**Rapid Public Health Situation Analysis Tool:** Information, knowledge, perceptions, and practices[[1]](#footnote-2) (Part B)

*INSTRUCTIONS: Complete part A of this tool prior to using this document. This is a tool to assist NS elaborating DREF requests, Emergency Appeals and/or Emergency Plans of Action in response to* ***disease outbreaks*** *or to emergencies/crises where there is a* ***risk of disease outbreaks****. The data collected will help teams better understand issues on information and communication; knowledge, awareness and understanding; and perceptions and practices, about the disease of concern. Results should inform priority messaging based on identified gaps and should guide teams to supplement standardized messaging with tailored health education (e.g. if people understand symptoms but not transmission modes, messaging should focus on the latter; if people want to seek care in health facilities but they are not accessible, NS should avoid referring community members to those structures and work with the MoH to find alternatives). If there is more than one disease of concern, NS should seek answers separately for each disease. The tool may be used as an initial rapid assessment at the beginning of the operation, or both at the beginning (baseline) and at later stages for ongoing project monitoring purposes.*

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| Village and Area names: |  | Date (dd/mm/yy): |  |
| Respondent type (leader, local NGO staff, health care worker): |  | RCRC staff filling this form: |  |

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| |  | | --- | | **Information and Communication**  *This section aims at identifying whether individuals have access to appropriate information about the disease and what the trusted channels of information are.* | | 1. ACCESS TO INFORMATION: From where / whom have you heard information about the disease? [check multiple answer options] | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ▢ Television | ▢ Local / national organisations | ▢ Politicians | | ▢ Newspaper | ▢ Social media | ▢ Friends, Family, Neighbours | | ▢ Radio | ▢ International non-governmental organisations | ▢ Community Meetings / Community Leaders | | ▢ Ministry of Health | ▢ Messaging Apps | ▢ Religious Leaders | | ▢ Other online sources | ▢ Health Workers at community level | ▢ Youth Leaders | | ▢ WHO | ▢ Health Workers at health facility level | ▢ Local Red Cross Red Crescent | | ▢ Scientists, doctors, health experts | ▢ Pharmacist | ▢ Other (free list) | | ▢ Social workers | ▢ Traditional healer | ▢ No answer |  1. TRUST: Which source/ who do you trust the most to receive information related to [disease name]? [check multiple answer options] | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ▢ Television | ▢ Pharmacist | ▢ Social media | | ▢ Newspaper | ▢ Scientists, doctors, health experts | ▢ Messaging Apps | | ▢ Radio | ▢ Social workers | ▢ Politicians | | ▢ National MoH information website | ▢ Traditional healers | ▢ Friends, Family, Neighbours | | ▢ Other online sources | ▢ Local / national organisations | ▢ Community Meetings / Community Leaders | | ▢ Health Workers at health facility level | ▢ International non-governmental organisations | ▢ Other (free list) | | ▢ Health Workers, community level | ▢ Local organisations | ▢ No answer | | ▢ World Health Organisation | ▢ Youth Leaders |  | | ▢ Ministry of Health | ▢ Religious Leaders |  | | |

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| **Knowledge, awareness and understanding** *Consult* [*www.epidemics.ifrc.org*](http://www.epidemics.ifrc.org/) *for accurate information, and compare with the answers of the community to understand whether they know the* ***correct******symptoms, transmission routes and protective measures*** *of the disease.* |
| 1. **SYMPTOMS:** Describe three common symptoms of the disease |
| 1)  2)  3) |
| 1. **TRANSMISSION ROUTES:** Describe three common ways that the disease commonly spreads |
| 1)  2)  3) |
| 1. **PROTECTIVE MEASURES:** Describe three measures you find most important to protect yourself from the disease |
| 1)  2)  3) |

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| **Perceptions**  *This is to understand whether individuals believe they are at risk of contracting the disease; and their perception of the risk of stigmatization.* |
| 1. **SUSCEPTIBILITY:** Please indicate what you think your level of risk of catching the disease: [1 answer option]  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ▢ Very high | ▢ High | ▢ Medium | ▢ Low | ▢ Very low | ▢ No risk at all | ▢ Don't know | |
| 1. **STIGMA:** I believe that my community would not tolerate anyone infected by the disease [1 answer option]  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ▢ Yes | ▢ No | ▢ Don't know | ▢ No answer |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ▢ Yes | ▢ No | ▢ Don't know | ▢ No answer |   **7.1 STGIMA:** If I get infected, I will be ashamed of telling anyone in my community [1 answer option] |

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| **Practices**  *This is to differentiate reported knowledge from reported health behaviours in terms of protective actions, healthcare seeking behaviour, and (where relevant) vaccine uptake.* |
| 1. **PROTECTIVE MEASURES:** Have you taken any measures to prevent infection from the disease in the past week?  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ▢ No | ▢ Don't know | ▢ No answer | ▢ Yes: If **yes**, list 3 measures you have taken in the past week:  1)  2) 3) | |
| 1. **HEALTH-SEEKING BEHAVIOUR:** If you thought you had the disease, what would be the first thing you would do? [1 answer option]  |  |  | | --- | --- | | ▢ Stay at home and do nothing / take no medicine | ▢ Speak to a community-based health worker or volunteer | | ▢ Stay at home and take medication | ▢ Speak to a community leader | | ▢ Isolate myself | ▢ Go to a local healer | | ▢ Go to the health centre | ▢ Go to a traditional birth attendant / midwife | | ▢ Go a private doctor | ▢ Go to a place of worship | | ▢ Go to a pharmacy | ▢ No answer or I don’t know | | ▢ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |   **9.1** If you or anyone in your family contracted the disease, would you seek care in a health care facility: [1 answer option]   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ▢ Yes | ▢ Don't know | ▢ No answer | ▢ No: If **no**, the main barrier for me to seek a health care provider is: [1 answer option] | | | ▢ It is too expensive | ▢ I am afraid of getting infected with the disease | | | ▢ It is too far | ▢ I don't know when or where to access the services | | | ▢ It's not available | ▢ It's not me who has the final say | | | ▢ I am not satisfied with the quality of health care services | ▢ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |
| **The following section is applicable for vaccine-preventable diseases only**   1. **VACCINE UPTAKE:** If a vaccine to prevent the disease was recommended and available to you, would you get it?  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ▢ Not at all | ▢ A little | ▢ Moderately | ▢ Very much | |  |  |  |  |   **10.1** How much do you trust the health care providers who give vaccines? Would you say you trust them? [1 answer option]   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ▢ Not at all | ▢ A little | ▢ Moderately | ▢ Very much | |

1. This is adapted from the RCCE Collective Service Question bank related to socio-behavioural factors and COVID-19 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)