

The Global Health Network

COVID-19 HSPR Working Group

Team Leaders meeting

Zoom call

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[Maternal questionnaire](#)

Nicole: We can start with the maternal questionnaire, to see if there is anything we need to decide. So the Maternal health facility survey questionnaire is open. I want to clarify my comments Oscar. On the Information, education and communication on Coronavirus section - for the 'you or any providers'(IEC101) question. I was wondering if we want to differentiate between clinicians, midwives etc.

Grace: I agree, perhaps we should refine it – so they could say who has been training in what.

Oscar: If you have an open-ended question it's not as easy to analyse.

Nicole: I want to clarify what you're saying Oscar – the question we're asking is if anyone has received education instead of everyone.

Osacr: Yes, I think it should just be if one person has received education.

Mathildah: I've been reflecting on it. Can you remind me who will be answering this?

Oscar: It would be a health manager

Mathildah: Ok so we ask the individual what training has been going on and who has received the training. I'm not too sure if we should be too specific – I think who receives training will vary between the countries – which makes it more difficult to get a good framing for the question.

Grace: I know that here different groups have been training differently - there has been no blanket training. So clinicians have been trained differently to cleaners for example. Do we want to know what is the most useful bit of training?

Mathildah: No overall we want to see if any training has been done. So we have to decide if we want to be more specific about who has received the training and what type of training they have received.

Oscar: Im not sure we need to go that specific.

Nicole: Its true, we are just looking at how maternal health services in the different countries have been altered/ modified by the COVID pandemic, but we're not evaluating how healthcare workers are treating COVID patients. COVID is not the focus.

Mathildah: We are focusing on maternal health yes, but we also need to know how maternal health is being dealt with in maternal health.

Oscar: This is also protection, prevention and control. I don't think we need to go into detail but the general question is key.

Nicole: Are we talking about training in maternal health, or COVID, or both?

Oscar: We are talking about the COVID one, a specific training on COVID. But I think we are mixing it up with the maternal health one.

Nicole: The maternal health one is fine, as its still important to know if people are up to date with maternal health. I was just wondering what the COVID question does/ is answering.

Oscar: I think we need to know if facilities have received training for COVID. If they have not been trained maybe there is an issue about how the training has been rolled out.

Nicole: So we are assuming that those who did not receive training did not vaccinate children (?)

Oscar: No we want to see if a link between them exists (?)

Nicole: Oh okay I understand it now – you want to see if one influences another one. My final comment is on who we are interviewing. So it's the manager, but is it the ward manager or the hospital manager?

Oscar: The idea is that we are looking at the ward manager.

Nicole: Okay I agree, I think it is more important to focus on the unit instead of the overall hospital. These were the only comments on this survey. I don't think there were any major comments on the child one. My only comment is on Q205 – checking on your child health after your baby left the facility. We should ask if they had any contact 1 or 2 weeks after.

Mathildah: On that same question can we say anyone or do we have to be specific?

Oscar: I think we need to specify that it's a healthcare worker.

Nicole: On Q208, we put the time period as the 'last 6 months' – but we don't know exactly when we will be carrying out the survey. If you say the last 6 months there could be vastly different lockdown periods depending on the country. Therefore, we need to think about that when doing the analysis. I think that's all for the maternal one – I standardized all the consents. For the HIV Malaria study questionnaire I had a similar comment regarding the manager – but we have clarified that. Dorothy, why are you asking people to show a Malaria rapid test?

Dorothy: Often their kits don't work, so I thought it would be good for them to show us their kits just in case.

Nicole: Ok I thought it was something like that. My next comment is if we should include microscope is TS102 (?). I also had a similar q about the training but we talked about that already. Also on HS101 for ART Initiation I think we are missing diagnostics/ rapid tests. And also counselling services. It also says available for the entire duration', 'disruption or not'. Should we first think if they have that service in their facility – as I'm sure some won't. And then we can ask it if they do have it.

Osacr: Yes it would definitely be good to ask if that service is there and then ask about the duration/ disruption of the service.

Nicole: So for HS 109, Oscar you want to include diagnostic services

Oscar: Yes maybe as a separate question

Nicole: Back to the ART initiation - we can ask if it was provided before COVID, and then we can ask the questions put there. Then we can see if it has really changed. Yep I agree with your comment Oscar, instead of putting first line, second line etc, use the names of the medications.

Household survey

Nicole: Ok let's move onto the household survey. Oscar I see you have put a comment about the Household Head Age

Oscar: Yep so I suggested collecting the exact age, and also goes for the Number of People Under 18, so you can make binding categories eg. 1-3.

Nicole: Ok fine. I have one general q: there are a lot of questions related to before COVID, and on the original protocol we stated that data was going to come from national surveys – do we need to ask that information again or are we getting it from the other sources.

Dorathy: It makes sense if we remove it

Oscar: One thing that has to be very clear is that we focus on the key questions about what is happening now. And then within those we can see what has changed compared with pre-COVID times. WE start with questions that begin with COVID provision in a COVID context, and then we ask before COVID questions.

Grace: My concern is that it might be difficult to differentiate if we embed the question.

Oscar: If you ask about before COVID – for us its ok, but if you are asking a 15 year old mother that is head of the house, it might be confusing. If we want to infer what happened before COVID we can triangulate data from before to compare it.

Nicole: Is that ok as a clarification Grace

Grace: Yep ill discuss with Dorathy

Nicole: And Oscar you still think we need to ask more questions about access to health services.

Oscar: Yep in the context of COVID we also have questions around health facilities. For example, we know that lots of people's usage of health services has gone down because they are scared of getting COVID at them. So, we can ask some questions about general attitudes/ behavior towards health services.

Nicole: I thought this call would be good to clarify comments. So, we can regroup in a week/ week and a half. We haven't heard from the grants yet, but I will let you know.

Mathildah: So, the two-day training next week, do you have to attend both or can we choose 1?

Nicole: No, you can join whenever you want during those two days. The first day will be more group work, the second day will be more presentations/ discussion.