

Manuscript- Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices related to health and well-being in a forest fringe community in southern India

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Supplementary File 1- Semi-structured interviews- guiding questions

Sociodemographic Questions:

1. Village, Taluk
2. Survey ID Number
3. What is your name?
4. Gender
5. What is your age?
6. Which religion do you follow?
7. Which Caste/Tribe do you belong to?
8. Do you have a worship place nearby? Do you go to the worship place often? How often?
9. Marital Status
10. What all languages do you speak?
11. How many people are there in your family?
12. Who all are there in your family?
13. Did you receive formal education? Till which class have you studied?

14. How much education has each family member received?
15. Do your children go to school? Which school do they go to? How far is it? Are there any Anganwadis nearby? Do your children go there? Are they functional? What are your concerns?
16. How long have you lived in this village?
17. Where is your native place? Why did you move to this village?
18. Do you have a ration card? Has it been beneficial? How has it been beneficial?
19. Do you have an Aadhar card and/or Arogya membership? What benefits have you received from it so far?
20. Do you live in pucca or kutchha housing?
21. What all assets do you own? How many of them do you own?
22. Do you own any vehicles? What vehicles do you own? How many of them do you own? What purpose do they serve?
23. Do you get electricity in your house? For how many hours per day do you get electricity? For how many days a week do you receive electricity?
24. What source of energy do you use for cooking?
25. What schemes and incentives does the government provide here?
26. How much income do you earn monthly?
27. What is your main source of livelihood?
28. What is the monthly expenditure on the upkeep of livelihood?
29. What major issues do you face in the village at present?
30. Did COVID-19 affect your livelihood? If yes, how did it affect your livelihood? What coping strategies did you adopt?

31. What are your alternate sources of income?
32. Who all in the family are involved in the main source of livelihood?
33. If you practice agriculture, do you use pesticides or other chemicals agriculture? If yes, what chemical do you use? How often do you use them? What, according to you, are the benefits and drawbacks of using these chemicals?
34. What are your food preferences? (Vegetarians/NV/Ovo-veg/Lacto-veg/vegans/Omni). What are the typical components of the diet (grains, fruits, meat, etc)? Where do you get your food? Do you cook at home? Do you eat out?

Public health & health care questions:

1. Is water available for drinking, cooking, and washing uses? What is your main source of water for household activities? What methods do you use to purify water?
2. Where do people in the household go to defecate?
3. Are there formal latrines? Is there running water available for them?
4. Are Swachh Bharat Scheme toilets built here? Are they running and effective? Do you use them? If not, what are the reasons?
5. Do you have an open/closed sewage system here? If you face any issues, what are they?
6. Where do you dispose of waste (kitchen, livestock, toilet, miscellaneous) in the household?
7. What is your concept of diseases or illnesses?
8. What do you think contributes to good health and well-being?
9. What is the most common/ frequent disease or condition that affects your health?

What are the symptoms? How often do you suffer from it? When did you start having this issue?

10. Is there anyone who has hereditary health issues in your household?
11. What is the most common/ frequent disease or condition occurring in children? What are the symptoms? When did they start having this issue? How often do you suffer from it?
12. What is the most common/ frequent disease or condition affecting the elderly in your family? When did they start having this issue? What are the symptoms? How often do they suffer from it?
13. What do you think is the possible cause of the disease or illness?
14. How do you treat or manage health issues affecting you or your family?
15. Do you visit a healthcare center or use traditional medicine?
16. Who provides traditional healthcare?
17. Do you do self-medication/home remedies?
18. Where do you go to access healthcare services nearby?
19. How easy is it for you to access health care facilities? Have you ever been faced with a situation where you couldn't reach the hospital due to a lack of ambulance services?
20. Are the hospitals close by or far? How do you travel? Do you have transportation facilities that are accessible and available to you? Are ambulance services provided to you? Have you used them?
21. When you visit the PHC/CHCs, have you always found quality infrastructure, needful resources, and health personnel to cater to your needs?

22. Do you prefer government or private healthcare services? What are the benefits and/or issues with both?
23. Are you able to avail of government healthcare services when required?
24. Do you have access to free/ subsidized healthcare? If not, what is the typical amount you have to pay for the same?
25. Have you ever skipped going to the doctor because of how expensive the services are? How have you managed in that situation?
26. Have you received dignified and ethical treatment at the healthcare centers?
27. Have you or any family member suffered from mental health issues, including mental disorders, neurological diseases, or depression? What did you do about it?
28. How often do health workshops or camps or training take place here? Have you been able to attend any? If yes, which one? What has been your opinion of it? Have they been helpful? If not, why not?
29. Have you or your family taken any vaccines? Which ones? If not, why not?
30. What is your covid vaccination status? How many doses have you covered right now? If none, why not?
31. Did anyone in your household suffer from COVID-19? If yes, what were the difficulties you faced at that time? Did you get medicines and treatments from the government?