



INTEGRATING PLACES OF WORSHIP INTO THE PRIMARY CARE PATHWAY TO PREVENT AND CONTROL NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDS) IN THE CARIBBEAN

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Readiness for an Interface between Primary Health Care Centres (PHC) and Places of Worship PHC Assessment Questionnaire Part 1 – Interview

Name of Interviewer: _____ Date: _____
Name of Interviewee: _____ Position: _____

A. General Information

A.1 Name of Health Facility _____
A.2 Size of Population served _____
A.3 Floor Space _____ square meters
A.4 Number of Examination Rooms _____ A.5 Average Surface area of Examination Rooms _____
A.6 Surface Area of Pharmacy _____ A.7 Surface Area of Waiting Room _____
A.8 Surface area of other service areas _____
A.9 Catchment area _____
Northern Boundary _____ Southern Boundary _____
Eastern Boundary _____ Western Boundary _____

B. Health Workforce

Staffs complement (Number):

B.1 Doctors _____ B.2 Medexes _____ B.3 Nurse Aides _____
B.4 RN/Staff Nurse _____ B.5 Midwives _____
B.6 Health Visitors _____ B.7 Pharmacists _____
B.8 Laboratory Technologists _____ B.9 Dental Surgeons _____
B.10 Dental nurses: _____ B.11 Medical Records / Clerks _____
B.12 Community Health Aides /Workers _____ B.13 Porters _____
B.14 Cleaning staff / Ancillary _____ B.15 Security _____
B.16 Mental Health Worker _____ B.17 Other _____

C. Service Delivery

C.1 Services offered (tick all that apply)

		✓	How many days per week? State which days
C.1.1	Family Planning		
C.1.2	Antenatal Care		
C.1.3	Basic Emergency Obstetrics		
C.1.4	Child Health Services		
C.1.5	HIV testing and counselling		
C.1.6	HIV/AIDS care and support		
C.1.7	PMTCT		
C.1.8	Tuberculosis Services		
C.1.9	Malaria Services		
C.1.10	Minor Surgery		
C.1.11	Diabetes Clinic		
C.1.12	Chronic Disease Services		
C.1.13	Mental Health		
C.1.14	Other (Give details)		

(Note: Sections C2 – C6 and D are on the Observation Questionnaire)

E. Essential Medications

E.1 Are the following medications available at this facility?

	Disease	Medication	Available?	Is there a history of a drug shortfall	How many weeks per year does this shortfall happen	How often is this drug supplied to the facility? Specify if per week or per month
			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK		
E.1.1	Asthma	Salbutamol 0.1 mg/dose inhaler				
E.1.2	Diabetes	Glibenclamide 5 mg capsule/tablet				
E.1.3	Diabetes	Metformin tablet				
E.1.4	Diabetes	Insulin				
E.1.5	Cardiovascular	Atenolol 50 mg capsule/tablet				

	Disease	Medication	Available?	Is there a history of a drug shortfall	How many weeks per year does this	How often is this drug supplied to the facility? Specify
	disease					
E.1.6	Cardiovascular disease/ HBP	Captopril 25 mg capsule/tablet, Enalapril				
E.1.7	Cardiovascular disease	Simvastatin 20 mg capsule/tablet				
E.1.8	Cardiovascular Disease	Aspirin				
E.1.9	Cardiovascular Disease/HBP	Beta blockers				
E.1.10	Cardiovascular Disease/HBP	ACE Inhibitors				
E.1.11	Cardiovascular Disease/HBP	CC blockers				
E.1.12	High cholesterol	Other Statins				
E.1.13	Depression	Amitriptyline 25 mg capsule/tablet				
E.1.14	Infectious disease	Ciprofloxacin 500 mg capsule/tablet				
E.1.15	Infectious disease	Co-trimoxazole 8+40 mg/ml suspension				
E.1.16	Infectious disease	Amoxicillin 500 mg capsule/tablet				
E.1.17	Infectious disease	Ceftriaxone 1 g/vial injection				
E.1.18	Central nervous system diseases	Diazepam 5 mg capsule/tablet				
E.1.19	Pain/inflammation	Diclofenac 50 mg capsule/tablet				
E.1.20	Pain/inflammation	Paracetamol 24 mg/ml suspension				
E.1.21	Ulcer	Omeprazole 20 mg capsule/tablet				

F. Leadership and Governance

		Y/N	Remarks
F.1	Is there an organizational chart for the facility? (Ask to see it)		
F.2	Is every person employed by the facility accounted for in the organizational chart?		
F.3	Are there job descriptions for every position in the organizational chart?		
F.4	Are staff trained on what their core duties and functions are (job orientation)?		

F.5 Describe the Governance Structure of the Facility and how decisions made regarding community programmes.

G. Financing

G.1 How is the facility funded? Note to Interviewer: Ask whether the PHC has access to any resources other than those provided by the MOPH/Regional Office e.g., counseling sessions from Cancer Society

H. NCD Readiness

H.1 Which of the following components related to NCDs are provided by this facility?

		Y/N/DK	Remarks
H.1.1	Primary prevention and health promotion		
H.1.2	Risk factor detection		
H.1.3	Early detection/screening		
H.1.4	Risk factor and disease management		
H.1.5	Support for self-help and self care		
H.1.6	Support for home-based care		

		Y/N/DK	Remarks
H.1.7	Rehabilitation services		
H.1.8	Surveillance		
H.1.9	Capacity building		
H.1.10	Palliative care services		
H.1.11	CVD risk scoring. If yes, state which score is used.		

H.2 The table below concerns recognized/government-approved evidence-based national guidelines /protocols /standards for the management of NCDs. *Please circle the desired answer.*

	Cardiovascular disease	Diabetes	Cancer	Chronic Respiratory Diseases	Tobacco Dependence
H.2.1 Are such protocols available for these conditions?	Yes No Don't know	Yes No Don't know	Yes No Don't know	Yes No Don't know	Yes No Don't know
H.2.2 Are they being implemented?	Yes, fully Yes, partially No Not applicable Don't know	Yes, fully Yes, partially No Not applicable Don't know	Yes, fully Yes, partially No Not applicable Don't know	Yes, fully Yes, partially No Not applicable Don't know	Yes, fully Yes, partially No Not applicable Don't know
H.2.3 Is the use of these protocols being monitored or audited?	Yes No Don't know	Yes No Don't know	Yes No Don't know	Yes No Don't know	Yes No Don't know

H.3 Indicate the availability of the following tests and procedures for early detection, diagnosis/monitoring of NCDs at the primary care level.

		Available at this facility (Y/N/DK)	Available in the public sector (Y/N/DK)	Are trained staff available? (Y/N/DK)
H.3.1	Measuring of height			
H.3.2	Measuring of weight			
H.3.3	Cervical cytology (Pap smear)			
H.3.4	Acetic acid visualization (VIA)			
H.3.5	Faecal occult blood test or faecal immunological test			
H.3.6	Bowel cancer screening by digital rectal exam			
H.3.7	Breast cancer screening by palpation			
H.3.8	Blood glucose measurement			
H.3.9	Oral glucose tolerance test			
H.3.10	HbA1c test			

		Available at this facility (Y/N/DK)	Available in the public sector (Y/N/DK)	Are trained staff available? (Y/N/DK)
H.3.11	Foot vibration perception by tuning fork or foot vascular status by Doppler			
H.3.12	Blood pressure testing			
H.3.13	Total cholesterol measurement			
H.3.14	Urine strips for albumin assay			
H.3.15	Peak flow measurement/spirometry			

I. Relationships with Community and Places of Worship

I.1 Are there any local centres other than this PHC available for NCD screening and testing? E.g. blood pressure testing, mammography, blood sugar testing, heart activity checks (ECG)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

I.2 If yes, please describe what is available.

I.3 Is any community/home care (independent of this PHC) available for persons with end stage NCDs?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

I.4 If yes, please describe what is available.

I.5 Do you know of any local activities/organisations that target NCD control?

☐ Yes ☐ No

I.6 If yes, please indicate which of the following they have been involved in. If possible, state the name of the organization(s).

Activity	Organisation
<input type="radio"/> Research	
<input type="radio"/> Advocacy	

<input type="radio"/> Facilitate/coordinate development of national NCD policy	
<input type="radio"/> Surveillance of NCDs or risk factors	
<input type="radio"/> Treatment	
<input type="radio"/> Counselling services	
<input type="radio"/> Training relevant to NCD prevention and control	
<input type="radio"/> Health promotion services	
<input type="radio"/> Other (specify) _____	

I.7. Do any of the places of worship in this area offer any assistance in trying to reduce NCDs?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

I.8. If yes, what do they offer?

I.9 Are sessions held at the places of worship in the community to educate the public on preventing and controlling diseases like diabetes, hypertension, cancers, obesity or heart diseases?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

I.10 If yes, please indicate which of the following has/have been addressed:

- ☐ Tobacco use
☐ Alcohol use
☐ Weight control
☐ Diet
☐ Exercise
☐ Screening (e.g., testing blood sugar, checking blood pressure)
☐ Treatment (e.g., taking medication as prescribed)
☐ Other, please state:

I.11 Are there any current or past collaborations between your health centre and nearby places of worship. (If None, please proceed to Q15.)

☐ Current

☐ Past

☐ None current

☐ None past

I.12 If yes, please specify the details of the current collaboration(s).

Organisation	Activity(s)	Frequency of meetings	Frequency of activity(s)

I.13 Please specify the details of any past collaboration(s).

Organisation	Activity(s)	Duration	Population targeted	Any training of congregation members	Funding Source

I.14 Please state the following outcomes of any past collaboration.

Organisation	Turnout (# of attendees)	Reasons for success	Reasons for failure	Lessons learnt to apply to future collaborations

I.15 Which members of your staff coordinate collaboration activities?

I.16 Do you think the surrounding community would benefit from a collaboration between your health centre and nearby places of worship?

☐ Yes (Go to I.17)

☐ No (Go to I.17)

☐ Don't know (Go to I.18)

I.17 If no, why not? If yes, how?

I.18 Do you think it would be helpful if a health advocate from a place of worship comes in to assist your staff on NCD clinic days? (*Interviewer: explain what services the HA would be able to provide*)

☐ Yes (Go to I.20)

☐ No (Go to I.19)

☐ Don't know (Go to I.20)

I.19 If no, why not?

I.20 How feasible would it be for one of your staff members (including yourself) to supervise health advocates in three nearby places of worship? (*Interviewer: explain what supervision would require, including visits to PHCs on weekends*)

☐ Feasible

☐ Somewhat feasible

☐ Not feasible (Go to Section J)

I.21 If not feasible or only somewhat feasible, what would be the barriers to providing supervision of health advocates?

☐ Lack of time

☐ Inadequate numbers of health centre staff

☐ Lack of familiarity with community and/or places of worship (e.g. staff do not live within catchment area of PHC)

☐ Lack of acceptance by place of worship

☐ Religion of health centre staff not the same as the health advocates' religion

☐ Difficulty working or prefer not to work on weekends

☐ Other, please state

J – Sustainability of interface (formal ongoing collaboration) between PHC and POW

How important do you think the following attributes would be in developing and sustaining a formal working relationship between a health centre and a place of worship? (Tick the circle of your choice.)

J.1 Continued provision of funds for all involved even after the research has ended

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.2 Regular communication of results/benefits of having HAs at POWS to all parties involved

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.3 Support and appreciation of the programme by community members

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.4 The intervention changing as necessary to meet the needs of community members

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.5 Government backing of the programme

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.6 The POWs and health centres appreciating what the programme is attempting to do

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.7 Regular meetings between persons involved from POWs and PHCs

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.8 Mutual trust and respect among members of POWs and PHCs

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.9 Good leadership at each level of the programme

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.10 Yearly follow-up by persons in charge to determine the success of the intervention

☐ Not important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Very important

J.11 Do you think any additional factors need to be taken into consideration in building and maintaining the relationship? If so, please state.
