool

Purpose:

- To determine local demographics, points of contact for community work and other local development efforts.
- To determine current community status for Maternal and Child care issues.
- To determine possible preferences of community leadership or needs in health education in that community.

Process:

- Ask your supervisor, counterpart or other community member to help introduce you to the village chief.
- Explain your purpose and role by using the attached Introduction letter.
- Give the Village chief the interviewing form and ask him to fill it out. Tell him you will come back in a few days to collect the information.
- Often village chiefs do have the demographic information that is stated in the first boxes below, but if they do not leave it blank.
- Ask if the village chief has a community map, if so ask if you may take a photo of it.

Analysis:

- Much of this information will be for your own benefit as it may not be news to your supervisors or counterparts, who already know these communities fairly well.
- Go over these forms with a tutor, local student or older PCV to help interpret the data. Make your own notes in English for later reference.
- This information will be useful later when deciding which villages to target and if you need to write any small grants.
- If possible have a women leader in the community answer some of the questions on a separate form in order to get a more rounded perspective.

Focused Interview for Village Chief

Village:	Commune:
# of families:	Date:
# of children under 5:	# of wells (Shallow / Pump?):
# total people:	# of households with latrines:
# of women:	# of women (15-49):

Question	Response
Who is the deputy village chief?	
How many community workers does your village have? Who are they?	
Who specifically are the Village Health Volunteers?	
Are there any women in particular that are leaders in the community?	
What NGOs work in your community? What do they focus on?	
What are some of the main jobs that people have in the community? In the rainy season? Cold season? Hot season?	
Have any children under 5 years died in your community in the last few years?	
Have any women died during or after childbirth in the last few years?	
How do people get to the health center normally? In emergencies?	
What other health care options are available in the community?	

<p>Please rank the following problem statements by their importance in the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition: Sick children or children that are too thin and small are a big problem in this community. • ANC and Delivery: Mothers having difficult deliveries small birth-weight children or health problems during pregnancy are a problem in our community. • WASH: Small children have diarrhea often and adults often have chronic stomach problems like infections, ulcers, etc. are problems in our community. • Reproductive Health: Youth in the community don't know how to maintain or protect their reproductive and sexual health, or know about the changes their body goes through in puberty. • Non-Communicable Diseases: Diabetes, Hypertension, heart problems and strokes are major problems in the community. 	<p>(1)</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(3)</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>(5)</p>
<p>What do most mothers in the community start feeding their children when introducing foods?</p>	
<p>Do most mothers give birth at the health center? For those who don't is there a TBA in the community? Who is she?</p>	
<p>What is water availability like throughout the year? Does your community flood? If so, when?</p>	
<p>How do people prefer to store or treat water in the community?</p>	
<p>In your opinion, do youth and other community members know about how to protect their reproductive and sexual health?</p>	
<p>Do you know of many people that have hypertension, diabetes, or heart disease in the community?</p>	

