

KII Guide for VHTs (ST4)

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Name of the VHT:	
Age of the VHT	
Name of the Village:	
Health Facility Attached:	

ASSESSMENT OF BARRIERS TO EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF IMMUNIZATION SERVICES IN UGANDA: *KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW TOOL*

Introduction: This is to introduce you to a study assessing the factors limiting effective access to immunisation services in Uganda. The study is aimed at understanding access and utilization of immunization services in Uganda. As a key stakeholder, you are requested to respond to the questions listed below. Your responses will be treated confidentially and the findings used only to improve the expanded programme on immunization services in Uganda. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

- 1) To what extent do mothers/care takers in the communities under your jurisdiction understand the essence of immunizing their children? *How has this affecting vaccination coverage in this community*
- 2) Do you receive community out-reach campaigns for immunization services in the villages under your jurisdiction? *How often?*
- 3) IF YES, how have community out-reach campaigns for immunization influences vaccination coverage in this community?
- 4) Have you observed instances of vaccination hesitancy among mothers/care takers in the communities in jurisdiction?
- 5) To what extent has vaccine hesitancy affected uptake of immunization services in the communities in jurisdiction?
- 6) What are the causes of vaccine hesitancy in the communities under your jurisdiction?
- 7) Do you think there could be social/cultural or religious factors influencing access to immunization services in the villages under your jurisdiction? *Probe for any other beliefs*
- 8) Have you or someone you know ever had of instances of a child (ren) with bad reaction to a vaccine?
- 9) IF Yes above, to what extent has this information or misinformation affected uptake of immunization services by mothers/care takers?

- 10) Do you think experiences of pain with past immunization prevent mothers in the communities served by this health facility?
- 11) In your opinion, to what extent is the failure to adhere to full immunization schedule in the communities under your jurisdiction? *Probe on a scale of 1-5*
- 12) Briefly explain reasons for failure to adhere to full immunization schedule by mothers/care takers in the communities under your jurisdiction? *Probe for factors like ignorance of mothers, workload of mothers, education level of mothers etc.*
- 13) Do you think the distance between health facilities and communities under your jurisdiction has affected access to immunisation services by the mothers/care takers?
- 14) How is the attitude of healthcare givers at immunisation points in health facilities? *Probe whether this has affected access to immunisation services by mothers/care takes*
- 15) Are there instances of zero dose children in the communities under your jurisdiction?
- 16) What are the unique barriers faced by families of zero-dose children and how best can these barriers be addressed in the most empowering manner?
- 17) Which stakeholders need to be engaged to ensure successful reach of the zero dose and under immunized children?
- 18) In your opinion, what are some of the other reasons affecting access to immunization services in the population your serve?
- 19) What would you recommend to improve access to immunisation services in the communities under your jurisdiction?