

PID: _____

Date of Interview: __/__/____

Place: _____

Study title: Social and sexual problems in sexual minority women, and its effect on health: An exploratory study

Socio-demographic data

*Please '✓' appropriate response			
1	Date of Birth OR Age (years)	__/__/____ OR ____ (years)	
2	Sex assigned at birth	_____	
3	How do you define your gender?	_____	
4	Highest education completed	_____	
5	Identity	Lesbian	
		Bisexual	
		Pansexual	
		Queer	
		Any other (specify _____)	
6	Marital status	Unmarried	
		Married	
		Engaged	
		Divorced	
		Separated	
		Widow	
		Any other (specify _____)	
7	If married, sex of the spouse?	_____	
6	Currently living with	Family	
		Friend	
		Male romantic partner	
		Female romantic partner	
		Hostel	
		Living alone	
		Any other (specify _____)	
7	Occupation	_____	
8	Monthly income in rupees	Self: _____ Family: _____	

Topic guide for In-depth interview

Hello my name is _____ and this is _____ (note takers name). I am grateful for giving us your time and I sincerely thank you for agreeing to take part in this interview. With your permission I would like to audio record and take notes during this interview. I am going to explore sensitive and intimate issues pertaining to your life. I am a trained social scientist I have been working with vulnerable and sensitive population for nearly a decade. I assure you of full confidentiality, and please feel free to interrupt and ask questions anytime.

Please tell me what pronoun, I should use for you.

Introduction about participant

1. Terminology

Preamble, **We have heard that there are several terminologies used for SMW, so can you tell us about some of them?**

Probe: So what is your identity? How did you know? Who explained you? Who helped you? How did you confirm it? How did you gained acceptance in SMW community? Have others from SMW community accepted you (passing)? What were the road blocks in passing?

2. Experiences of coming out/SMW

***** I know it is going to be very difficult for you, but try to share your experiences as much as possible*****

Please tell me about your life stories?

Probes: What are your experiences as SMW? What have you faced?

Violence, homophobia, stigma, psychological issues (mental stress, suicidal thoughts/attempts), what did you do for coping? Who supported? Have you heard about section 377?

Have you disclosed your identity to anyone? Please tell us about it,

Is it really important to disclose?

Probe: please tell us

If Yes- Reaction of family, violence, Have they tried anything that could take your view or mind away from it? for ex. corrective treatments (rape, taken to psychiatrist, traditional healers, and baba's, put on medication and black magic)

If No- are you thinking of disclosing, would it help, how it would help, what are the possible problems you anticipate?

3. Coping and health

Probe: what specific health issues you are concerned about? Did you ever go for any SMW related health problem (when/why)? What are the problems (Cancer, pregnancy, STI/RTI)

Who was the Health Caregivers? (Who, what type of caregiver should be there, have you experienced)

What are your preferred health care services/facilities and why? Is there a need for special SMW focused facility? Who should be there, what capacity they should have? How this facility should be developed can you picture it? Please tell us.

4. Networking

Probe: How do you meet other SMWs? How do you connect?

Do all SMW have sexual relationships/ Romantic relationship? Describe them, what are the other relations?

Probe: Sexual behaviour, connectedness

Relationship in context of family?

Can you give us lead for someone- IDI, with contacts?

Can you give us the lead for doctors who provide care to SMW population specifically?