

PARTICIPANT SELECTION FOR INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS

1. PURPOSE

Qualitative research is the process of collecting descriptive data regarding a specific topic from individuals by means of individual interviews or focus group discussions. Systematic participant selection is vital to attain and evaluate a representative set of perspectives, experiences, and opinions.

2. INTENDED USERS

Implementation science teams and all qualitative researchers.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

All DeWorm3 implementation science team members should understand and follow this SOP prior to conducting qualitative research. It is the responsibility of the site's Principal Investigator to ensure that all study staff and implementation science teams comply with this SOP.

4. DEFINITIONS

4.1. **Stakeholder:** individuals who influence or are affected by community-wide MDA for STH.

4.2. **Stakeholder level:** The position of the stakeholder within the context of the health system. These levels include:

- a. National Ministry of Health (MOH) or Ministry of Education (MOE) level
- b. State MOH level
- c. District/Zonal MOH level
- d. Sub-district/Commune MOH level
- e. Local MOH/health centre level
- f. Community drug distributor (CDD) level
- g. Community member level
- h. MOH partner (including NGOs or donors)

5. REQUIRED MATERIALS

5.1. Stakeholder Identification Worksheet

6. PROCEDURE

6.1. All stakeholders, except for community members, CDDs, and health centre staff will participate in individual interviews. Community members, CDDs, and health centre staff will participate in focus group discussions.

6.2. Sub-district/Commune, District/Zonal, State, and National MOH/MOE staff

- a. National MOH, State MOH, District/Zonal MOH, Sub-district/Commune MOH, and MOH partner stakeholders should be individuals whose work is relevant to all site clusters.
 - i. Commune/Sub-district level: 5-10 stakeholders should be purposively selected to participate in individual interviews. Individuals who have been highly involved in delivery and supervision of the intervention should be selected as expert informants. If this health system level is not relevant to a given site, there should be additional sampling at the District/Zonal level.
 - ii. District/Zonal level: 2-4 stakeholders should be purposively selected to participate in individual interviews. These individuals should be identified from the Stakeholder Identification Worksheet.
 - iii. State level: 2-4 stakeholders should be purposively selected to participate in individual interviews. These individuals should be identified from the Stakeholder Identification Worksheet.

- iv. National level: 2-4 stakeholders from the should be purposively selected to participate in individual interviews. These individuals should be identified from the Stakeholder Identification Worksheet.

6.3. Ministry partners

- a. Ministry partner stakeholders are not Ministry staff; however, they provide technical, financial, or implementation support to the MOH, MOE, and other Ministries on STH efforts.
 - i. Technical/financial partners: 2 stakeholders who work in organizations that provide technical, financial or implementation support to the MOH on STH efforts should be purposively selected to participate in individual interviews. These individuals should be identified from the Stakeholder Identification Worksheet.
 - ii. World Health Organization (WHO): If a local WHO office is present in the country, 1 stakeholder who works in the local WHO office on STH activities should be purposively selected to participate in an individual interview. This individuals should be identified from the Stakeholder Identification Worksheet.