

Qualitative Research Checklist: COVID-19 Impact on Women and Children and their Responses

The overarching objective is to understand how lockdown policies have impacted women and children in specific ways. There are four central topics we want data on:

Topic 1: Change in labour and family due to COVID

- *Objective:* To understand how have gendered labor responsibilities shifted over last 4 months due to COVID-19, the lockdown, and reverse migration.

Topic 2: Changes in children: aspirations, behaviors, and demands

- *Objective:* (1.) To understand and explore relationships between parents and boy and girl children and the efforts of parents to make sure their children are happy and will study well (2.) To explore whether boy or girl children are a source of hope for the future or a source of tension and stress

Topic 3: Changes in tension and mental health due to COVID

- *Objective:* To explore the emotional responses to COVID-19 and lockdown, particularly to see whether additional tension was taken and what women do to cope with tension.

Topic 4: Perceptions of COVID Risk: information and institutions

- *Objective:* To understand the ways that women have been perceiving threat from COVID, including how they have been receiving information and interacting with institutions during last 4 months

We have created short background summaries and objectives for each topic, which is followed by a checklist of questions

1. **During the lockdown how did your daily routine/activity changed or altered?**
2. **Did you plant different crops or cultivated more land this year because of having more people around due to COVID?**
3. **Was there any changes in access and consumption of food during the lockdown?**
4. **How many people came back to your house after the lockdown? Was there any additional help conducting chores during the lockdown?**
5. **Overall, are children helpful with agriculture/household tasks or is it hard to make them work or study nicely**
6. **How did children react to COVID?**
7. **What are your aspirations/dreams for their children's future?**
8. **Did you take any other tension or were scared due to Covid? What caused the tension, why?**
9. **How did you manage/cope with additional stress/tension?**
10. **What has been your primary source of information about COVID-19 and lockdown policies?**
11. **What kinds of information do you get, and which sources are important for these?**
12. **Are any village health workers (India: anganwadi/ASHA) operating during lockdown?**
13. **Did anyone come back from outside the village/panchayat/district/state into your village?**
14. **What was your initial reaction to COVID and lockdown in March/April?**
15. **What actions are you taking to protect your family from Covid?**

16. Have any positives come out of Covid?