

APPENDIX 6 – SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEW GUIDE
(PEOPLE WHO RECOVERED FROM MONKEYPOX)

Introduction

I would now like to ask you some questions about the monkeypox illness that you had. I am sorry to hear about it, are you now recovered? [...] Is it okay to ask some questions about this? Please remember, you can stop the interview at any time, and you can refuse to answer questions.

Illness Experience

- Describe your experience the last time you had monkeypox symptoms for the first time? How did it happen?
- When you first had those symptoms, what did you think was the cause of it? Did you have any explanation for the illness? (*Take note of any local words/terms for the disease or symptoms*)
- Describe how you treated monkeypox when you had it. Probe for:
 - When you found out it was monkeypox, what did you think about that?
 - Had you heard of the disease before?
 - Did you believe the doctors, or did you think it was something else?
- Did they provide counselling to you? If not, did you need counselling, in your opinion?
- Can you tell us about the experience further:
 - Did your family or friends know about the illness?
 - Did you share with other people about this?
 - Were you worried about others finding out?
- Did you experience any kind of discrimination related to this? Were people avoiding you?
- Is there anything you would recommend to people in public health to do differently for other people with monkeypox? Is there anything that they did well?

Monkeypox Transmission

- How do you think you got monkeypox? Did you get it from someone else, or from direct contact with rodents? Probe for:
 - Contact with other people who had monkeypox (known or suspected cases), including people within their household
 - Possible sexual transmission
- Do you know if you gave monkeypox to anyone else? Probe for:
 - Sexual partners who had monkeypox later
 - Household members who had monkeypox later