

Improving the Control of Hypertension In Rural India: Overcoming barriers to diagnosis and effective treatment (CHIRI)

Interview guide for Focus Group Discussion with ASHAs/CHWs following the intervention

Archival #:
Site:
Interviewee:
Age:
Sex:
Education:
Training received as ASHA (excluding CHIRI training):
Years in current employment:
Date:
Start time:
End time:

Theme 1

What is your role as an ASHA?

Explore – working hours, training, working relations with the Sub-centre ANM, PHC, etc, incentives/salary

Theme 2

Role of ASHA in CHIRI

What was your role in the intervention?

Explore her perception of the role within the broader health system

If the intervention was continued in the future, how would you see yourself contributing?

What did you think of the remuneration plan for conducting the intervention?

Training

Thinking about the training program offered for the intervention, could you let me know how did the training program prepare you for conducting the intervention?

Explore: What part of the intervention did you feel **most** comfortable in undertaking?

What part of the intervention did you feel **least** comfortable in undertaking?

What were the barriers you had in delivering the program?

Is there anything that you think may have prepared you better?

Impact of CHIRI on the ASHA role

Have there been any changes in your role within the community as a result of the intervention?

Improving the Control of Hypertension In Rural India: Overcoming barriers to diagnosis and effective treatment (CHIRI)

Interview guide for Focus Group Discussion with ASHAs/CHWs following the intervention

Explore the following:

Have any new opportunities opened up?

Does the community treat you differently? Better? Worse?

Have there been any changes in how you interact with the health system, e.g. PHCs, during or since the intervention?

Theme 3

CHIRI intervention

Do you think the resources and support that the participants received assisted them in making changes to manage their hypertension?

Theme 4

Sustainability

If the intervention was to continue, what main factors do you think would need to be changed, given the very poor response rate from people with hypertension in the community?

Explore means to improve participation within the community? (probe for reasons other than medications)

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about how we can improve the identification and management of individuals with high blood pressure?

Do you have any other thing to say?