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Topic guides and interview schedules

(These are guides and probes and will be adapted based on the role of the Key Informant (Stakeholder) as identified by 1.3)

1. Community composition

Can you describe the kinds of people who live in the area?
What is the size of the community under consideration?
What is the total population* of the community?

2. Community Organisation and Structure

How is the community organised?
What are the major needs?
Why do you live in this community?
Do you know of what kind of help is available for the residents of XXX?
Can you think of any other services that would be helpful to people in the area?

3. Community Capacity

Do you know local people who are good at getting things done?
Do you think there is a sense of community identity and/or commitment to this area?

4. Physical Environment

Are there any particular problems with living in the area?
How would you describe the condition of housing in XXX?
Does transport or access present you with any problems?
How safe do you feel in the neighborhood e.g. walking outside after dark, or being home alone? If not, why?

5. Socio-economic Environment

Do you think people manage financially?
How do people earn money in your community?
How many people live in your house?
How many people sleep in the same room as you?
Is violence/crime an issue in this community?

6. Diseases and Disability Profile

Is this a healthy community?
What do you think is the most important medical problem in XXX?
What kinds of things do you think affect the health of people living in XXX?
What do you think are the worst health problems in the area?
Do you know if any heart problems are a problem?
Are there many people with other important physical or health disability living in this area?
We are thinking of doing a project around rheumatic heart disease- what do you think of this?

7. Educational Services

Are you aware of these services locally?

- Nurseries
- Primary Schools
- Secondary Schools
- Community Centers
- Day/Evening Classes
- A place for young people?

How could these be improved?

What do you think is still needed?

8. Health Services

What are the health services in this community?

Describe the different services:

What is the best thing about the service and what could be better?

What do you think of the hospital services?

Have you noticed any recent changes in these services?

How would you like to see them improved?

Are primary and secondary care facilities available in the community?

Do patients have some access to referral for tertiary care (not necessarily surgical)?

Do you know about rheumatic heart disease? Do you know about heart failure?

Do you have dispensaries in the district? If so, how many, how many public or private?

How many primary health centers are in the district?

Name of tertiary hospital serving the district:

9. Social services

Which social services are needed by most people in the area?

How could they be improved?

10. Health and Social Policy

Are you aware of government Health and Social Policy?

Have any recent changes in policy affected you?

11. Miscellaneous

If you could have one wish for health in your community what would it be, or what changes would you like to make in the area?