

**Integrated Behavioral and Biological Assessment (IBBA)  
Round II - 2009**

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**Client's of Sex Worker Questionnaire**

**Field Manual for Interviewers**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

### **A. Purpose of this Manual**

This document is a detailed guideline for integrated behavioral and biological assessment (IBBA) interviewers and is part of the IBBA Field Manual. It outlines procedures for conducting an interview, including the role of the interviewer, good interviewing skills, a description of responsibilities during the interviews, explanations of questions and response categories and methods to fill in answers.

### **What is the Integrated Behavioral and Biological Assessment (IBBA)?**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) is implementing interventions among high risk groups in six states (Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur and Nagaland) and national highways under the Avahan India AIDS Initiative . The project is being implemented in close collaboration with National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) and will provide valuable information as feed back to strengthen the National AIDS Control Program in India.

The IBBA has been developed to help Avahan assess the impact of the interventions in the state. One of the main objectives of Avahan is to enable the states to gain better understanding about the levels of HIV and STI and risk behaviours among intervention groups. Information collected through the IBBA would help them to strengthen their intervention programs in the states and also provide data to project trends for the future.

The first round of IBBA was conducted in six HIV high prevalence states across 29 districts during 2005 to 2007.

### **What are the key features of the IBBA?**

- Participation is entirely voluntary;
- No name will be collected to ensure anonymity;
- There is no reason why a respondent have been selected; selection is completely random;
- A person may decide not to take part or to leave the assessment at any time;
- Not taking part or deciding to leave will not affect the services that one receives in the community;
- An individuals behavioural and biological information collected will not be shared with any programme staff or other community members. (Data will be analysed for the survey group as a whole);
- Harm minimization, ethical protocols and safety measures will be taken to protect the participant's rights;
- Participants can obtain their syphilis test results and free medicine for the same, if needed, from the referral clinic and will be provided with transport cost; and
- Referrals for VCCTC would be made available.

### **What are the Benefits of IBBA?**

Those participating in IBBA will be helped by this assessment because:

- Participants will be treated for existing STIs;
- Participants will be able to get their syphilis test results and free treatment if needed;
- Participants will also learn about sexual infections including HIV, and ways to prevent these infections; and
- The information learned from this assessment will help with the planning of HIV/STI prevention programs in India

## **SURVEY POPULATION**

IBBA is carried out in five population groups: female sex workers (by sex work type based on place of solicitation: brothel, lodge/dhaba, service bar and public places), Men having sex with Men (MSM), Hijras, Clients of female sex workers and Injecting Drug Users (IDUs).

Eligibility for clients of sex workers is any man over 18 years and below 60 years of age and who has bought sex from a female sex worker in exchange for cash in the last one month.

## **TYPES OF BEHAVIOURAL AND BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS**

### **Behavioral Indicators/Questionnaire**

The standardized behavioral questionnaires for the different sub-groups will be used in the survey. Care is taken to ensure that the data needed for the impact modeling exercise are also gathered in the surveys. The information that will be obtained using the behavioral questionnaire will include:

- Sexual risk behavior including number and type of sex partners (“commercial”, “regular” & “non-regular”);
- Condom use with different types of sex partners;
- Other practices related to condom use and safe sex;
- Knowledge of STIs and STI care-seeking behaviors;
- Knowledge and attitudes toward HIV/AIDS;
- Drug & substance use (including injecting & needle sharing);
- Mobility & migration patterns influencing sexual behavior;
- Perception of HIV & STI risk; AND
- Exposure to Avahan & other HIV/AIDS prevention interventions.

### **Biological Indicators**

- STI prevalence: Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Syphilis, and Herpes Simplex Virus – 2 (Herpes will be conducted on 10% of the overall sample);
- HIV prevalence; and
- HIV incidence (BED-CEIA validated for Indian sub-type C).

## **CONSENT PROCEDURES**

A detailed and standardized consent process will be conducted for each respondent. The consent process will be either written consent where the respondent puts her signature on the consent form or a witnessed consent where a witness certifies that the consent was sought and the respondent has agreed to participate in the survey.

The purpose of the survey and the procedures of the survey will be explained in simple and understandable terms in the local language. The potential participants will be informed that all information and discussions will remain confidential, their participation is voluntary, they may refuse to answer any questions and that they may leave the survey at any time. They will also be informed that their non-participation will not affect whether they can access services. The interviewer should ensure that the respondent understands the survey purpose, activities and their rights before giving consent. The respondent is expected to make the following statement;

**C. Protection of Vulnerable Subjects**

Recruitment of high-risk populations requires sensitivity to their hidden, socially marginalized nature and the behaviors that they engage in. To protect participants who may be vulnerable to coercion or undue influence, it is important to meet with various stakeholders. The procedures listed below will identify some of the key issues that need to be addressed before implementing the IBBA. These procedures will become more specific as this protocol is adapted for each site.

**Gatekeepers:** Access to these groups may require going through various gatekeepers such as employers, brothel owners or police. IBBA staff should inform gatekeepers about the purpose of the IBBA (e.g. STI detection, treatment and counseling, condom distribution and obtaining information to guide improved implementation of ongoing projects), that no data forms will contain participants' names, with exception of the consent form. Although the consent form will have both the name and ID number of the participant, this will not be linked to the behavioral and biological data. While gatekeepers might be used to gain access to specific groups, they will not be utilized for recruitment and no information regarding recruitment will be provided to them. Sites where gatekeepers appear to be coercive will be excluded from the IBBA

**NGOs and community leaders.** IBBA staff will inform NGOs and community leaders working with the IBBA target populations about the purpose, risks and benefits of the IBBA. Prior to the assessment, IBBA information will be shared through educational sessions with NGOs and other partners. Educational sessions will stress the voluntary nature of the IBBA, ethical procedures, and why it is important to track efforts to reduce HIV transmission.

**Consent Procedures -** A detailed and standardized consent process will be conducted for each respondent. The consent process will be either written consent where the respondent puts her signature on the consent form or a witnessed consent where a witness certifies that the consent was sought and the respondent has agreed to participate in the survey.

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**The IBBA is anonymous.** The participant's signature on the consent form is in no way linked to the person's behavioral and biological data. No names or personal identifiers will be recorded on the behavioral or biological forms; instead, they will be labeled with the respondent number. There is no way to trace any positive laboratory tests to an individual or to determine who chose to participate or not participate in the assessment.

Biological specimen will not be collected from those who refuse or don't complete behavioural part.

### **Roles and Responsibilities of an Interviewer**

The interviewer is responsible for the following:

- Building rapport with respondents
- Bringing respondent to a private space for interview
- Ensuring that respondents understand the survey procedures, risks and benefits and that witnessed, voluntary consent is taken before the interview starts
- Conducting the interview in a non-judgmental manner and ensuring that respondents' answers to questions are documented immediately
- Providing information to the respondent on HIV/AIDS at the end of the interview; if the interviewer is unable to answer any questions, the respondent should be referred to the doctor
- Ensuring accurate ID number on the survey (behavioral and biological)
- Ensuring that the interview is private and that information remains confidential
- Involving the community liaison in areas where there are problems
- Reporting to the supervisor
- Any other activities as needed

### **Supervision of the Interviewer**

The supervisor will manage the site for sampling, selection of participants, quality of work, coordination with community liaison, and will handle any difficult or negative feedback. The supervisor will also supervise the work of the interviewer including participating in training programs, reviewing questionnaires and quality of work of interviewers, and sitting in on some interviews to ensure adherence to protocol. This is outlined in more detail in the Supervisor's Manual.

### **Training of the Interviewer**

The interviewer will participate in a training program before the survey is implemented. The training will cover the procedures of implementing the survey, how to interview, and review the questionnaire question by question. The interviewer should understand his/her role but also the overall procedure from selection of participants to participation in the biological survey as he/she may have to answer respondents' questions.

### **General Guidelines for an Interviewer**

#### **1. A respondent should be well informed before deciding to participate in the survey**

Individuals participating in the assessment should understand the purpose of the study, how it will benefit their community, the risks involved and that all information is confidential before giving consent to participate. The respondent's decision to participate is personal; the interviewer should not coerce or pressure the participant to participate.

#### **2. All information from the interview is confidential**

The questionnaire asks the respondent to share a lot of very personal information that could make them feel uncomfortable. The interviewer's responsibility is to ensure that the respondent is comfortable, feels safe, and that all information shared with the interviewer remains private. General information can be shared in debriefing meetings with the supervisor, but this should not include any identifier information (e.g. ID number, cluster, name, etc.). **Anyone who breaches the confidentiality of participants will face strict action from the Supervisor.**

#### **3. The interviewer should respect the respondent**

The interviewer should not judge the work that participants do or any other activities that they take part in. The interviewer should understand that although the questionnaire addresses many issues on

HIV/AIDS, STIs, and sexual behavior, this does NOT mean that female sex workers are the source or cause of HIV. If the interviewer has any questions or concerns on this, please speak with the trainers, research agencies or supervisors for more information.

**4. The interviewer should dress and act to ‘blend in’**

Non verbal communication is very important to getting honest answers to questions in the survey. Interviewers must be careful about how they dress. If an interviewer prepares for an interview by dressing in very formal clothing, then at the site of the interview, he/she will stand out. Attire should always be clean and respectable. Dressing in a manner that mimics a police man or an authority figure should be avoided (e.g. for men, closely shaved haircuts and black large heeled shoes should not be worn).

**5. Talk with the respondent**

An interviewer may find responses to some of the questions surprising. Interviewers may also find some questions unusual, sensitive, or difficult to ask. All interviewers should be very comfortable with the content of the questionnaire. If an interviewer is uncomfortable with certain terms in the questionnaire, discuss this with the supervisor. The interviewers’ interactions with the respondent should be positive allowing the respondent to feel comfortable sharing her knowledge and experiences during the interview.

**6. Response to the respondents’ answers should be neutral<sup>1</sup>**

Be careful not to show shock, judgment, discomfort, disbelief, etc. to responses given by the respondent (e.g. saying ‘really?!’, ‘what?!’, ‘I never knew...’, or raising eyebrows, shifting the body uncomfortably, moving away from the respondent, etc.). The interviewer should remain neutral so that the respondent feels comfortable answering questions honestly – the interviewer should never react as if the response is ‘right’ or ‘wrong’. Questions should be read in an even tone.

**7. Do not suggest answers to the respondent**

If a respondent answers in a way that the interviewer did not expect or that is not relevant to the question, the interviewer should not say “are you sure”, “did you mean this? Really?” By making these statements, the respondent may feel pressured to agree with you and may change her answer to something that does not reflect the truth.

**8. The interviewer should understand all the questions, response categories and structure of the questionnaire**

The interviewer should understand how to fill questions, response categories, and structure of the questionnaire, to ensure the quality of the data collected. If the interviewer does not understand the questions or response categories, this will compromise the quality of data and the interviewer will have a great deal of difficulty implementing the questionnaire.

**9. The respondent should answer all questions in the interview**

The interviewer should ask the respondent all questions in the interview. However, if the respondent is uncomfortable or does not know the answer the interviewer should record this in the appropriate category.

**10. Good probing skills<sup>2</sup>:**

Probing on the questionnaire should be done only in questions that require probing; this is specified in the questionnaire. Probing should be done gently. Probing should never be suggestive – asking too many questions in probing can imply that you expect the respondent to answer the question in a particular way.

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from KHPT IBBA Interviewers Manual

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Probing should be minimal, so that the respondent can answer the question without the interviewer implying what the answer should be. For example, ask questions like:

*“Can you explain a little more?”*

*“I did not quite hear you, could you please tell me again?”*

*“There is no hurry. Take a moment to think about it.”*

**11. The interviewer should not change the wording in a question**

If the respondent has trouble understanding a question, the interviewer should repeat it slowly and clearly. The interviewer should reword a question only when necessary (after asking the question as it is written in the questionnaire), being careful not to lose the meaning of the question.

**12. Use local terminology**

The interviewer should read the question as it is written, but supplement this with local terminology (it is recommended that the interviewer carry a list of local terms with him/her during the interview). The interviewer should also ensure that the local terminology used is polite and not crude.

**13. Answer questions/misconceptions on HIV, STI, condom use, etc. at the end of the interview**

The interviewer should ensure that the respondent is given correct information on HIV and STIs at the end of the survey in order not to bias the respondent’s answers. If the respondent asks questions during the interview related to these issues, the interviewer should politely say that “I will talk with you about this at the end of the interview.”

**14. Do not feel pressured for time<sup>3</sup>**

If respondents can sense that you are hurried, they may start to hurry their answers or say ‘I don’t know’ to move the interview at a faster pace. The interviewer should avoid this; it is more important that the respondent understands and answers questions correctly. If the interviewer feels the respondent is not thinking through the answers, the interviewer can say ‘there is no hurry. Your answer is important so consider your answers carefully’

**Addressing Sensitive Issues**

If the respondent is upset, has questions, or would like to talk to someone for more detailed information on the survey, the interviewer should refer her to the community liaison. Nevertheless, the interviewer needs to be prepared to handle and respond to questions that the respondent may have. If the questions are related to HIV, STIs, or condom usage, tell the respondent that all of those questions will be answered after the survey. But there are many sensitive questions in the survey and the interviewer’s job is to make the respondent comfortable and able to answer these questions. If the respondent asks questions about why certain information is required, looks upset, or hurt, address these issues before proceeding.

**Interviewer checklist**

The interviewer should ensure that he/she has the following items before going to the survey site:

*Materials*

- 2 pens (black or blue)
- Any materials such as:
  - Logo of NGO’s
  - Logo of Project Clinic
  - Copy of project health card

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<sup>3</sup> Adapted from KHPT IBBA Interviewers Manual

- Condom brands promoted by NGO's
  - Addresses of VCTC for referral
  - Addresses of NGO clinics, contact person, and timings
  - Detailed address of sites identified for behavioral and biological component
  - Letter of introduction
  - Letters from District Collector and Superintendent of Police showing support for survey
  - Telephone numbers of supervisor, field coordinator,
  - Code number of the interviewer
- Interviewers Manual
  - Consent form (additional copy)
  - A copy of a questionnaire
  - A set of ID number stickers
  - Staff ID card
  - Folder to store consent and questionnaire after completion

### **Location**

A quiet, private area to conduct an interview – the interviewer may not be able to identify a secluded or separate room to conduct the interview. Interview sites have been identified for each sample site. The interviewer should take the detailed addresses of these sites from the supervisor prior to the survey.

## **III. TAKING CONSENT**

### **Introduce Yourself**

Rapport building is an important responsibility of the interviewers. The relationship between the interviewer and the respondent can affect the quality of the data. If the interviewer is uncomfortable or has not built enough rapport with the respondent, the respondent may refuse to take part in the survey or, if consenting to the interview, may avoid sharing personal information. The interviewer should always stress that the interview is confidential and that no data from the interview can be traced back to the respondent. The interviewer should be clear in his/her explanations and be polite when talking with the respondent.

### **B. Consent Procedure**

Participation in this study depends on informed and voluntary consent. Respondents should not feel pressured, obligated or coerced to participate in the study. The respondent also has the option of providing witnessed written consent or witnessed oral consent. It should be clear to the respondent that even with written consent, all information will remain confidential, participation voluntary, and that testing and information from the questionnaires is still anonymous. If the respondent prefers witnessed written consent, the community liaison can act as a witness.

The interviewer must explain the consent procedure to the respondent and ensure that the respondent understands the information in the consent. The interviewer should offer to give the respondent a copy of the consent form. The prospective participant should have enough understanding to explain the activities of the survey back to the interviewer and to a witness to confirm an understanding of the procedure. There are two types of consent that an individual can give – consent for participation in only the behavioral survey or consent for participation in both the behavioral and biological survey. **If the respondent chooses to participate in only the behavioral part of the survey, the individual is still entitled to medical treatment for existing STIs.**

Even if the individual decides not to give consent to participate in the survey, the interviewer / supervisor should fill Block I and Block II of the questionnaire.

The entire interview process should be conducted in private. Even if the respondent requests someone to accompany her for the interview, the interviewer should explain why it is important to conduct the interview alone (e.g. that many of the questions are very personal)

**QUESTION BY QUESTION INTERVIEWING GUIDE<sup>4</sup>**

**A. Filling in the questionnaire**

To effectively collect the information needed for this study, the interviewer must know how to correctly record the answers the respondent gives and how to follow special instructions in the questionnaire.

**1, Language of the Interview**

The interview should be conducted in the local language. If the respondent is not familiar with the language used in the questionnaire, please refer to the supervisor for guidance.

**2. Reading the response categories**

The response categories should be read only for those questions that specify “read all responses”. For the rest of the questions, the interviewer should allow the respondent to answer and then the interviewer should find the response category that best matches the answer. If the answer is unclear still, the interviewer should probe the answer with the respondent. There are certain questions where the interviewer should not read any of the responses (i.e. “DO NOT READ RESPONSES”) for these questions, the interviewer should allow the respondent to answer the questions, but the pre-designed respondent categories should not be shared with the respondent.

**3. Recording the responses**

The interviewer should circle the appropriate code in the CODE column. For questions that are not pre-coded or require specification (e.g. “Other: Specify \_\_\_\_”) the interviewer should specify the answer. This will be translated by the Data Entry Officer.

***a. Example of how to record a response to a pre-coded question***

Circle the code that corresponds to the individuals’ response. For example, if the individual says that you CAN tell a person has HIV by looking at them, then the interviewer should circle ‘01’ as this is the code for ‘Yes’.

3	Can you know whether a person has HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) by looking at them?	No	00		□□
		Yes	01		
		Don’t know	98		

***b. Example of how to record a response for an “Other (Specify)” answer***

In some cases, the pre-coded responses will include an “other (specify)” category. If the answer is ‘other’ but there is no instruction to specify, then the interviewer should circle the pre-coded number as shown above. If the answer says ‘other (specify)’, this should only be filled in when the respondent’s answer is

<sup>4</sup> Parts of this section have been taken from or adapted from KHPT’s IBBA Interviewers Manual

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different from any of the pre-coded responses listed for the question. Write the respondents' answer in the space provided; if you need more room, use the margins in the questionnaire.

5.	What is your current marital status?	Unmarried (living alone)	01		□□
		Unmarried (live-in partner)	02		
		Married	03		
		Separated/deserted	04		
		Divorced	05		
		Widowed	06		
		Widow / separated, and live with a partner	07		
		Others (Specify) <u>write response here</u>	96		
No answer	99				

**c. Example of how to record a response for a question without pre-coded response categories**

For these questions, the interviewer enters either the number or date as required by the question, in the corresponding cell. In the example below, if the respondent completed until 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

3.	What is the highest grade you have completed until now?	Highest grade completed: _____	<u>8</u>		□□
		Don't know	98		

**4. Correcting mistakes**

For pre-coded responses circle the code for response. If you make a mistake while entering the respondent's answer by circling the wrong code or the respondent changes the reply, cross out the incorrect code and circle the right code. Do not try to erase it. The example below shows how to correct a mistake:

*Can you read and write?*

Yes                      1      ○

No                        2      ~~○~~

score out wrong response  
and circle code for correct response

**5. Following instructions**

**a. Example of a skip pattern**

**Block VI**

6.	Do you <b>personally</b> know someone <b>(who also knows you)</b> who is infected with HIV, suffers from AIDS or has died of AIDS?	No	00	▶ <b>408</b>	□□
		Yes	01		
		No answer	99	▶ <b>408</b>	

The question above is an example of a question with a skip pattern. If the respondent answers either ‘no’ or ‘no answer’ to this question, proceed to Block VI, question 408 (i.e. skip question 407).

**b. Example of a filter question**

A filter question describes to the interviewer which question needs to be asked based on answers to one or multiple questions. In the example below, the interviewer asks the respondent questions 904, 905 and 906. Before proceeding to question 907, the interviewer must see if any of the answers to 904, 905 and 906 are ‘Yes’. If at least one response is ‘Yes’, the interviewer proceeds to question 907, but if none of the responses are ‘Yes’, then the interviewer proceeds to 914.

**Block IX**

4.	During the <b>past 12 months</b> have you suffered from vaginal discharge?	No	00		□□
		Yes	01		
		Don’t know	98		
		No answer	99		
5.	During the <b>past 12 months</b> have you suffered from lower abdominal pain without diarrhea or menses?	No	00		□□
		Yes	01		
		Don’t know	98		
		No answer	99		
6.	During the <b>past 12 months</b> have you suffered from genital ulcers or sores?	No	00		□□
		Yes	01		
		Don’t know	98		
		No answer	99		
<b>If 904=1 or 905=1 or 906 = 1 ► 907</b>					
<b>Else ► Go to 914</b>					

**c. Spontaneous and prompted response questions**

With these questions, the interviewer should first read the statement to the respondent and allow her to answer freely. If her answers match with any of the mentioned response categories, under the “Spontaneous” column, the interviewer should circle “01”. When the respondent has given all answers that he can think of (the interviewer should not ask “*is that all? Can you think of more?*”), then the interviewer should ask the respondent questions specifically about the response categories that have not been answered during the spontaneous response. For example:

*Interviewer:* “What are the ways a person can prevent becoming infected with HIV/AIDS?”

*Respondent:* “By always using a condom during sex” (Interviewer to circle 1 in row b under the Spontaneous column (2))

*Interviewer:* “Will taking medicines/traditional herbal mixtures before having sexual relations prevent a person from becoming infected with HIV/AIDS?”

*Respondent:* “No” (Interviewer to circle no in row under prompted (4)).

This example is illustrated below:

5. What are the ways a person can prevent becoming infected with HIV/AIDS?					
This question has two kinds of responses: (a) <b>Spontaneous response</b> (b) <b>Prompted response</b>					
<b>Let the respondent answer first, then match her answers with the statements found in column [1] and circle the number in Column (2) for each appropriate answer. Then read out loud the answers that have not yet been stated and circle the respondent's answer in Column [3], [4] or [5] as appropriate.</b>					
Methods to use	<b>Spontaneous</b>	<b>Prompted</b>			
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
a. Take medicine/traditional herbal mixture before having sexual relations	1	2	0	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Always use a condom while engaging in sex	1	2	0	8	<input type="checkbox"/>

**6. Checking Completed Questionnaires**

After the interviewer completes the interview, it is necessary to review the filled in questionnaire by carefully checking the answer to each question before referring the respondent to the community liaison. No questions should be omitted and all skip and filter patterns should have been followed. The interviewer should write in the notebook any comments that would clarify answers or any other points of interest about the interview for the supervisor to review. If you have any doubts about how to record an answer, write a note in the notebook, and then check with the supervisor.

**7. 'No answer' and 'don't know' response categories**

The 'Don't know' response category is only in questions where the respondent may not know or remember the correct answer. The interviewer should record this option after probing to ensure that the respondent understands the question and that the respondent is not just trying to pick up the pace of the survey. This is coded as "98".

The 'NO ANSWER' category is listed in questions that are considered sensitive. If the respondent is uncomfortable in answering a sensitive question, the interviewer can move to the next question. The code for 'no answer' is "99". Good rapport and being non-judgmental will help minimize the number of no answer responses.

#### **IV. QUESTION BY QUESTION INTERVIEWING GUIDELINE**

The interviewer should fill Block I and II for all persons who participate in the study even if they refused consent, discontinued in the middle of the survey, or completed the survey. The sticker with respondent / questionnaire ID number will be given by the supervisor. The interviewer should ensure that the questionnaire has an ID number. No one should record the name or any other identifier information on the questionnaire.

##### **A. BLOCK I: INTERVIEW INFORMATION AND CONSENT PROCESS**

These questions refer to general information on related to identifying the location where the interview would have/does take place. This should be filled for all persons, whether they participating in the survey. These may be filled by the interviewer at the end of the interview.

##### **101. Name and code of locale (cluster #)**

The interviewer should record the name and number of the sampled cluster by referring to the cluster list provided by the district field coordinator. This will be coded by the data entry officer.

##### **102. Name of state**

Circle the code that corresponds to the state where the interview is taking place. The code for Andhra Pradesh is '01', Maharashtra is '02', Tamil Nadu is '05' and Karnataka is 06.

##### **103. Name of district**

Record the name of the district where the interview is taking place. In some cases, the name of the district has already been printed on the questionnaire. The supervisor should then only fill in the code for the specific district.

##### **104. Name of city/town/village**

Record the name of the city, town, or village where the interview is taking place. The supervisor should record the name of the place by referring to the list of towns, cities, villages supplied by the district field coordinator. This will be coded by the data entry officer.

##### **105. Group**

The supervisor will enroll participants in the survey according to the eligibility criteria for the survey. The definition of a 'male client' is given below:

Male Clients - Men aged 18 years or older recruited from red-light districts and other commercial sex access points (solicitation sites of FSW) and have paid cash in exchange for sex with a female at least once in the past one month.

##### **106. Type of locale**

The supervisor should record the type of locale where the respondent has been selected from. This information has been supplied by the district field coordinator for each site.

- Circle 01** if the respondent was selected from a brothel
- Circle 02** if the respondent was selected from a service bar
- Circle 03** if the respondent was selected from a lodge
- Circle 04** if the respondent was selected from a street
- Circle 05** if the respondent was selected from a home
- Circle 97** if the respondent was selected from any other site

**107. Date of interview**

The interviewer must record the interview date in the appropriate boxes. For single digit numbers, precede the number with a zero. For example, if this is the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, the interviewer should write:

Date: 01

Month: 01

**108. Name and code number of interviewer**

The interviewer must fill his or her name and supervisor should fill in the code for each interviewer at the time of editing filled questionnaire.

**109. Participation in previous IBBA**

Ask the respondent if he has participated in IBBA previously in any of the districts / states, i.e. during the previous round I of IBBA. Circle 'Yes' or 'NO'; if the respondent is unsure, circle '98' for 'Don't know / don't remember'.

**110. Consent Status**

The interviewer must circle the number corresponding to the correct consent status that the respondent gave.

REFUSED FOR BOTH BEHAVIORAL AND BIOLOGICAL – if the respondent selected by the supervisor decides not to participate in any part of the survey after hearing or reading the consent form, **circle '01'**.

AGREED FOR BEHAVIORAL ONLY – the respondent has the option of participating in only the behavioural portion or both the behavioural and biological parts of the survey. If the respondent agrees to participate in only the behavioural part of the survey, **circle '02'**. The interviewer should ensure that the behavioural part of the consent form has been signed before proceeding further.

AGREED FOR BEHAVIORAL AND BIOLOGICAL – the respondent agreed to participate in both the behavioural and biological parts of the survey, **circle '03'**. The interviewer should ensure that the behavioural and biological parts of the consent form have been signed before proceeding further.

RESPONDENT HAS ALREADY TAKEN PART IN THE SURVEY – If the respondent has taken part in the survey previously, **circle '04'**.

**STOP with INTERVIEW if respondent has already participated in IBBA RII, i.e. this round of IBBA.**

**Continue with interview if respondent has given consent for behavioral only or behavioral and biological: go to question Q114**

**Supervisor to fill questions: Q111 – Q113, Q115 and Q201 – after completion of interview**

**111. Completion status - behavioural**

The interviewer must record the completion status of the interview at the END of the interview. If the respondent does not complete the full interview, the interviewer **circles '02'** for 'Did not complete interview'.

If the respondent completed the full interview, the interviewer **circles '01'** for 'Completed Interview'.

**\*\* Questions 112,113, 115 should be filled by the SUPERVISOR and NOT the interviewer. . The interviewer should fill in Question 114. \*\***

**112. Completion status - biological**

This is NOT filled in by the interviewer. If the respondent did not consent to this part of the survey, skip this question. If the respondent had consented to the biological part of the survey, then this question should be filled in by the supervisor. The supervisor should refer to the Biological Component Referral Card to fill in this answer. The response categories are:

If, ONLY BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTED, **circle ‘01’**

If ONLY URINE SAMPLE COLLECTED, **circle ‘02’**

If BOTH BLOOD AND URINE COLLECTED, **circle ‘03’**

If NONE OF SAMPLES WERE GIVEN BY RESPONDENT, **circle ‘04’**

Sometimes even when the respondent consents to giving blood and urine, there may be other reasons when blood or urine is not collected, such as when phlebotomist has not been able to draw blood from respondents even after three attempts.

**113. Genital swab collection**

This is NOT filled in by the interviewer. If the respondent consented to the biological part of the survey, then this question should be filled. If the respondent did not consent to this part of the survey, skip this question. The supervisor should refer to the Biological Component Referral Card when filling in this question. The response categories are:

SWAB TAKEN – The doctor took a swab from an external genital ulcer

SWAB NOT TAKEN – The doctor did not take a swab. This may happen for two reasons: the individual had an ulcer but did not agree to have a swab taken or the individual consented to participate in the biological component but did not have an external genital ulcer.

**114. Language of the interview**

After completion of the interview, the interviewer should circle the code that corresponds to the language in which the interview was conducted. If the interview took place in any other language than the ones listed, the interviewer should **circle ‘97’** and specify the language.

**115. Respondent follow-up**

Upon completion of the behavioural and biological components of the survey (or just behavioural if the individual did not agree to the biological part) the respondent should receive compensation for participation in the survey. If the respondent did receive compensation, **circle ‘01’** for ‘Respondent received compensation’.

For those persons who consented to and completed the biological section of the survey, their blood will be taken for syphilis testing. The results of this test are important and, if positive, the individual should take treatment. As this is an anonymous survey, the technicians cannot follow-up with the individual to ensure they receive their results. Instead each participant will be given a card with an ID number on it and the name of a place where they can receive their syphilis results. If this has been explained to the participant, **circle ‘01’** for ‘Respondent explained where he will receive syphilis test results and received card with respondent number’ (paste the ID stickers on this card).

**Block II: EDITING AND DATA ENTRY**

**STOP – here; Q201 will be filled by Supervisor after the Interview**

**Questions Q202-Q205 will be filled by Data management team after completion of survey.**

**201. This questionnaire and responses have been scrutinized for completeness and consistency by:**

Once the questionnaire has been thoroughly checked by the supervisor, the supervisor records his name, along-with his, date of scrutiny and signs the form.

The supervisor records the date of the scrutiny in the appropriate boxes. For single digit numbers, precede the number with a zero. For example, if this is the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, the supervisor should write:

Date: 01  
Month: 01

**Before continuing to the next section:**

**\*\*\* (Stop the interview if respondent has already participated in the survey, or refused to participate in the assessment (Refer to Block I, Question 110))**

**If the respondent has given consent for behavioral only or behavioral and biological, continue with the interview\*\*\***

**C. BLOCK III: DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS**

This section asks questions about the respondents' demographic profile such as age, employment and place of residence. Even though there are questions related to the respondent's home village or city, the respondent should know that all information is confidential and that it cannot be traced back to the respondent.

**301. How old are you now?**

The interviewer records the respondents' age in completed years. If the respondent is unsure of or does not know his age, **circle '98'** for 'Don't Know'.

If the respondent knows the month and year of birth, the age can be calculated by doing the following:

***a. Respondent's birthday has already passed this year:***

Current year – Birth year = Age in completed years

***b. Respondent's birthday has not already passed this year***

Current year – Birth year - 1 = Age in completed years

**302. Can you read and write?**

This question assesses whether the respondent is literate.

If the respondent says	Circle this in the CODE box	then skip to question
Cannot read or write, the individual is illiterate	00	Next question
Can only read	01	Next question
Can read and write	02	Next question

**Fill for any response, the highest grade respondent has completed?**

The interviewer should record the highest grade that the respondent has completed in the given space.

If the respondent has completed beyond secondary level (12 years), the interviewer should probe and record the number of years of education completed. Below are guidelines for how to fill this section:

Respondent has studied up to	Record highest grade completed as...
Class 1, Class 2, ...Class 12	01, 02, ...12
Bachelors Degree	15 years (12 + 3)
Masters Degree	17 years (12+3+2)
Ph.D.	20 years (12+3+2+3)
MBBS	17 years (12+5)
Engineering	16 years (12+4)
Polytechnic	13 years (10+3)
ITI	11 years (10+1)

**303. What is your main occupation (the primary work you do to earn income)**

This question is to assess the respondent’s primary means for earning money. If he has a couple of other jobs, the interviewer should probe to find out which is the primary job (based on the amount of income) and record that here. The interviewer should NOT read the response categories. Only record the primary source of income. The interviewer should NOT circle multiple responses to this question.

There are standard response categories to this question; if the respondent’s answer does not fit in these categories, **circle ‘97’** for ‘Other’ . If the respondent is not comfortable or does not want to answer this question, **circle ‘99’**for No Answer’. See the chart below for the standard response categories:

Do not read the response categories. Circle only one response code.

1. UNEMPLOYED: The respondent is not engaged in any income-earning activity
2. STUDENT: If the respondents is currently studying, record as student
3. DOMESTIC SERVANT: The respondent is working as a domestic servant and work in household works
4. AGRICULTURAL LABOUR: The respondent is working as a coolie or a daily labourer in agriculture.
5. NON-AGRICULTURAL LABOUR: The respondent is working as a coolie or a daily labourer in the non-agricultural sector: Construction of roads/ buildings/ dams/ bridges, employed by a shop or business establishment as a daily wage-earner etc.

6. **CULTIVATOR:** The respondent has own agricultural land and engaged in cultivating crops in his own land. He will be a cultivator, if he is cultivating crops in an area leased for the purpose.
7. **SKILLED/SEMI-SKILLED LABOUR:** The respondent is involved in a skilled or semi-skilled labour. That is, the labour requires some kind skilled training to take up the job. Example, tailor, barber etc.
8. **PETTY BUSINESS/SHOP OWNER:** The respondent is engaged in petty business such as selling vegetables, fruits, and other small household items (Kirana shop, pan/beedi shop, etc.).
9. **LARGE BUSINESS/SHOP OWNER:** The respondent is engaged in large business such as industry, super markets, large shops etc, where he has employed other staff as his employee.
10. **BUS/TRUCK DRIVER/HELPER:** The respondent is a driver or helper in the bus/truck.
11. **OTHER TRANSPORT WORKER:** The respondent is engaged in the work force in other than bus/truck driving/helping activities and getting payment for the work from others.
12. **SERVICE (GOVT/PVT):** The respondent engaged in government or private jobs in any kind of firms and getting salary.
13. **OTHER:** The respondent is engaged in an occupation other than the ones mentioned above. In this case, circle Code 97 and specify the exact occupation she is engaged in.

Circle Code 99 if there is NO ANSWER for this question.

**304. What is your current marital status?**

Ask the current marital status of the respondent. If the respondent is married, ask about him about the spouse. Circle Code 1 if the respondent is married and he is living with his wife.

- If the respondent is married and wife is alive but they are separated and do not live together as husband and wife, circle Code 2.
- If the respondent and his wife have obtained legal divorce, circle Code 3.
- If the respondent was married, but lost his wife, circle Code 4.
- If the respondent is never married, circle code 5.

The following table summarizes the different response codes for this question.

Marriage	Wife	Response code
Currently Married	Has a wife	1
Married	Has a wife but is separated or deserted	2
Married	Has wife but has obtained a legal divorce	3
Married	Wife is dead	4
Never Married	Never had a wife	5

If there is no response to this question, circle Code 99.

**305. Do you have a main / steady sexual partner?**

This question is to assess the respondents who have never been married or currently widowed or divorced, but maybe having a female sexual partner, either a girl friend, lover etc whom they have sexual relationship on a steady basis.

The interviewer needs to probe the respondent to assess if they have such a steady partner.

If the respondent does not have any main / or steady sexual partners then, **circle '01'**. If the respondent does have such a steady / main sexual partner then, **circle '02'**. If respondent is not willing to answer then, circle 99 'No answer'.

**306. Are you currently cohabiting with a partner?**

If the respondent is not currently living with the wife, ask whether he has any cohabiting partner.

If the respondent has a cohabiting partner and living with the partner, circle code '01'.

If the respondent do not have cohabiting partner, circle code '00'.

**D. BLOCK IV: MOBILITY**

This information assesses the frequency of movement in the population interviewed. Respondents should be assured that any information asked in this section will not be used to identify them.

**401. a. Where do you live currently?**

Probe and record the place where the respondent currently resides; i.e. the place where he is presently based to earn a living to carry out present occupation. Usual residence is a place where the person usually lives or has continuously lived for 6 months or more.

- a. If he is usually stay in the place of interview, then **circle '995' for same as place of survey**; Else if the respondent usually stays elsewhere, he is not a usual resident of the place of interview then enter the name of this town,
- b. Enter the most prominent city or town that is closest to this place of residence
- c. District – name the district, where this current place of residence is located
- d. State – name the state where this currently place of residence is located
- e. Country – name the country where this current place of residence is located
- f. If respondent is always on the move and does not live anyone in particular presently, then circle '888'
- g. If the respondent does not want to answer circle the code 999.

**402. Where does your spouse/ steady sexual partner live?**

Interviewer should cross check with Q305 to make sure that respondent has a main/steady partner.

- IF response is 'No' in q305, then confirm this with the respondent and **circle '01' 'does not have a spouse or steady sexual partner' and SKIP to q 403**
- If respondent says that the spouse or steady sexual partner lives with him in the current place of residence mentioned in q401 **then:**  
**circle '02' for 'lives with me at current place of residence'. And SKIP to q403**
- If steady sexual partner lives in the respondents home town / village, where they were born or where they go when they are not travelling, elsewhere in the district / other state then  
**Circle 03 'lives at home town/ village' and go to q402a**
- If the steady partner lives elsewhere other than these places mentioned above, then  
**Circle 04 elsewhere and go to q402a**

If respondent does not wish to answer this question then circle '99' No answer – **SKIP To q403**

**402a. Town / village where spouse / steady sexual partner lives:**

This question is asked of respondent who said in q 402 that their steady sexual partner lives at home town / village or some other place, other than the place of interview. Probe and fill the following information: The interviewer will need to fill in:

- a. Village, town or city
- b. District
- c. State

The interviewer should probe when asking this question to ensure that the information recorded is complete. For example, if a respondent replies with the name of a village, it will be difficult to understand which district this is in; the interviewer should fill in the district and the state as well.

**403. How often did you travel outside your current place of residence in the last one year?**

Note that this refers to the frequency of movement from the current place of residence. This information is collected from all the respondents about their movement from the current place of residence to any other locations. If the respondent is not a usual resident of the place of interview, he is on the movement now. If the usual place of residence is the place of interview, his movement to other places is captured.

Exclude commuting to nearby places and coming back to the current place of residence at night. Include travel to places that involve overnight staying at places away from the current place of residence

The response categories include NO AT ALL (Code 1); MORE THAN ONCE A YEAR (Code 2); ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH (Code 3); EVERY 2 TO 3 MONTHS (Code 4); EVERY 4 TO 6 MONTHS (Code 5); ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR (Code 6).

Circle Code 97 and specify the same, if the respondent travels with any frequency other than the ones mentioned. Code 98 if the respondent DOESN'T KNOW or 99 if there is NO ANSWER to this question.

**404. I am now going to ask you some questions about your travel in the past one year.**

**QUESTION 404 CAPTURES THE DIFFERENT PLACES THE RESPONDENT VISITED. THIS WILL CAPTURE THE DIFFERENT PLACES VISITED IN THE LAST ONE-YEAR OR A MAXIMUM OF FIVE PLACES. THESE ARE DIFFERENT PLACES AND IF THE RESPONDENT TRAVELED ONE PLACE MORE THAN ONCE, RECORD THE PLACE ONLY ONCE.**

**FIRST LIST OUT THE FIVE PLACES VISITED STARTING FROM THE LAST PLACE VISITED, FOLLOWED BY THE PREVIOUS AND SO ON IN Q404. FOR A RESPONDENT WHO IS NOT USUAL RESIDENT OF THE PLACE OF INTERVIEW, RECORD FIRST THE PLACE OF INTERVIEW AS HE IS ON TRAVEL.**

**For each place traveled and recorded, record the name of the city / town or village in column 1 of the table; district in column 2 and State in column 3.**

**What was the main reason for your visit to this place?**

Once all the places traveled are recorded in column 1, for each of the places traveled probe for the main reason for the travel and record the same in column 4.

**How many times did you visit this place in the last one year?**

For each place visited in the last one year, record the number of times he visited the place in the box in column 5. If he does not want to answer, record code 999.

**On an average, how many days did you stay in this place during each visit?**

For each places visited, record the duration of stay (number of days) in the place visited in column 6. If the respondent stayed less than one week and record the number of days stayed during the visit in the box. If the respondent stayed for a month then record the duration of stay in the box as 30 days etc. A maximum of 999 days can be entered.

**Did you buy sex from FSWs during any of your visit there in the past one-year?**

We ask this question for each place the respondent visited during the last one-year. Sometimes, in one place, he may have visited more than once, and if he bought sex even in any of the one visit, then record '01' for 'Yes' else record '00' for No. If the respondent does not want to answer the question record 99.

If respondent did not purchase sex in any of the places visited, then interviewer can skip to q405. If sex was purchased in some places but not in others, then ask and record the response to the question in the last column, for each place traveled in the last year.

**Average number of times bought sex from FSW during travel to this place in the last year?**

This question is asked to understand how many times on an average the respondent has bought sex from FSW in each place in the last one year. Include for each visit to a place all the times when sex was purchased from FSW.

Probe and get the respondent to give an average number of times sex was purchased from FSW in the last year for each place visited.

Ask the above set of questions for each place visited and record responses in the provided table. This question is designed to capture both migration patterns as well as places where the respondent has purchased sex.

**BLOCK V Female Sexual Partners**

This section includes questions related to when the respondent started having sexual intercourse and about their sexual behaviour / types of paid and non paid sexual partners. Questions in this section and the ones following are becoming more and more personal. The interview will require good skills to help the respondent feel comfortable and able to answer the questions honestly. It is important for you to fully understand every question in this section in order to ask these questions without confusing the respondent.

**501. How old were you when you first had sexual intercourse?**

Record the age at which the respondent had his first sexual intercourse (vaginal or anal)  
You may need to probe and determine the age, if he does not quite remember.

**502. Who was this first partner with whom you had your first sexual intercourse?**

Probe and record with whom the respondent had their first sexual intercourse with: Wife (01), girl friend or lover (02), a female sex worker (03), a previous girl friend (04), some other partner whom they are having sexual relations currently (05) or Others (97) and probe to specify who this person is. If respondent does not wish to answer this question then circle 99 for no answer.

**503. How old were you the first time you paid a female sex worker to have sexual intercourse with you?**

When asking this question, the interviewer should use the local terminology for a female sex worker. Record the age (in completed years) at which the respondent first paid a female sex worker to have sexual intercourse. Record 98 if the respondent DOES NOT KNOW/REMEMBER the age at which he first paid a female sex worker for sex. You may need to probe and determine the age, if he does not quite remember. Record 99 if he prefers not to answer this question.

**504. Where do you most often go to pick up female sex worker?**

Note that the information to be collected here is the place where the respondent GENERALLY picks up/gets the female sex worker. If the respondent picks up the sex worker at more than one place, probe where he picks up most of the time. Do not write the name of place, marking the type of place is sufficient. Note that only one code is to be circled.

1. BAR/NIGHT CLUB: Circle this code if the respondent picks up sex worker in a bar or a nightclub.
2. PUBLIC PLACES: Circle this code if the respondent picks up the sex worker in public places such as streets, parks, railway stations, bus stands, market places, open grounds, cinema halls, etc.
3. AGENT: Circle this code if the respondent picks up the sex worker through some agents.
4. BROTHEL: A brothel is a place where a small group of sex workers are managed by a Madam (Gharwali) or an agent. Usually the sex worker pays a part of her earnings to Gharwali. Circle this code if the respondent picks up the sex worker from a brothel.
5. HOTEL/LODGE: Circle this code if the respondent go to the hotel/lodge and pick up the sex worker from hotel or lodge. Do not circle this code if the respondent picks up the sex worker elsewhere, but have sexual intercourse in a hotel/lodge.
6. HOME: Place where the sex worker usually lives – alone or with other related or unrelated members and the respondent go there and pick up the sex worker. This place could be her own place or could be a rented place.
7. DABHA: Circle this code if the respondent goes to the Dhabha (roadside resting place for truckers and long distance motorists) and pick up the sex worker. That is, the sex worker is solicited in the Dhaba and the respondent goes there to pick her.
8. BY TELEPHONE – circle this code if respondent primarily solicits the FSWs by telephone / mobile phone and not physically going to any of the above places.

In case the respondent provides a response which does not correspond to any of the response categories provided for the question, circle Code 97 and specify the response in the space provided. If there is no answer to this question, circle code 99.

**505. How many different female sex workers did you have sexual intercourse:**

**a) Within the past one month?**

Probe for the number of different female sex workers with whom he had sexual intercourse in the past one month. These are different sex workers and not different episodes of sexual intercourse. If there is no answer to this question, circle Code 99.

**b) Within the past six months?**

Probe for the number of different female sex workers with whom he had sexual intercourse in the past six months. These are different sex workers the respondent had sex in the past 6 months and not the episodes of sexual intercourse. If there is no answer to this question, circle Code 99.

**506. How many of these different sex workers that you had sex with in the past 6 months were occasional and regular?**

This question capture the different types of sex workers the respondent had in the past 6 months

Occasional FSW - someone whom the respondent does not know/is not familiar with and whom they don't go to more than once.

Regular FSWs – someone whom the respondent is familiar with, and visits more than once/regularly.

Occasional Sex Worker: Probe for the number of sex worker whom he paid for sex only once or rarely in the past 6 months. If the respondent did not have any occasional sex worker in the past 6 months, circle code “0” corresponding to the Occasional Sex Worker.

Regular Sex Worker: Probe for the number of sex workers whom he paid for sex on a regular basis, i.e., at regular intervals, say, weekly, monthly etc. If the respondent did not have any regular sex worker in the past 6 months, circle the code “0” corresponding to the Regular Sex Worker.

**507. How many times did you have sex with the female sex-workers**

This question is trying to probe the number of acts of sexual intercourse the respondent had with a female sex worker in the past one month and in the past six months. Probe the client so that he can give an approximate, close to actual figure on the number of sex acts.

**a. In the past one month?**

Probe for the number of sex acts with different female sex workers with whom he had sexual intercourse in the past one month. These are episodes/ acts of sexual intercourse and not restricted to one FSW. If there is no answer to this question, circle Code 99.

**b. In the past six months?**

Probe for the number of sex acts with different female sex workers with whom he had sexual intercourse in the past six months. These are episodes/ acts of sexual intercourse and not restricted to one FSW. If there is no answer to this question, circle Code 99.

**\*\*Occasional Sex workers**

**The interviewer should inform the respondent:** ‘I am now going to ask some questions about the occasional sex workers - . FSWs who you do not know/ are not familiar with and to whom you don't go to more than once. Tell the respondent that the next set of questions is only in reference to such occasional FSWs.

**508. Did you pay to have sexual intercourse with an occasional sex worker in the past one year?**

This question is to find out if respondent has bought sex from an FSW whom he does not know or goes to very rarely in the last one year. The main thing to keep in mind while asking this is to be clear about the type of FSW that the respondent is referring to and giving the answers for.

- IF No circle ‘00’ and SKIP to q514
- IF Yes circle ‘01’ and go to next question
- IF don't know / don't remember then circle ‘98’ and SKIP to 514
- IF respondent does not answer then circle ‘99’ and SKIP to 514

**509. Have you had sex with an occasional FSW before this interview today?**

Probe to find out if the respondent has just had sex with FSW prior to the time of meeting on the same day (especially if recruiting at a home / brothel) and even in public places of solicitation.

- **If No circle '00' and go to next question**
- **If YES circle '01' and skip to 510b**
- **And if respondent does not answer, circle '99' and go to next question**

**510a. Was a condom used the last time you had sexual intercourse with an occasional FSW?**

If the respondent used a condom last time he had sex with an occasional FSW, circle the code "01". If he did not use a condom at last sex with an occasional FSW, circle the code "00". If respondent has never heard of or seen a condom before then circle '96' and **SKIP to 514**. If the respondent does not want to answer, circle the code "99" and **SKIP to 514**.

**510b. Was a condom used the time prior to this time you had sexual intercourse with an occasional FSW?**

This question applies only to those clients who have had sex with an FSW prior to this interview. If the respondent used a condom last time he had sex with an occasional FSW, circle the code "01". If he did not use a condom at last sex with an occasional FSW, circle the code "00".

If respondent has never heard of or seen a condom before then circle '96' and **SKIP to 514**. If respondent does not remember then circle '98'. If the respondent does not want to answer, circle the code "99".

**511. In general, how often do you use condom with these occasional female sex workers?**

This question refers to the general frequency of condom use with occasional FSWs without a time period specified, to understand in general how often the respondent wears condoms with these types of FSWs

If the respondent answers that he uses condoms every-time with occasional FSW, circle the code "01". MOST OF THE TIME refers the respondents did not condom every time, but a majority of the occasions he used condom with occasional FSWs, circle '02'

If he has used condom some times/rarely, circle the code '03' (SOMETIMES). If the respondent never used a condom with occasional FSWs, circle the code '04' and if he is not interested in answering, circle "99".

**512. How long have you been using condoms every time you had sexual intercourse with these occasional FSWs?**

Ask this question to those reported the condom use EVERYTIME with the occasional FSWs. We are trying to capture the duration in which he has been using condom every-time. Record the duration of condom use every-time with occasional FSWs in months. If the duration is less than a month, record as "000". If he is not willing to answer this question, circle the code 999.

**513. How often did you use condom with these occasional female sex workers in the past one year?**

This question refers to the frequency of condom use with occasional FSWs in the past year. Probe here for the time period in question. If the respondent answers that he had used condom every time with occasional FSW, circle the code "01".

MOST OF THE TIME refers the respondents did not condom every time, but a majority of the occasions he used condom with occasional FSWs, circle '02'. If he has used condom some times/rarely, circle the code '03' (SOMETIMES). IF he has never used a condom then circle '04'. If the respondent is not interested in answering, circle "99".

**Regular Sex Worker**

*This section is about visiting ‘regular’ sex worker* - someone whom the respondent is familiar with, and visits more than once/regularly.

**\*\*\*\*Inform the respondent,** “I am now going to ask you some questions about the regular female sex workers

**514. Did you pay to have sexual intercourse with a regular sex worker in the past one year?**

This question is to find out if respondent has bought sex from an FSW whom he frequents / knows well. The main thing to keep in mind while asking this is to be clear about the type of FSW that the respondent is referring to and giving the answers for.

- IF No circle ‘00’ and SKIP to q519
- IF Yes circle ‘01’ and go to next question
- IF don’t know / don’t remember then circle ‘98’ and SKIP to 519
- IF respondent does not answer then circle ‘99’ and SKIP to 519

**515. Have you had sex with a regular FSW before this interview today?**

Probe to find out if the respondent has just had sex with FSW prior to the time of meeting on the same day (especially if recruiting at a home / brothel) and even in public places of solicitation.

- If No circle ‘00’ and go to next question
- If YES circle ‘01’ and skip to 516b
- If respondent does not answer circle ‘99’ and go to next question

**516a. Was a condom used the last time you had sexual intercourse with a regular FSW?**

If the respondent used a condom last time he had sex with a regular FSW, circle the code “01” and SKIP to 517. If he did not use a condom at last sex with an occasional FSW, circle the code “00” and SKIP to 517.

If respondent has never heard of or seen a condom before then circle ‘96’ and SKIP to 521

If the respondent does not want to answer, circle the code “99”.

**516b. Was a condom use the time prior to this time you had sexual intercourse with a regular FSW?**

This question applies only to those clients who have had sex with a regular FSW prior to this interview.

If the respondent used a condom last time he had sex with a regular FSW, circle the code “01”. If he did not use a condom at last sex with a regular FSW, circle the code “00”.

If respondent has never heard of or seen a condom before then circle ‘96’ and SKIP to 521

If respondent does not remember then circle ‘98’

If the respondent does not want to answer, circle the code “99”.

**517. In general, how often do you use condom with these regular female sex workers?**

This question refers to the general frequency of condom use with regular FSWs without a time period specified, to understand in general how often the respondent wears condoms with these types of FSWs.

If the respondent answers that he had used condom every time with regular FSW, circle the code “01”. MOST OF THE TIME refers the respondents did not condom every time, but a majority of the occasions he used condom with regular FSWs, circle ‘02’. If he has used condom some times/rarely, circle the code ‘03’ (SOMETIMES). If the respondent never used a condom with regular FSWs, circle the code ‘04’ and if he is not interested in answering, circle “99”.

**518. How long have you been using condoms every time you had sexual intercourse with these regular FSWs?**

Ask this question to those reported the condom use EVERYTIME with the regular FSWs. We are trying to capture the duration in which he has been using condom every time. Record the duration of condom use every time with regular FSWs in months. If the duration is less than a month, record as “00”. If he is not willing to answer this question, circle the code 999.

**519. How often did you use condom with these regular sex workers in the past one year?**

This question is the same as q517 except the reference period is for the last one year, to understand pattern of condom use in the last year with the regular FSW.

If the respondent answers that he had used condom every time with regular FSW, circle the code “01”. MOST OF THE TIME refers the respondents did not condom every time, but a majority of the occasions he used condom with regular FSWs, circle ‘02’. If he has used condom some times/rarely, circle the code ‘03’ (SOMETIMES). If the respondent never used a condom with regular FSWs, circle the code ‘04’ and if he is not interested in answering, circle “99”.

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**520. The last time you did not use a condom with any FSW, what was the main reason for not using condom then?**

This question is asked to all the respondents and captures the reason for not using a condom on the last occasion with any FSW (Occasional or regular). If the respondent had an occasion of not using a condom either with occasional or regular, ask what was the main reason for not using condom that time. If the respondent gives more than one reason, probe for the main reason for not using condom and circle in the respective codes.

**521. Did you ever have anal sex with a female sex worker?**

This question is asked to all the respondents. Ask the respondent if he ever had anal sex with female sex worker (occasional/regular). Record the response in the respective groups by circling the number “00” for NO, “01” for YES and “99” for NO ANSWER. If answer is No or No Answer, then SKIP to q525

**522. How many times did you have anal intercourse with an FSW in**

**a) In the past one month?**

This question is asked to those who ever had anal sex. The respondent will be asked with how many times he had anal sex in the past ONE month with FSWs,. If the respondent gives the answer a range (say 5-8), ask for a single number, which refers to the correct number. If the respondent does not want to answer, circle the code 99.

**b) In the pat six months?**

The question will be asked to those who ever had anal intercourse with a female sex worker. The respondent will be asked with how many times he had anal sex in the past ONE month with FSWs. If the respondent gives the answer a range (say 5-8), ask for a single number, which refers to the correct number. If the respondent does not want to answer, circle the code 99.

**523. How often did you use condom while having anal sex with a female sex worker in the past six months?**

If respondent had never heard of or seen a condom, then circle '96' and SKIP to q525. Note that you need to read out the first four response categories.

If the respondent used condoms EVERYTIME they had sex with a FSW, circle '01', and continue with the next question. If the respondent used condoms MOST OF THE TIME, circle code '02' and continue with next question. If the respondent used condoms only SOMETIMES, circle '03'.

If he never used condom with the FSW, circle '04' for NEVER. Circle Code 98 if the respondent DOES NOT KNOW or Code 99 if there is NO RESPONSE to this question.

**524. While having vaginal or anal intercourse with a regular or occasional female sex worker, has there been even one occasion in the last six months when you have not used a condom?**

This question will be asked to all the respondents. Ask the respondents that, was there any occasion in the past 6 months that he did not use a condom either during vaginal or anal sex.

**Non paid Female Partners – Main / Steady partner**

**\*\* Before starting this section, the interviewer should say, 'Now I am going to ask you questions about your female sexual partners whom you do not pay money in exchange for sex.'\*\***

The interviewer should remember that questions on non-paid female sexual partners are very personal. The interviewer may want to remind the respondent that the information shared in this interview is confidential.

Non-paid female sexual partners are partners that do not pay money in exchange for sex.

Main steady sexual partners are wife, girl-friends/lover, or live in partner.

**525. Do you have a main / steady female sexual partner?**

The interviewer should cross check the response to this question with Block III, question 304, 305 and 306. The respondent may have more than one female sexual partner to whom the respondent does not pay money for sex. If he does, the interviewer should remind the respondent that the following questions refer specifically to the main sexual partner.

The respondent may not have a main sexual partner to whom the respondent does not pay money in exchange for sex. If he doesn't have one, **circle '00'** for 'No' and SKIP to question 532. If the respondent does not answer the question, **circle '99'** for No Answer and SKIP to 532.

**526. How long have you been having sexual relations with this partner?**

This question refers to the respondent's main or regular female sexual partner to whom the respondent does not pay money for sex. If the respondent has more than one such partner, tell the respondent that the following questions relate to the main partner.

This is an open-ended question. The interviewer lets the respondent respond and then fills in the appropriate time period in months. The interviewer should only fill in one row (in months only). If the respondent has been having sexual relations with this partner for less than a month, then enter '00'. If the respondent does not answer, **circle '99'** for 'No Answer'.

**527. How many times did you have sexual intercourse with this main / steady female sex partner in the past one year?**

This question refers to the main (regular) partner whom the respondent does not pay for sex. Record the number of times the respondent had sexual intercourse with this partner in the last one year.

If the respondent did not have sex with this partner in the past one year, **record “00”** in ‘Number of times’. If the respondent does not know or remember, **circle ‘98’**. If no answer then circle ‘99’

**528. Was a condom used the last time you had sexual intercourse with this main / steady sex partner?**

This question refers to the main (regular) partner whom the respondent does not pay for sex. The question is in reference to the last time condom usage by the respondent and his main partner during sexual intercourse.

If the respondent says	Circle in the CODE box
No	00
Yes	01
No answer	99

If respondent has never heard of or seen a condom circle ‘96’ and SKIP to q532

**529. In general how often do you use a condom with you main / steady partner?**

This question refers to the main (regular) partner who does not pay for sex. The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. Refer to the chart below for assistance:

If the respondent says	This means	Circle the CODE
100% of the time	Every time	01
75% - 99% of the time	Most of the time	02
1% - 74%	Sometimes	03
Does not use condoms with regular partner	Never	04
Does not want to share the information	No Answer	99

For responses ‘02’, ‘03’, ‘04’ and ‘99’ – SKIP to q 531

**530. How long have you been using condoms EVERYTIME you had sexual intercourse with the main / steady partner?**

This question is only for respondents who use condoms every time they have sexual intercourse with their main partner whom they do not pay for sex. Record the reported time period in months. If the respondent does not want to answer **circle ‘999’**.

**531. How often did you use condom with this main steady female partner in the past one year?**

This question refers to the main (regular) partner who does not pay for sex. The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. Refer to the chart below for assistance:

If the respondent says	This means	Circle the CODE
100% of the time	Every time	01
75% - 99% of the time	Most of the time	02
1% - 74%	Sometimes	03
Does not use condoms	Never	04

with regular partner		
Does not want to share the information	No Answer	99

**OTHER NON-PAID / CASUAL FEMALE SEXUAL PARTNERS**

***\*\*Before proceeding with the next questions, the interviewer should say ‘now I am going to ask you questions about your other non-paying female partners. This does not include your wife, girl friend, live-in partner, or the regular partner we just spoke about’. \*\****

**532. How many other non-paid/ casual female sexual partners have you had sexual intercourse with in your life, other than your main steady partner?**

This question pertains to all respondents regardless of whether they have a regular non-paid partner. The respondent may not currently have a non paid partner that does not include the regular non paid partner that the respondent just spoke about, but the respondent may have had a non paid partner in their lifetime. If the respondent’s only non paid regular partner in the past one year was his regular partner that he just spoke about, **circle ‘00’** for ‘No’ and **SKIP to question 537**.

<b>Respondent says</b>	<b>Circle this in CODE box</b>	<b>Skip or proceed to</b>
No other non paying partner	00	Skip to question 537
Yes, then enter number of partners		Proceed to next question
No answer	99	Skip to question 537

**533. Did you have sexual intercourse with any other non-paid / casual female partners in the past one year?**

If the respondent has had any non-paid female sexual partners / casual sex partners in the last one year. If yes circle ‘01’; if no circle ‘00’ and if respondent does not want to answer circle ‘99’

**534. How many such partners have you had:**

**a) In the past six months?**

This question refers to the number of non-paid/casual partners that the respondent has had in the past six months, not including the regular partner. The interviewer records the number of non paid/casual partners in the space provided

**b) In the past one year?**

This question refers to the number of non-paid/casual partners that the respondent has had in the past one year, not including the regular partner. The interviewer records the number of non paid/casual partners in the space provided

If the respondent did not have any non paid partners, other than his regular partner in the six months or past one year, the interviewer should **record ‘00’** in the ‘number of other non-paying partners’ for both time periods. If the respondent does not know, **enter ‘98’**. If the respondent does not answer the question, **circle ‘99’**.

**535. The last time you had sexual intercourse with any of these partners, did you use a condom?**

‘One of these partners’ refers to the non-paid/casual sexual partner (not including his regular partner) who the respondent most recently had sexual intercourse with.

<b>Respondent says</b>	<b>Circle this in CODE box</b>
Did not use a condom with this partner	00
Did use a condom with this partner	01
Never heard of or seen a condom before	96
No answer to the question	99

**If respondent answer’s ‘96’ then SKIP to q537**

**536. How often did you use condom with these other non paid casual partners in the past one year?**

This question refers to the other non paid/ casual female sex partners whom the client does not pay for sex. The interviewer circles the corresponding code as per the response given. Refer to the chart below for assistance:

<b>If the respondent says</b>	<b>This means</b>	<b>Circle the CODE</b>
100% of the time	Every time	01
75% - 99% of the time	Most of the time	02
1% - 74%	Sometimes	03
Does not use condoms with regular partner	Never	04
Does not want to share the information	No Answer	99

**NON PAID FEMALE PARTNERS – MAIN / STEADY PARTNERS AND CASUAL PARTNERS**

**Inform the respondent that the following set of questions apply to non paid female partners, both main steady partner and casual partners.**

**537. Did you have anal sex with your non-paid female partners?**

This question is asked to all the respondents. Ask the respondent if he ever had anal sex with a non paid female sexual partner, either with main steady partner or with other casual partners. Record the response in the respective groups by circle the number “00” for NO, “01” for YES and “99” for NO ANSWER. If answer is No or No Answer, then SKIP to q601

**538. How many times did you have anal intercourse with the non paid female sexual partners**

**a) In the past one month?**

This question is asked to those who ever had anal sex with these non paid female sex partners. The respondent will be asked with how many times he had anal sex with non paid partners in the past ONE month. If the respondent gives the answer in a range (say 5-8), ask for a single number, which refers to the correct number. Record the number of times in the space provided. If the respondent does not want to answer, circle the code 99.

**b) In the past six months?**

This question is asked to those who ever had anal sex with these non paid female sex partners. The respondent will be asked with how many times he had anal sex with non paid partners in the past SIX months. If the respondent gives the answer in a range (say 5-8), ask for a single number, which refers to the correct number. Record the number of times in the space provided. If the respondent does not want to answer, circle the code 99.

**539. How often did you use condom while having anal sex with the non paid female sexual partners in the past six months?**

If respondent had never heard of or seen a condom, then circle ‘96’ and SKIP to q601.

If the respondent used condoms EVERYTIME they have sex with non paid female sexual partners, circle ‘01’, and continue with the next question. If the respondent used condoms MOST OF THE TIME, circle code ‘02’ and continue with next question.

If the respondent used condoms only SOMETIMES, circle ‘03’. If he never used condom with the non paid female sexual partners, circle ‘04’ for NEVER. Circle Code 98 if the respondent DOES NOT KNOW or Code 99 if there is NO RESPONSE to this question.

**540. Was a condom used the last time you had anal intercourse with a non-paid female partners?**

This question is asked to those who ever had anal sex with these non paid female sex partners. The question is in reference to the last time condom usage by the respondent and his main partner during sexual intercourse.

If the respondent says	Circle in the CODE box
No	00
Yes	01
No answer	99

**BLOCK VI – MALE SEXUAL PARTNERS (Paid male/ Hijra/ partners)**

*\*\*\*before asking the following questions, the interviewer should say; “now I have finished asking you questions about your female partners. I am going to ask you more questions about your male sexual partner. Please remember all information shared is confidential” \*\*\**

**The next set of questions may be very sensitive and very private. Interviewer should assure the respondent about the confidentiality and that this information will not be shared with anyone.**

**601. Have you ever had anal intercourse with a male or a hijra partner?**

This question assesses whether the respondent has had any male partners. It refers to any type of male partner, including hijra. IF the respondent says ‘No’, code ‘00’ and if the respondent does not want to answer, code ‘99’, and in both cases skip to Block VII, question 701a.

**602. How many different male or hijra partners did you have anal intercourse with?**

This question refers to all male partners/hijra partners with whom the respondent had anal intercourse. Here the respondent needs to give only an approximate number. If they are not able to recall the exact number of partners in this period, the interviewer should give the respondent some time to recollect and answer this question. Enter the number of partners:

- **In the last three months**
- **In the last six months**
- OR, IF there were none, **enter '000'** in the space provided and move to the next question.
- If the respondent does not remember **'circle '998' or for 'No answer' circle '999'**.

**603. How many of these male / hijra partners did you pay to have anal intercourse with?**

This question refers to all male partners/hijra partners whom the respondent paid to have anal intercourse. Here the respondent needs to give only an approximate number. If they are not able to recall the exact number of partners in this period, the interviewer should give the respondent some time to recollect and answer this question. Enter the number of partners:

- **In the last three months**
- **In the last six months**
- OR, IF there were none, **enter '000'** in the space provided and move to the next question.
- If the respondent does not remember **'circle '998' or for 'No answer' circle '999'**.

**604. How many times did you have anal intercourse with these male / hijra partners:**

- a. in the last three months**
- b. in the last six months**

This question assesses the respondent's frequency of anal sex with a male partner/boy friend/lover in the last three and six months. The interviewer should probe and have the respondent give an approximate/average frequency and not necessarily a very precise figure.

- Enter the number of paid partners in the space provided for each time period.
- OR, IF the respondent does not remember **'circle '998' or for 'No answer' circle '999'**.

**605. The last time you had anal intercourse with one of these male / hijra partners, was a condom used?**

The question is in reference to the last time the respondent had anal intercourse with male or hijra partner.

- IF No, circle '00' and go to next question
- IF yes circle '01' and go to next question
- IF respondent has never heard of or seen a condom before circle '96' and SKIP to Q704
- If respondent does not want to answer circle '99'

**606. In general, while having anal intercourse, how often do you or your male partner use condom?**

The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. Refer to the chart below for assistance:

<b>If the respondent says</b>	<b>This means</b>	<b>Circle the CODE</b>
100% of the time	Every time	01
75% - 99% of the time	Most of the time	02
1% - 74%	Sometimes	03
Does not use condoms	Never	04
Refused to answer	No answer	99

IF response is other than '01' THEN SKIP to question 608

**607. How long have you been using condoms EVERYTIME you paid to have anal sexual intercourse with a male/hijra partner?**

This question is only for individuals who use condoms every time they have sexual intercourse with the male/hijra partner. Ask respondent to report the duration in months and record the same in **months**. If the respondent does not want to answer, **circle '99'** for 'No answer'.

**608. How often did you use a condom while having anal intercourse with male/hijra partner in the last SIX months?**

This question refers to frequency of condom use in the last six months, unlike question, 606 which were in general. The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. Refer to the chart below for assistance:

<b>If the respondent says</b>	<b>This means</b>	<b>Circle the CODE</b>
100% of the time	Every time	01
75% - 99% of the time	Most of the time	02
1% - 74%	Sometimes	03
Does not use condoms	Never	04
Refused to answer	No answer	99

IF response is other than '01' THEN SKIP to question 608

**BLOCK VII: CONDOM AND INJECTION PRACTICE**

This section assesses the individuals' awareness of condoms and previous use of drugs or alcohol. The interviewer should be careful not to suggest any answers to the respondent or to judge the respondent for their answers.

**701a. Are you carrying a condom with you?**

The interviewer asks if the respondent is carrying a condom now. This may be asked if the respondent's response was 'No' in q 509 or q516 – i.e. if respondent did not had sex with FSW before the interview today. This question should not be requested in an interrogative or untrusting way; this is only to verify that the respondent is carrying a condom and not referring to a condom in his house, room, or any other place.

- If the respondent says 'No', **circle '00' and SKP TO q702**
- If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01' and SKIP TO q702** (the interviewer should ask the respondent to show the condom)
- If the respondent has never heard of or seen a condom before then **circle '96' and SKIP TO q704**
- If respondent refuses to answer then **circle '99' for No answer and SKIP To q702**

**701b. Did you carry a condom with you when you came to visit a female sex worker at this place?**

The interviewer asks if the respondent was carrying a condom before they came to buy sex with the FSW on this day. This may be asked if the respondent's response was 'Yes' in q 509 or q516 – i.e. if respondent has had sex with FSW before the interview today.

This question should not be requested in an interrogative or untrusting way; this is only to verify that the respondent is carrying a condom and not referring to a condom in his house, room, or any other place.

- If the respondent says 'No', **circle '00'**
- If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**
- If the respondent has never heard of or seen a condom before then **circle '96' and SKIP TO q704**
- If respondent refuses to answer then **circle '99' for No answer**

**702. The last time you obtained a condom, where did you get it?**

This question refers to the last time the respondent purchased a condom and not where the respondent generally purchases condoms or where they have ever purchased condoms. Therefore this question can only have one appropriate answer. The interviewer asks the question and reads all the response categories to the respondent.

If the respondent says 'Never obtained a condom', **circle '96'**. If he has obtained a condom from a place that is not listed in the response categories, **circle '97' for other** and specify from where the condom was obtained. For this question, it does not matter whether the individual has ever used a condom or not, only where he obtained his last condom.

**703. In the past six months have you had the experience of a condom breaking while it was being used?**

This refers to a condom breaking while putting it on before having sexual intercourse, during sexual intercourse, or while removing it after sexual intercourse. The respondent should understand that this is referring only to breakage of condoms.

- If respondent has never used a condom before then circle '96'
- If respondent does not know or remember then circle '98'

**704. Have you been circumcised?**

Since this could be a sensitive question to ask respondents, gently probe and ask if they have been circumcised. IF the respondent does not want to answer, do not insist, **circle '99'** for 'No answer'.

**705. In the last one year, have you received as an adult an injection from a medical doctor, nurse, RMP or a traditional practitioner?**

This question is asked to understand if the respondent has received injections from doctors or other health practitioners for medical reasons, in the last one year. Gently probe to help the respondent recall in the last one year.

- If respondent says NO then circle '00' and SKIP to q707
- If respondent says yes then circle '01'
- If respondent does not remember then circle '98' and SKIP to q707

**706. How many injections have you received for medical purpose in the last one year?**

This question is to understand the number of times a respondent has received injections for medical reasons in the last one year. Gentle probe and allow the respondent to recall the number as a close approximate; does not have to be a precise estimate. If respondent does not remember then circle '98'.

**707. Have you ever been given blood transfusion at any time in your life?**

This question is to understand if the respondent has received a blood transfusion so far in his life. This may be for reasons such as for a surgery, treatment following an accident, or other blood loss. This would be for blood transfusions done in a hospital/ clinic or other health care facilities / blood centers etc. Choose the appropriate response: circle '00' for NO, '01' for YES and '98' for Don't know.

**708. During the past month, how often have you consumed drinks containing alcohol?**

The interviewer may need to explain this question. This refers to any type of drink that contains alcohol consumed within the last one month. The interviewer circles the code that corresponds to the response. IF the respondent never consumes any alcohol then circle 'Never' or '04'. If respondent does not answer then circle '99' for No answer

**709. Have you ever used injected drugs for non-medical reasons (to feel good, get high, fly, trip or have fantasies)?**

This question is similar to the one above except the respondent is asked specifically about injecting drugs for non-medical reasons.

- If the respondent says 'No' circle '00' and SKIP To q801
- If respondent says Yes circle '01'
- If respondent say 'No Answer' circle '99' and SKIP to q801

**710. The last time you shared a needle and syringe, how many different people did you share (give or take) a needle and syringe with?**

If respondent has shared a needle then probe and find out the number of different persons they shared the needle with at the last time. Write down the number of people shared with or if the respondent injected alone then circle '98' or if he does not want to answer, **circle "99"**.

**711 In the past one year, how often did you share (give or take) needle and syringe with others while injecting drugs?**

Probe the respondent to recollect the frequency of sharing needles with other persons in the past one year. If respondent says every-time then circle '01'; for most of the time circle '02'; for sometimes only circle '03' and for never circle '04'. If the respondent has never injected drugs in the past year then circle '96'. If they do not want to answer, circle '99'.

**H. BLOCK VIII: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS**

***\*\*Before starting to ask questions in this section, the interviewer should say 'Now I would like to ask about your health'\*\****

***\*\* Note to Interviewer: The interviewer should remember that even if the respondent has incorrect knowledge on health and STIs, the interviewer should NOT correct that information during the interview. Instead, at the end of the interview, give the respondent correct information on HIV and STIs to ensure that the respondent does not have any misconceptions or misinformation.\*\****

**801. In the last 12 months, have you had any of the following symptoms?**

The interviewer should be familiar with local terminology for STI symptoms. The interviewer should read all the symptoms and circle each type of symptoms the respondent has had in the last 12 months. If respondent has not had any of these symptoms in the past 12 months then circle '96' and SKIP to q 901. If respondent does not want to answer then circle '99' and SKIP to q901.

**802. What was the most recent of these you suffered from in the past 12 months?**

The interviewer should circle the number corresponding to the most recent symptom the respondent had in the past one year. The interviewer should only circle one answer. If the respondent does not answer the question, circle '99'.

**803. What did you do about the symptom?**

This question is with reference to the symptoms reported in q 802. Two kinds of responses are recorded for this question: spontaneous and prompted responses.

The interviewer asks the above question and allows the respondent to respond freely. The interviewer should NOT read the response categories. First let the respondent mention on his own, the different things he did the last time he had an STI symptom. Match responses with the list provided in the questionnaire. Encourage the respondent to report all the different things he did when he last had an STI symptom. If the respondent has mentioned only some of the items on the questionnaire, read out the items that are not mentioned by her and ask if she did that when she last had an STI. Circle codes corresponding to her responses.

During the spontaneous response, circle '01' in the 'Yes' column under spontaneous for all answers mentioned. If the respondent did something that was not listed in the table, the interviewer should record what the respondent did next to 'Other' and circle '01'.

After the respondent has finished answering spontaneously, the interviewer should read aloud the answers that the respondent has not said already. These are answers that were NOT circled under the spontaneous column. For each of these 'aided responses', the interviewer circles '02' for 'Yes' under the 'Aided' column, '00' for 'no' under the 'Aided' column, or '98' for 'Don't Know' under the 'Aided' column depending on the respondent's response.

If the respondent ‘did nothing’ after the interviewer has completed the prompted response questions, the interviewer **circles ‘01’** for ‘Did nothing’ and proceeds to question 901. ‘Did nothing’ is equivalent to having nothing circled under the spontaneous response column and only ‘No’ or ‘Don’t Know’ circled under the Aided column.

**804. How long did you have this symptom before seeking treatment?**

Record the duration either in terms of days (if the duration is less than 30 days) in the boxes provided against DAYS or in terms of months (if the duration is 30 days or more) in the boxes provided against MONTHS. IF respondent does not know / remember circle ‘98’ or for no answer circle ‘99’.

**BLOCK IX: Knowledge of HIV/AIDS and its Prevention**

This section of the questionnaire assesses the respondent’s knowledge and prevention of HIV/AIDS.

**901. Do you yourself feel you are at risk to be infected with HIV/AIDS?**

This question is a personal assessment. Everyone who has heard of HIV/AIDS should answer this question regardless of whether they have been tested for HIV.

- If the respondent is not aware of HIV/ AIDS then circle ‘96’ and SKIP to q 1001
- If the respondent feels at risk for HIV/AIDS infection, **circle ‘01’** for ‘Yes’.
- If the respondent does not feel that he is at risk for HIV/AIDS, **circle ‘00’** for ‘No’.
- If the respondent does not know, **circle ‘98’** and if the respondent does not answer, **circle ‘99’**

**902. Can you tell me, have you ever taken an HIV/AIDS test?**

The interviewer is only asking whether the respondent has taken a test. Emphasize that you don’t want know the results of this test. Circle ‘00’ and skip to q905 if the respondent has never taken an HIV test.

<b>Respondent says</b>	<b>Circle in the CODE box</b>	<b>Skip or proceed to</b>
Has NOT taken an HIV/AIDS test	00	Skip to q905
Has taken an HIV/AIDS test	01	Proceed to next question
No answer	99	Skip to q905

**903. Did you collect the test result?**

The interviewer first explains to the respondent that he does not want to know the result of the test. If the respondent did not collect the test results, **circle ‘00’**. If the respondent collected the test results, circle ‘01’. If the respondent does not answer the question, **circle ‘99’**.

**904. Did you undergo the HIV test voluntarily or were you directed or required to have the test?**

This question is to know if respondents went for voluntary testing or insisted upon by some other. Circle ‘01’ only if the test was voluntary, i.e., the respondent himself wanted to know his HIV status. If a health care provider has directed/asked him to undergo an HIV test, circle ‘02’. If no answer circle ‘99’.

**905. Can you tell me, whether there are any drugs that can help treat people who have AIDS?**

This question assesses the respondent’s knowledge about AIDS treatment. Ask the respondent if there are any drugs to treat people who have AIDS? Do not ask the question in a leading manner. Circle the answer as appropriate; if the respondent does not know **circle ‘98’**; if does not want to answer, **circle ‘99’**.

**906. Have you ever heard to ART?**

This question assesses whether the respondent has heard of/knows about ART. Without any other references, ask the respondent if they have heard about ARTs. If the respondent says ‘No’ circle ‘00’. If the respondent does not answer, circle ‘99’.

**BLOCK X: Program Exposure Information**

*This section assesses whether an individual has received any type of services from a non governmental organization. At the beginning of the exposure section, the interviewer informs the respondent, “Now, I am going to ask some questions about your exposure to mass media such as newspaper, magazines, radio and TV. It does not matter the place where you are exposed to these, for example, at your home or other places like in a train or at a barber shop or in an office or at a friend’s house or at a hotel/dhaba or in a hospital/clinic.”*

**1001. Please think about past six months and tell me if you have heard or seen or read any advertisements or messages on condoms?**

This question assesses the respondent’s exposure to advertisements or messages about *condoms*. If the respondent says ‘No’, circle ‘00’. If the respondent says ‘Yes’, circle ‘01’. For no answer circle ‘99’

**1002. Please think about the past six months and tell me if you have heard or seen or read any advertisements or messages on STIs (use local media term)?**

This question assesses the respondent’s exposure to advertisements or messages about *STIs*. If the respondent says ‘No’, circle ‘00’. If the respondent says ‘Yes’, circle ‘01’. For no answer circle ‘99’

**1003- Please think about the past six months and tell me if you have heard or seen or read any advertisements or messages on Key Clinic?**

This question assesses the respondent’s exposure to advertisements or messages about *Key Clinic*. If the respondent says ‘No’, circle ‘00’. If the respondent says ‘Yes’, circle ‘01’. For no answer circle ‘99’

**1004. Have you ever been to a *Key Clinic* for getting treatment of any kind of ailment?**

This question assesses the respondent’s visit to a *Key Clinic* for treatment. If the respondent says ‘No’, circle ‘00’ and skip to question 1016. If the respondent says ‘Yes’, circle ‘01’. For no answer circle ‘99’

**1005. Have you ever been to a *Key Clinic* for getting treatment of STI?**

This question assesses the respondent’s visit to a *Key Clinic* for treatment of an STI. The interviewer should check the treatment seeking section and ask this question if the respondent reported ever having/getting treatment for an STI. If the respondent says ‘No’, circle ‘00’. If the respondent says ‘Yes’, circle ‘01’. For no answer circle ‘99’

**STOP**

**NEXT STEPS**

- The Biological Component Referral Card (BCRC) is to help the interviewer at the end of the interview to refer respondents to the biological component of the survey. This card also helps track how many people visited the doctor for the clinical examination and participated in the lab component.
- The front side of the card is filled in by the interviewer and the backside is filled in by the lab technician and the doctor

**FRONT SIDE – FILLED IN BY THE INTERVIEWER**

1. Carefully review the completeness of the contents of the questionnaire and the respondent's answers.
2. Return to question 111 and circle the appropriate answer. If the respondent completed the full interview, **circle '01'** for 'Completed Interview'. If the respondent did not complete the full interview, **circle '02'** for 'Did not complete interview'.
3. Return to question 110 – consent status?
  - If refused for both behavioral and biological, circle '01'
  - If agreed for behavioral only, circle '02'
  - If agreed for both behavioral and biological, circle '03'
  - If the respondent had already taken part in the survey, circle '04'
4. Ask the respondent if he is interested in a free consultation with the IBBA doctor. If the individual says 'yes', circle 'Yes' next to "Respondent wants consultation with doctor", otherwise circle 'No'.
5. The interviewer should fill in his/her name at the bottom of the card.
6. If the respondent has not consented to the biological part of the survey and does not want a consultation with the doctor, the interviewer should give the following information to respondent:
  - a. List of RPR referral health facilities in the district
  - b. Location and services of VCCTC
  - c. Clarification of any doubts or questions that the respondent has on HIV/AIDS
7. If there is at least one 'Yes' circled on the card below, thank the respondent for participating in the survey and escort the respondent to the community liaison, who will escort the respondent to the biological component (clinical or lab). If 'No' is circled twice, thank the respondent for participating in the assessment and refer the respondent to the supervisor for compensation.
8. Return the questionnaire to the supervisor.
9. The supervisor will fill in the BCRC card for 'Respondent was given compensation' – if 'yes', circle 'Yes', or if 'no', circle 'No'.

**FRONT SIDE OF BCRC**

<b>Biological Component Referral Card</b>		
<b>ID</b> _____		
<b>Date:</b> _____		
<b>Consented for Laboratory Tests</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Respondent wants consultation With doctor</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Interviewer name:</b> _____		
<b>Respondent was given compensation</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

**BACK SIDE OF BCRC – FILLED BY DOCTOR AND LAB TECHNICIAN**

**Steps to fill in the card**

1. If the individual has consented to participate in the biological part of the assessment, the lab technician should fill in the first part of the card:
  - a. Respondent did not give any samples – the lab technician should check this box if the respondent did not give blood or urine samples
  - b. Respondent gave only blood sample – the lab technician should check this box if the respondent gave only a blood sample and not a urine sample
  - c. Respondent gave only urine sample – the lab technician should check this box if the respondent gave only a urine sample and not a blood sample
  - d. Respondent gave blood and urine samples – the lab technician should check this box if the respondent gave both blood and urine samples
  
2. The IBBA doctor should fill in the next section of this card. If the individual consented to participate in the biological component of the survey (see reverse side of the card), the IBBA doctor will do a clinical exam and, if he/she sees an ulcer, will take a genital swab. The doctor should use the following definitions for filling in this card:
  - Swab taken – the respondent consented to participate in the biological component of the survey and the doctor took a swab from an external genital ulcer
  - Swab not taken – the respondent either: did not consent to take part in the biological component of the survey so no swab was taken; or the respondent consented to participate in the biological component of the survey, but no ulcer was seen on genital examination.

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- Syphilis follow up card given - Doctor provides respondents with a follow up card (to follow up with the NGO/program clinic in the district) to check for test results from syphilis testing. Check the box after giving out this follow up card to the respondent.
- VCCTC referral card given – Referral to the nearest VCCTC will be given to respondents who wish to know their HIV status. Doctor provides the referral card to these respondents. Check the box when the respondent is given a VCCTC referral card.

**(To be filled by Doctor and sent to Supervisor to fill Block 1 of Interview)**

**Filled by Lab Technician (select appropriate category):**

Respondent gave only blood sample	
Respondent gave only urine sample	
Respondent gave blood and urine sample	
Respondent did not give any samples	

**Filled by Doctor (select appropriate category):**

Swab not taken	
Swab taken	
Syphilis follow up card given	
VCCTC referral card given	