

INTERVIEWERS' GUIDE

Injecting Drug Users

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Acronyms

AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
BBI	Blood Borne Infection
CBO	Community Based Organization
CRS	Chain Referral Sampling
FHI	Family Health International
FSW	Female Sex Worker
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IBBA	Integrated Behavioral and Biological Assessment
IDU	Injecting Drug User
MSM	Men who have Sex with Men
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
RDS	Respondent Driven Sampling
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections

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INTRODUCTION TO THIS GUIDE:

This interview guide is prepared with reference to the IDU questionnaire. This interview guide does not include other generic and specific issues on HIV/STI, condom use, injecting drug use population and their practices, IBBA processes, sampling methodology and fieldwork operations. For each of these issues, please refer to the fieldwork manual for the IDU population.

This guide specifically deals with the IDU questionnaire and issues of interviewing. Divided in four parts, this document attempts to deal exhaustively with each question asked in the questionnaire and how best an interview can be administered:

- Part one: General Interviewing Guideline
- Part two: Taking Consent
- Part Three: Filling in Questionnaire
- Part four: Question by question interviewing guideline

The first part deals with general interviewing rules and preparations for interview. This issue is discussed thoroughly under 17 appropriate sub-heads. Taking consent is one of the most important ethical responsibilities of interviewing, which is discussed in the second part. However, in RDS mode of sampling operations, the 'Screener' has the responsibility to carry out this consent process and not the interviewer. Screening process is discussed in Part II. Part III deals with very important technical issues of rules of filling in questionnaire. This section demonstrated practical examples of how to fill in different questions and what the instructions mean. The fourth part deals with each question in the 12 sections of the IDU questionnaire. Please refer to the questionnaire while going through Part IV of this document.

The Interviewers and their Supervisors should have this copy for ready reference during data collections. This document will also be useful during training the behavioral data collection Staff.

I. GENERAL INTERVIEWING GUIDELINES

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, drug injecting practices, STIs, and sexual behavior, this does NOT mean that Injecting Drug Users 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 and how they present themselves. 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.

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

Be careful not to show expressions of 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 structure of the questionnaire, questions and the answer categories, he will not be prompt and correct in filling out answers given by the respondent. This may hamper the data collection process and lead to compromising with the quality of data.

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. Often it becomes a tough call for the interviewer to decide whether an interview was complete in case the respondent had chosen to leave out many questions in the questionnaire. In such cases, the interviewer should bring this matter to the knowledge of his supervisor immediately after the interview. Looking at the level of omission, the supervisor should take a decision whether the interview should be considered 'complete' or not.

10. Good probing skills:

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. 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.”

12. 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.

13. 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 during the interview). The interviewer should also ensure that the local terminology used is polite and not crude (not abusive terms).

14. 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.”

15. Do not feel pressured for time

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'.

16. 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.

17. Interviewer checklist

The interviewer should have the following items before going to the survey site:

- 2 pens (black or blue)
- Logo of NGO's
- Logo of Project Clinic
- Copy of project health card
- 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 (The ICMR Institute and the research agency who hired you)
- Letters from District Collector and Superintendent of Police showing support for survey
- Telephone numbers of supervisor, field coordinator, and ICMR and Research Agency office
- Code number of the interviewer
- The Interviewers Manual
- Consent form (additional copy)
- One copy of a questionnaire
- One set of ID number stickers
- Staff ID card
- Folder to store consent and questionnaire after completion

II. TAKING CONSENT

(In RDS surveys, this is the responsibility of the Screener)

A. 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 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)

III. FILLING IN 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 ANSWERS”) 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 in local language. Supervisor or the Data Entry Officer will translate these answers written verbatim by the interviewer.

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’.

301	Can you know whether a person has HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) by looking at them?	No	00		<input type="checkbox"/>
		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 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
		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>	97		
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 8th grade:

#	Question	Pre-coded Answers	Codes	Skip to	Code Boxes
303.	What is the highest grade you have completed until now?	Highest grade completed: _____ Don't know	<u>08</u> 98		<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

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

01

No

~~02~~

score out wrong response, and circle code for correct response

5. Following instructions

a. Example of a skip pattern

#	Question	Pre-coded Answers	Codes	Skip to	Code Boxes
404	Since the time you have been injecting drugs, did you also take drugs through any non-injecting mode?	No Yes No answer	00 01 99	▶ 406 ▶ 406	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

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 IV, question 406 (i.e. skip question 406).

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 1201, 1202 and 1203. Before proceeding to question 1204, the interviewer is asked to see whether both the answers in 1201 and 1203 were 'no'. In that case, the interviewer ends the interview there. However, if the answer is 'yes' in Q1203, Q1204 should be asked and if 'no', it skips to Q1209.

#	Question	Answers	Codes	Skip to	Code Boxes
1201	Have you ever heard of any of the following ORCHID NGOs: a. b. c.	No Yes	00 01	▶ 1203	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
1202	For how long have you known these NGOs / programmes? QUESTION IS OPEN-ENDED LISTEN TO RESPONSE IF < 1 WEEK RECORD IN DAYS IF >1 WEEK AND < 1 MONTH RECORD IN WEEKS IF > 1 MONTH AND < 1 YEAR RECORD IN MONTHS IF => 1 YEAR RECORD IN YEARS	a. Days _____ b. Weeks _____ c. Months _____ d. Years _____ No answer _____			a <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> d <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
1203	Besides any of the NGOs (mentioned in Q1201), have you heard of any other NGOs who provide similar services?	No Yes	00 01	▶ 1209	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

If the answer is 'No' in BOTH Q1201 and Q1203, END THE INTERVIEW, or else PROCEED.

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 response categories below, 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 read out other answer options that the respondent did not answer spontaneously. For example:

Interviewer: What did you do the last time you had a genital ulcer/sore, or urethral discharge and other symptoms?
Respondent: Went to ORCHID clinic for treatment (Interviewer to circle '01' in row 'a' under the Spontaneous column)
Interviewer: Did you do anything else?
Respondent: Well, I also went to a charity hospital to see a doctor there (Interviewer to circle '01' in row 'b' under the Spontaneous column)
Interviewer: Did you do anything else? Please try to remember.
Respondent: No, I don't remember
Interviewer: Well, did you stop having sex when you experienced these symptoms?
Respondent: No (Interviewer to circle '00' in row 'i' under the Aided column)
Interviewer: Did you use condom at the time you experienced these symptoms?
Respondent: yes (Interviewer to circle '02' in row 'j' under the Aided column)
Interviewer: Did you tell your sexual partner that you were experiencing those symptoms?
Respondent: I'm not sure (Interviewer to circle '98' in row 'h' under the Aided column)

#	Question	Pre-coded Answers	Codes	Skip to	Code Boxes	
804.	What did you do the last time you had a genital ulcer/sore, or urethral discharge and other symptoms? This question has two kinds of responses: (a) Spontaneous response (b) Prompted response					
Let the respondent answer first, then match his 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 mentioned and circle the respondent's answer in Column [3], [4] or [5] as appropriate.						
Methods to use		Spontaneous		Aided		
		Yes	Yes	No	Don't know	
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
a. Sought advice/medicine from KEY CLINIC Prompt with LOGO of KEY Clinic		01	02	00	98	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Sought advice/medicine from a government clinic or hospital?		01	02	00	98	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Stopped having sex during the time when I had the symptoms?		01	02	00	98	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Used condoms		01	02	00	98	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Told my sexual partner about the STI symptoms		01	02	00	98	<input type="checkbox"/> <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 genuinely does not know or does not remember the particular incident. 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.

Please remember, the quality of interview would reflect on the number of number of '98' and '99' are circled by the interviewer. From data quality point of view, the responses like 'don't know', 'don't remember' and 'no answer' are the least desirable answers in a questionnaire. Many of these response categories are linked to skip orders and thus the interview might lose out on important information areas. Some dishonest interviewers often use these answer categories as gateways to quickly end the interviews. This attitude of the data collectors proves detrimental to the study, should be condemned seriously and the Supervisors must keep a rigorous check on data quality keeping this in mind.

IV. QUESTION BY QUESTION INTERVIEWING GUIDE

The interviewer should fill Block I and II for all persons who were asked to participate in the study even if they refused consent, discontinued in the middle of the survey, or completed the survey. The 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. Please read the instructions in the first page of the questionnaire on which questions are to be filled up by the interviewer and when. Please read the instructions carefully on filling in RDS coupon number.

BLOCK I: INTERVIEW INFORMATION AND CONSENT STATUS

These questions refer to general information on who conducted the interview, whether the individual gave consent, how much of the survey was completed, and verification by the supervisor.

101. Name and code number of the interviewer

Fill in the Interviewer's name and code number. If the interviewer does not know his/her code number, the supervisor will have this number.

102. 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 1st of January, the interviewer should write:

Date: 01

Month: 01

Year: 09

103. Whether participated in IBBA round one conducted in 2006

This question is asked to find out whether the respondent participated in the previous round of IBBA. The interviewer needs to understand that other IDUs surveys are also conducted in the State and there are possibilities that the respondents might have participated in any of them. The respondent might not remember which one the interviewer is referring to. The interviewer needs to specifically tell the respondents about the exact period of IBBA round one (with regard to the State) and also about the locations of RDS centres in that State and ensure that the facilitation helps the respondent to correctly remember whether or not he had taken part in IBBA round one. If he can not remember or is unsure of, circle '98'.

104. Interview Completion status

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 behavioural interview but did not give any of the biological sample (blood or urine or both), the interviewer should circle '03' in consultation with the Supervisor and phlebotomist.

If the respondent completed the full interview and gave both blood and urine samples, the interviewer **circles '01'** for 'Completed Interview'.

**** Questions 104 and 105 should be filled in by the SUPERVISOR and NOT the interviewer.**

105. Supervision work and checks done by supervisor

The supervisor needs to check each and every questionnaire that his team fills in. Checking the questionnaire involves ensuring that the questionnaire is filled in correctly, that there are no blank answers, that skips have been followed, etc. If the supervisor identifies a problem in a questionnaire(s) the supervisor should follow up with his team to prevent this problem from continuing.

During the check, the supervisor should record the following:

a. The questionnaire ID was checked – the supervisor checks the questionnaire ID to ensure that it is correct. If the supervisor checks the ID, **circle '01'**, and if the supervisor does not check the ID, **circle '00'**. Two ID stickers are to be pasted in the questionnaire: one in the front page and one on page 28 (the last page with questions).

b. The entire questionnaire was checked for errors – if the supervisor has completed a check of the full questionnaire to ensure that answers are recorded correctly, skips are followed, etc, then **circle '01'** for 'Yes'. If the check has not been completed, **circle '00'** for 'No'.

BLOCK II: IDENTIFICATION (to be filled in by supervisor)

201. Group

The supervisor will enroll participants in the survey according to the eligibility criteria for the survey. The group identification number for injecting drug users is '10'. The definition of an 'injection drug user' is given below:

Males, aged 18 years or more who have injected drugs in the past six months.

202. Name of state

Circle the code that corresponds to the state where the interview is taking place. The code for Maharashtra is '02', Manipur is '03' and Nagaland is '04'.

203. 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 district. The districts for the IBBA on injecting drug users is Mumbai & Thane '**27**', for Bishnupur **circle '31'**, Churachandpur **circle '32'**, Phek **circle '42'**, and for Wokha **circle '43'**.

204. Name of RDS Center

Record the name of the RDS center where the interview is taking place. This will be coded by the supervisor in consultation with the data entry officer.

BLOCK III: DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

This section asks questions about the respondents' demographic profile such as age, employment, marital status and place of stay. 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 their 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. What is your mother tongue?

Fill in the appropriate language in response to this question. If 'No answer', **circle '99'**.

303. 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	Block III, question 305
Can only read	01	Next question
Can read and write	02	Next question

304. What is the highest grade you have completed until now?

This question will supplement the literacy question above. The interviewer should record the highest grade that the respondent has completed. If the respondent did not attend school, but attended adult or informal education, **circle '95'**.

If the respondent does not know the highest grade completed, **circle "98"** for 'Don't Know'.

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)

305. What is your main occupation?

Unemployed	Respondent is not engaged in any income-earning activity currently	01
Student	Respondent is a student in any educational institution and is not associated in any income activities	02

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 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:

Student	Respondent is a student in any educational institution and is not associated in any income activities	02
Wage labourer / vendor	Wage labourer: Respondent is engaged as unskilled / semiskilled labourer and earns daily wages for the days he works or works as hired servants. Vendor: Respondent earns his living by doing some petty vending business (vegetable, fish, flower etc.) but does not operate from permanently hired or owned shopping premises.	03
Farming and other traditional occupation	Farming: Engaged in agriculture; those who do subsistence farming in own land or rented/borrowed land or work as agricultural labourers. Include owners of commercial farming. Traditional Occupation: (examples) – Handicrafts of any kind, mason, barber, shoe maker, washing, fishing etc. who do not operate from permanently hired or owned shopping premises (please add on to this list and include locally appropriate traditional occupations).	04
Salaried and Professionals	Salaried: Those who earn a monthly salary from their employer. This will include both Govt. and private sector employees, drivers and workers in the transport sector. Professionals: Usually referred to the self-employed individuals of the medical, engineering and legal fraternity.	05
Trade / business / shop-owner	Businessmen or traders who operate from a permanent place of operation or shops	06
Drug dealer	Here 'drug' refers to the substances injected or consumed in any non-injecting for the purpose of addiction. 'Drug dealer' means who are engaged in such addictive drug peddling business.	07
Scrap/Garbage collection / rag picking	Those engaged in rag picking, garbage/waste/scrap collection	08
Beggar	Destitute who are engaged in begging money and food from others.	09
Petty crime	Engaged in criminal activities to earn: Pick-pocketing, stealing, black-marketing, coercing for money etc.	10

306. What is your marital status?

If the respondent currently has a married spouse and the marriage is not discontinued due to separation or divorce, circle **code '01'** for 'currently married'. For the respondents who reported having ever married but the marriage was discontinued because of separation or divorce or death of spouse, circle **code '02'** for 'Ever married'. 'If the respondents say that they had never married in their lifetime, then **circle '03'** for 'Never married'.

307. Do you currently live with a steady sexual partner / spouse?

This question and the next one intend to find out whether the respondent has a steady sexual partner or not, who may be his spouse (if the respondent was currently married) or a girlfriend. Q307 asks whether he lives with a steady sexual partner. The responses are 'no', 'yes' and 'No answer' and are coded as '00', '01' and '99' respectively. Circle one appropriate answer. Skip to Q309 if the answer code is '01'.

308. Do you have one steady sexual partner who you don't live with?

Q308 intends to know whether the respondent has a regular partner who he does not live with but they have a steady sexual relationship. The responses are 'no', 'yes' and 'No answer' are coded '00', '01' and '99' respectively. Circle one appropriate answer.

Code '00' circled in both questions (Q307 & Q308) would mean that the respondent does not have any steady sexual partner.

Q309. Where do you sleep at night?

This question is asked with an objective to see whether the IDU respondent has a home or he is a homeless person. It has been observed that many of the IDUs in Indian cities (Mumbai being one of them) live in open, on street sides, often are destitute, and many have no family (answer code '03'). Students living away from their family and other migrant individuals / workers who might be living in make-shift dwellings away from their family are another important category of these IDUs (answer code '02'). Code '01' is assigned to those who live in their home with their family. This profile related information is very important for the IDU group. Circle one correct code.

BLOCK IV: INJECTION PRACTICES

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

401. How long have you been injecting drugs for non-medical purpose?

This question intends to capture the duration of injecting drugs. This duration is an important measure. Please clarify and probe if the respondent does not understand the question or finds it difficult to arrive at the duration in months/years. You can facilitate the process by asking him to recall the event of first injecting drugs and then request him to remember any important event in his life that took place at that time and then his age at that time. The duration can then be retrospectively calculated by subtracting the age at first injecting drug from the current age. Even after this probing, if the respondent is still unsure, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**. If the answer is given in 'years', please convert it into 'months'. You may kindly note down the original answer (mention the unit) in the blank space in the same row.

402. Before first injecting drugs, did you ever use drugs through non-injecting mode?

Usually the injecting drug users switch from non-injecting mode to injecting mode for getting better intensity of effects with less quantity of drug (because some better drugs are costly!). However, there could be very limited and atypical cases where the respondents might have started drug use by injecting. This question intends to confirm whether the respondent started drug use through non-injecting mode before first injecting drugs. Non-injecting modes are oral (in a 'pill' form), chasing (brown sugar/heroin heated up on an aluminium foil and the fumes are inhaled through an empty cigarette), smoking (any addictive substance that generates smoke is mixed with tobacco and stuffed inside cigarette or put on the container on top of any traditional smoking pipes) sniffing (say industrial glue) etc. It is very unlikely that the respondent will not be able to remember the first incident of drug use, but if that is the case **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

403. Before first injecting drugs, how long did you take drugs through any non-injecting mode?

This question is asked in continuation with Q402. This question intends to record the period of drug use through non-injecting mode before the respondent first injected drugs. Circle **'98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**. If the answer is given in 'years', please convert it into 'months'. You may kindly note down the original answer (mention the unit) in the blank space in the same row.

404. Since the time you have been injecting drugs, did you also take drugs through any non-injecting mode?

Often the injectors also take drugs through non-injecting mode. This question is asked to understand the same. For 'no' code '00' or 'no answer' code '99' please skip to Q406. If the answer is 'yes' 'code '01', please ask Q405.

405. How often have you taken drugs through non-injecting mode in the past one month?

This question intends to capture the frequency of taking drug through non-injecting mode for period of last one month. Read these frequencies carefully. Code '09' (4 or more times daily), code '08' (2-3 times daily) and code '07' (About once daily) are the three different frequencies for those who take drugs daily through any non-injecting mode. Code '06' (4-6 times a week), code '05' (2-3 times a week) and code '04' (about once a week) are the frequencies for those who do not take daily but weekly. Code '03' (2-3 times in month) and code '02' (Only once in a month) are the frequencies for those who do not take weekly but monthly. Code '01' (Never in the past one month) would mean that these injectors do not take drugs (through non-injecting mode) as less frequently as even once in a month.

Do not read out these answers. Listen to one spontaneous answer from the respondent. Identify the closest one in the given answer option and then cross-check the same with the respondent. Be sure you are circling one correct code.

406 A. Before you first injected drug which drug/addictive substance did you most often take through non-injecting mode?

406 B. After you have started injecting drugs, which drug/addictive substances did you most often take through non-injecting mode.

Both these questions are inquiring about one main drug taken through non-injecting mode. Q406A inquires about the drug the respondent used to take prior to starting injecting drugs and Q406B intends to know which main drug the respondent took through non-injecting mode after he started injecting drug. In case of Q406A, code '96' (not applicable) should be put in case the respondent never took drugs through non-injecting mode before starting to inject drugs. In case of Q406B, code '96' (not applicable) should be put in case the respondent never took drugs through non-injecting mode after he started injecting drugs. Please read the instructions below the questions carefully. One correct code each for Q406A and Q406B needs to be circled in the specified columns with precoded options. Please learn and use colloquial / locally known names of drugs and make sure you circle the correct code in the questionnaire. Allow the respondents to give spontaneous answer. Do not read out the answers. In case the answer given by the respondent did not match with the precoded answers, write the answer verbatim in 'other (specify) _____' and inform the supervisor about the new option. The supervisor has to do necessary explorations about the same and confirm that it was a correct answer. The details should be noted down in supervisor's note book for future reference.

407A. Which drug did you most often inject over the last 12 months?

407B. Which drug did you inject at the last injection?

Both questions intend to know the type of drug used through the injecting mode. Q407A inquires about one main drug the respondent injects most of the time. Q407B inquires about the drug injected at the last incident of injection. Please learn and use colloquial / locally known names of drugs and make sure you circle the correct code in the questionnaire. Allow the respondents to give spontaneous answer. Do not read out the answers. One correct code each for Q407A and Q407B needs to be circled in the specified columns with precoded options. In case the answer given by the respondent did not match, write the answer verbatim in 'other (specify) _____' and inform the supervisor about the new option. The supervisor has to do necessary inquiries about the same and confirm that it was a correct answer. The details should be noted down in supervisor's note book for future reference.

408. Where did you most often inject drugs in the last 12 months?

This question intends to know which was the most common place where the respondent had injected drugs in the past 12 months prior to this survey. Please do not read out the answers. Listen to the answer given by the respondent and match up with the existing options. In case the answer given by the respondent did not match, write the answer verbatim in other (specify) _____ and inform the supervisor about the new option. The supervisor has to do necessary inquiries about the same and confirm that it was a correct answer. The details should be noted down in supervisor's note book for future reference.

409. How often in the past one year did you share needle/syringe or drug solutions or other injecting equipments while injecting in groups?

This question intends to know in what frequency the respondent was sharing either needle/syringe or drug solutions or other injecting equipments in the past 12 months with other injectors while injecting in groups or other IDUs. Please administer this question in a manner that the respondent understands that you are talking about not only sharing of needle / syringe but also sharing of drug solution and other injecting equipments and understands the emphasis that the question means any of these components or any combination of these three components. Please cross check the answer given in Q409 with other answers later in Q418 a, Q418 b, Q418 c, Q418 d & Q418 g, Q419, Q421, Q423, and Q425. If the answer is 'code 05' or 'code 99', skip to Q411.

410. What has been the main reason for you to inject in a sharing group?

This question intends to understand what was the main reason (or motivation) for the respondent to join in a sharing group of other injectors. The reasons captured here will reflect on some of the telling situations and also

about injecting drug users' general psyche that influence their sharing behaviour. The interviewer themselves should read the answer options well. But please don't read them out to the respondent. Allow spontaneous response to come first. Write the answer verbatim in the blank space within the same row and then match the answer with the given options. If it does not match with any of those, mention it in 'Other (Specify) _____'.

411. How often have you injected drugs in the past one month?

This question intends to capture the frequency of injecting drug for period a of last one month. Read these frequencies carefully. Code '09' (4 or more times daily), code '08' (2-3 times daily) and code '07' (About once daily) are the three different frequencies for those who inject drugs daily. Code '06' (4-6 times a week), code '05' (2-3 times a week) and code '04' (about once a week) are the frequencies for those who do not inject daily but weekly. Code '03' (2-3 times in month) and code '02' (Only once in a month) are the frequencies for those who do not inject weekly but monthly. Code '01' (Never in the past one month) would mean that these injectors do not inject drugs as less frequently as even once in a month. If the answer is '01 Never', please skip to Q414.

Do not read out these answers. Listen to one spontaneous answer from the respondent. Identify the closest one in the given answer option and then cross-check the same with the respondent. Be sure you are circling one correct code.

412. How many different injectors have you shared your needle/syringe with in the past one month?

The interviewer records the number of **different** injectors with whom the respondent has shared his needle or syringe in the past one month (**emphasize on the word DIFFERENT**). If the respondent says 'no one', write '00'. If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'don't remember'. If the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

413. In the past one month, did you share needle/syringe with someone you did not know?

The interviewer circles '00' if the respondent did not share needles or syringes in the past one month. The interviewer circles '01' if the respondent did share needles and syringes in the past one month. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know.

414. How many different injectors have you shared your needle/syringe with in the past three month?

The interviewer circles '00' if the respondent did not share needles or syringes in the past three months. The interviewer circles '01' if the respondent did share needles and syringes in the past one month. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know.

415. In the past three months, did you share needle/syringe with someone you did not know?

The interviewer circles '00' if the respondent did not share needles or syringes in the past three month. The interviewer circles '01' if the respondent did share needles and syringes in the past one month. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know.

416. On the last day you injected, how many times did you inject?

This question requires the interviewer to probe the respondent about the number of times injected on the last day he injected. If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

417A. How many injectors did you share needle and syringe with at the last incident of injecting drugs?

This question requires the interviewer to probe about the number of people who the respondent had shared needle & syringe with at the last incident of injecting drugs. Do not include the respondent when recoding the number of people. If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

417B. Out of last 5 injecting occasions, in how many occasions did you take needle & syringe from other injectors after they injected with it?

This question intends to capture the number of occasions the respondent did receptive sharing out of the last 5 occasions of injecting drugs. If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

418. Please think of the last injecting incident. Could you tell me what did you do?

For this question the interviewer reads out the responses and circle appropriate code for each. The interviewer **circles '00'** if the respondent says 'No' and **'01'** if the respondent says 'Yes'. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond. The list of questions is:

a. Injected from a pre-filled syringe
b. Drew up drug solution from a common container
c. Passed on the needle/syringe to others after you injected with it
d. Took needle/syringe from others after they injected with it
e. Injected with needle/ syringe that was used only by you and no one else ever used it
f. Injected with a completely fresh brand new needle/syringe that no one else or you used earlier
g. Shared any other injecting equipments (cotton, cleaning agent, dropper, cooker/vial)
h. Other (specify) _____

419. In general, how often do you inject from a *pre-filled syringe* that is filled up by someone else?

For this question the interviewer reads all responses and circles the one selected by the respondent. A pre-filled syringe is a syringe that is filled by someone other than the respondent.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....	And skip to...
Every time	01	question 421
Most of the times	02	question 421
Sometimes	03	question 421
Never	04	question 421
Used to, but stopped now	05	continue to next question

If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**, and skip to question 421.

420. Since when you have stopped using pre-filled syringes?

This question is only for respondents who said that they 'used to, but stopped for now' in response to question 419. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'** and if the respondent does not remember, **circle '99'**.

421. In general, how often do you draw up drug solutions from a *common container*?

For this question the interviewer reads all responses and circles the one selected by the respondent.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....	And skip to...
Every time	01	question 423

Most of the times	02	question 423
Sometimes	03	question 423
Never	04	question 423
Used to, but stopped now	05	continue to next question

If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**, and skip to question 423.

422. Since when have you stopped drawing drug solutions from a common container?

This question is only for respondents who said that they 'used to, but stopped for now' in response to question 421. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'** and if the respondent does not remember, **circle '99'**.

423. In general, how often do you share common injecting equipments like vial/cooker, dropper, cotton etc.?

For this question the interviewer reads all responses and circles the one selected by the respondent.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....	And skip to...
Every time	01	question 425
Most of the times	02	question 425
Sometimes	03	question 425
Never	04	question 425
Used to, but stopped now	05	continue to next question

If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**, and skip to question 425.

424. Since when you have stopped using common injecting equipments?

This question is only for respondents who said that they 'used to, but stopped for now' in response to question 423. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'** and if the respondent does not remember, **circle '99'**.

425. In general, how often do you inject with a needle and syringe that previously someone else has injected with?

For this question the interviewer reads all responses and circles the one selected by the respondent.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....	And skip to...
Every time	01	question 427
Most of the times	02	question 427
Sometimes	03	question 427
Never	04	question 427
Used to, but stopped now	05	continue to next

		question
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If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**, and skip to question 427.

426. Since when have you stopped using needle and syringe previously used by someone else?

This question is only for respondents who said that they 'used to, but stopped for now' in response to question 425. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'** and if the respondent does not remember, **circle '99'**.

427. In general, how often do you inject with needles/syringes which are previously used exclusively by you and no one else ever used them?

For this question the interviewer reads all responses and circles the one selected by the respondent.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....	And skip to...
Every time	01	continue to next question
Most of the times	02	question 429
Sometimes	03	question 429
Never	04	question 429

If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**, and skip to question 429.

428. Since when you have been injecting with used needles/syringes which are previously used exclusively by you?

This question is only for respondents who said that they 'Every time' in response to question 427. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'** and if the respondent does not remember, **circle '99'**.

429. How many times do you usually use the same needle/syringe before you dispose of it?

This question requires the interviewer to probe the respondent about the number of times he usually uses the same needle/syringe before he disposes of it. If the respondent is unsure, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

430. The last time you used a needle/syringe that someone else or you used earlier, did you attempt to clean it before reusing it?

The interviewer **circles '00'** if the respondent says 'No' and **'01'** if the respondent says 'Yes'. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond. **Circle '96'**, only if the respondent was using fresh brand new needle /syringe every time he injected.

431. In general, how often do you clean a previously used needle/syringe (used by you or others)?

For this question the interviewer reads all responses and circles the one selected by the respondent.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....	And skip to...
Every time	01	continue to next

		question
Most of the times	02	question 433
Sometimes	03	question 433
Never	04	question 433

If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**, and skip to question 433.

432. Since when you have been cleaning used needles/syringes every time?

This question is only for respondents who said that they 'Every time' in response to question 431. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'** and if the respondent does not remember, **circle '99'**.

433. Can you tell me the one most commonly used cleaning agent that you use for cleaning needles/syringes?

The interviewer should not read the responses, but rather, should wait to hear the response from the respondent. This question asks for the cleaning agent most commonly used to clean needles/syringes, so the respondent should give only one answer. The possible answers are:

If the respondent says...	Then circle....
Cold water	01
Warm water	02
Saliva	03
Spirit	04
Bleach	05
Antiseptic solutions	06
Cotton swab	07

If the respondent's answer does not fit in these categories, **circle '97'** for 'Other'. If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

434 A. How many brand new needle & syringe did you procure /purchase in the past one month?

434B. How many of them did you use for injecting yourself?

434C. How many needle & syringes did you dispose off in the past 1 month?

These three questions are asked to gauge the requirement of needle syringe by different IDUs. The first question asked is on actual procurement of number of needle /syringes in the past one month; followed by number of them used by the respondent himself and the third one is one is how many were disposed off in the period of last one month. In all these three questions, 'last one month' refers to the period of thirty days prior to the data of interview. If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

435. How many times do you usually use the same needle & syringe before you dispose it off?

This is another important question that generates important measures on requirement of needle / syringe and how does the issue of availability or the dearth of it affects injecting/sharing behaviour. 'Dispose it off' means 'you don't use the particular needle/syringe anymore'. Explain that to the respondent well. If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

436. How did you dispose off your needle & syringe last time?

This again means what did the respondent do with the needle & syringe after he decided not to use that particular needle or syringe anymore. The possibilities are many:

If the respondent says...	Then circle....
Gave it back in NSEP to get a new set	01
Sold/gave it on rent to others	02
Threw it around the injecting locations	03
Buried it	04
Burnt it	05
Threw it in the dustbin	06
Gave/rented it out to another injector	07
Other (Specify) _____	97

Circle only one appropriate answer. If the respondent's answer does not fit in these categories, **circle '97'** for 'Other'. If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

437. Where do you usually procure a new needle/syringe when you need one?

The interviewer should not read the responses, but rather, should wait to hear the response from the respondent. This question refers to the where the respondent usually goes to procure a new needle/syringe when he needs one. The possible answers are:

If the respondent says...	Then circle....
NGO drop-in centre	01
Chemist's shop	02
Drug dealer	03
Other (Specify) _____	97

Circle one correct answer. If the respondent's answer does not fit in these categories, **circle '97'** for 'Other'. If the respondent is unsure of, **circle '98'** for 'Don't know' and if the respondent does not want to respond, **circle '99'**.

438. How many days back did you last procure a new needle/syringe?

The interviewer is required to probe the respondent for the number of days since the last time he procured a new needle/syringe. The interviewer will have to convert answers in days. For instance, if the respondent says he last injected with a needle/syringe previously used by someone else, about two months ago, the interviewer would record 60 days. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'** and if the respondent does not remember, **circle '99'**

439. Have you had any treatment for drug use in the last 12 months?

The interviewer **circles '00'** if the respondent says 'No' and skips to question 501. The interviewer **circles '01'** if the respondent says 'Yes'. **Circle '99'** if the respondent does not want to respond and skip to question 501.

440. What are the different treatments you received in the past 12 months?

For this question the interviewer reads out the responses and circle appropriate code for each. The interviewer **circles '00'** if the respondent says 'No' and **'01'** if the respondent says 'Yes'. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond. The list of treatment options is:

If the respondent says...	Then skip to....
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a. Treatment for abscess	Question 501
b. Treatment for overdose	Question 501
c. Drug substitution	Question 501
d. Counseling	Question 501
e. Detox	Ask question 436
f. Other _____ specify)	Question 501

441. Have you been vaccinated against Hepatitis B?

This question intends to find out whether the respondent is vaccinated against Hepatitis B. The IDUs are vulnerable to this blood borne infection. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond. The list of treatment options is:

BLOCK V: Sexual History – Female Sexual Partners

*****before asking the following questions, the interviewer should say, “I am going to ask you some questions about your female sexual partners. Please remember all information shared is confidential” *****

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

501. Have you ever had sexual intercourse with a female?

This question assesses whether the respondent has ever had sexual intercourse with any female partners. Sexual intercourse means either anal or vaginal intercourse. If the respondent says ‘No’ skip to question 601. If the respondent does not want to answer, **circle ‘99’**, and skip to question 601.

502. How old were you the first time you had sexual intercourse with any female.

The respondent should provide the age in completed years. If the respondent answers the number of years ago when he first had sex with sex worker (e.g. 10 years ago), calculate this by:

Refer to Block III, question 301 for the current age.

Current age – Number of years of first sexual intercourse = Age in completed years

After completing this calculation, confirm the age with the respondent. If the respondent reports a different age after that, record this age and not the calculated age.

503. How many total numbers of women did you have sex with in the past 12 months?

The respondent should provide the number of women with whom he had sex in the past 12 months. The response should be as precise as possible. Skip to Q505 in case the response is ‘none’ (00) or don’t remember (98) or in case of respondent not giving any answer (99).

504. How many of these women are injecting drug users?

The interviewer will have to probe the respondent about the number of women with whom he has had sex in the past 12 months who are injecting drug users. The respondent’s answer cannot be larger than the answer given in question 503.

Paid Female Partners

***** Before starting this section, the interviewer should say, ‘Now I am going to ask you questions about female partners whom you have paid for sexual intercourse.’*****

505. Have you ever paid to have intercourse with a female sex worker?

This assesses whether the respondent has ever paid to have sexual intercourse with a female sex worker (someone whom the respondent paid for sex). If the respondent says ‘No’, **circle ‘00’** and skip to question 614. If the respondent says ‘Yes’, **circle ‘01’**. **Circle ‘98’** if the respondent does not know and **‘99’** if the respondent does not want to respond and skip to question 514.

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

The respondent should provide the age in completed years. If the respondent answers the number of years ago when he first had sex with sex worker (e.g. 10 years ago), calculate this by:

Refer to Block III, question 301 for the current age.

Current age – Number of years when he first paid for sexual intercourse = Age in completed years

After completing this calculation, confirm the age with the respondent. If the respondent reports a different age after that, record this age and not the calculated age.

507. Have you paid to have sexual intercourse with a female sex worker in the past one year?

This question assesses whether the respondent has paid to have sexual intercourse with a female sex worker (someone whom the respondent paid for sex) in the past 12 months. If the respondent says 'No', **circle '00'** and skip to question 614. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond and skip to question 514.

508. How many female sex workers have you had sex with in the past one year?

The respondent should provide the number of female sex workers with whom he had sex in the past 12 months. The response should be as precise as possible. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

609. Where do you most often go to pick up female sex workers?

This question refers only to where the respondent most often picks up female sex workers and not where the respondent has sexual intercourse. If the respondent picks up female sex workers in different types of places, ask to find out the place where the respondent most often picks up a female sex worker. The interviewer only records one response.

The interviewer should NOT read the response categories. After the respondent replies, the interviewer should try to fit the response in the best category. If none of the response categories are appropriate, **circle '97'** for 'Other'.

The response categories are described below:

Response Category	Description	Circle Code:
Bar/Night Club	Circle this code if the respondent picks up sex workers in a bar or a nightclub.	01
Public places	Circle this code if the respondent picks up sex workers at any place for public gatherings such as parks, streets, cinema halls, temples, churches, mosques, bus stands, railway stations, or other public areas.	02
Service bar	The bars having female bartenders. These female bartenders might privately offer paid sexual services to the customers.	03
Dance bar	Dance bars are popular places for picking up female sex workers mainly in Mumbai and Thane of Maharashtra.	04
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 sex workers from a brothel, (sex workers do not go out to get customers and	05

	customers directly come to the brothel or are brought to the brothel).	
Hotel/Lodge	Some of the hotel/lodge or a guest houses retain FSWs and the respondents go or are brought to these lodge/guest houses. These FSWs usually do not go out to solicit customers. They are called hotel/lodge-based FSWs.	06
Highways	Circle this code if the respondent picks up sex workers along the highway.	07
Home	Some FSWs solicit from their home through telephone or pimps or entertain clients at her house where she may be living with other family members. The home-based operations could be traditional ones or may be a temporary and forced arrangement due to police raids at the usual places of solicitation or the places where the clients are entertained.	08

510. How many times did you have sexual intercourse with female sex workers in the past month?

The respondent should provide the number of times he had sexual intercourse with female sex workers in the past month. The response should be as precise as possible. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

511. Was a condom used the last time you had sexual intercourse with a female sex worker?

If the respondent says 'No', **circle '00'**. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

512. In general, how often do you use condoms when you have intercourse with female sex workers?

The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. If the respondent has NOT used a condom every time, skip to question 514. 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
Not even once used condom	Never	04
Refused to answer	No answer	99

513. How long have you been using condoms every time you have sexual intercourse with a female sex worker?

This question is only for respondents who use condoms every time they have sexual intercourse with a female sex worker. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'**.

514. Did you ever have sexual intercourse with female sex workers in exchange for drugs?

If the respondent says no, **circle '00'** and skip to question 616. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond, and skip to question 516.

515. In the past six months, how many such female sex workers did you have sex with who you gave drugs instead of paying in cash?

This question refers to the number of female sex workers with whom the respondent had sex in exchange for drugs. The interviewer is required to probe the respondent for the correct answer. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

Non Paid Female Partners

**** Before starting this section, the interviewer should say, 'Now I am going to ask you questions about non paid female partners.'****

516. Do you have a main (regular) female sexual partner?

The interviewer defines 'main (regular) female sexual partner' as someone who is a serious lover, spouse or other live-in partner. The respondent may have more than one female sexual partner to whom the respondent does not pay money for sex. If the respondent does, the interviewer should remind the respondent that the following questions refer specifically to a main sexual partner.

The interviewer should check whether 'current living situation' in question 307 or 308 is consistent with the respondent's answer to this question. 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 525. If the respondent does not answer the question, **circle '99'** for 'No answer' and Skip question 525.

517. 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.

If the respondent has been having sexual relations with this partner for less than one year, **circle '00'**. If the respondent has been having sexual relations with this partner for more than one year, **circle '01'**.

If the respondent does not answer, **circle '99'** for 'No Answer'.

518. What is the age of this partner?

The interviewer records the age in completed years. The respondent may not know the exact age of the partner, but may know the age difference between them or may know the partner's year of birth. If the respondent knows the age difference, refer to the respondent's age in years and subtract or add the given number to get the age in years of the partner. If the respondent knows his year of birth, calculate the age in years in the following way:

If the birthday has already passed this year:

Current year – Year of birth = Age in years

If the birthday has not passed this year:

Current year – Year of birth - 1 = Age in years.

If the respondent does not know the age of the partner, circle '98' for 'Don't Know'.

519. Do you and this partner live together?

This question refers to the main (regular) partner whom the respondent does not pay for sex. By 'live together' this refers to sharing the same place of residence.

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

520. During the past week, how many times did have sexual intercourse with this partner?

The respondent should provide the number of times he had sexual intercourse with the main partner in the past week. The response should be a precise as possible.

520A. During the past one month, how many times did have sexual intercourse with this partner?

The respondent should provide the number of times he had sexual intercourse with the main partner in the past one month (a period of 30 days prior to the day of interview). The response should be a precise as possible. If the number of times is not 'zero', please skip Q521. If the number of times is mentioned 'zero' please ask Q521.

521. Have you had sexual intercourse with this partner in the past one year?

The respondent needs to just assert whether he had sexual intercourse with this partner in the past one year or not. Unlike Q520 and Q520A, the number of sexual intercourses is not asked in this question.

522. The last time you had sexual intercourse with her, did you use a condom?

The question is in reference to the last time the respondent and his main female partner had sexual intercourse. If the respondent says no, **circle '00'**. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

523. In general, how often do you use a condom when you have sexual intercourse with this partner?

The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. If the respondent has NOT used a condom every time, skip to question 525. 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
Refused to answer	No answer	99

524. How long have you been using condoms every time you have sexual intercourse with this partner?

This question is only for respondents who use condoms every time they have sexual intercourse with a female sex worker. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'**.

Other Non Paid Female Partners

**** Before starting this section, the interviewer should say, 'Now I am going to ask you questions about other non paid female partners.'****

525. Have you had any other non paid female sexual partners in the past year besides your main regular (steady) partner or the partners you had sex in exchange for cash or drugs?

If the respondent says no, circle '00' and skip to question 701. If the respondent says 'Yes', circle '01'. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond, and skip to question 601.

526. How many such partners have you had sexual intercourse with in the past one year?

The interviewer is required to probe the respondent for the correct answer. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond.

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

If the respondent says no, circle '00'. If the respondent says 'Yes', circle '01'. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond.

528. In general, how often do you use a condom when you have sexual intercourse with this partner?

The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. If the respondent has NOT used a condom every time, skip to question 601. 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 other non-paid female partners	Never	04
Refused to answer	No answer	99

529. How long have you been using condoms every time you have sexual intercourse with this partner?

This question is only for respondents who use condoms every time they have sexual intercourse with a female sex worker. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, circle '98'.

BLOCK VI. SEXUAL HISTORY - MALE SEXUAL PARTNERS

Male Partners

**** Before starting this section, the interviewer should say, 'Now I am going to ask you questions about male partners.'****

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

601. Have you ever had sex with a man?

This question could be very sensitive to the respondents. The interviewer should tell the respondent that sex can mean manual, oral or anal sex. If the respondent says no, **circle '00'** and skip to 801. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond and skip to 701.

602. Have you had anal intercourse with a man in the past one year?

If the respondent says no, **circle '00'** and skip to question 801. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond, and skip to question 701.

603. How old were you when you first had anal intercourse with a man?

The respondent should provide the age in completed years. If the respondent answers the number of years ago when he first had sex with sex worker (e.g. 10 years ago), calculate this by:

Refer to Block III, question 301 for the current age.

Current age – Number of years when he first paid for sexual intercourse = Age in completed years

After completing this calculation, confirm the age with the respondent. If the respondent reports a different age after that, record this age and not the calculated age.

Paid Male Partners

**** Before starting this section, the interviewer should say, 'Now I am going to ask you questions about paid male partners.'****

604. Have you ever paid to have anal intercourse with a male partner, either as the insertive or the receptive partner?

This question could be very sensitive to the respondents. The interviewer should tell the respondent that sex can mean manual, oral or anal sex. If the respondent says no, **circle '00'** and skip to 612. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond and skip to 612.

605. Have you paid to have anal intercourse with a male in the past year?

If the respondent says no, **circle '00'** and skip to question 612. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond, and skip to question 612.

606. This is a two part question:

a) How many men have you had anal sex with in the past three months who were paid by you?

b) How many of them inject drugs?

For question a), the respondent should provide the number of men he has paid to have anal sex with him in the past three months. The response should be as precise as possible.

For question b) the respondent should provide the number of those men he has paid to have anal sex with him in the past three months, who also inject drugs. The number for question b) can be no larger than the number provided in question a).

Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

607. How many times did you pay for anal intercourse with a man in the past one month?

This question refers to the number of times the respondent paid for anal intercourse with a man in the past one month. If the respondent says '0', skip to question 609. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond and skip to question 609.

608. How many of those times was a condom NOT used?

This question asks, out of the number of times the respondent paid for anal intercourse with a man in the past one month, how many of those times did the respondent not use a condom. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

609. Was a condom used the last time you paid to have anal intercourse with a male?

If the respondent says no, **circle '00'**. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

610. In general, how often is a condom used when you have anal intercourse with any of these male partners?

The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. If the respondent has NOT used a condom every time, skip to question 612. 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
Refused to answer	No answer	99

611. How long have you been using condoms every time you have anal intercourse with any of these partners?

This question is only for respondents who use condoms every time they have sex with a paid male partner. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'**.

612. Did you ever have anal intercourse with a man who you did not pay cash but gave him drugs in exchange of anal sex?

If the respondent says no, circle '00' and skip to question 614. If the respondent says 'Yes', circle '01'. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond.

613. How many such male sex workers did you have anal sex with in the past six months who you did not pay and gave drugs?

This question asks, out of the number of men with whom the respondent ever gave drugs in exchange for anal intercourse with a man, how many of those times occurred during the past six months. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond

Respondent Received Money or Drugs in Exchange for Sex with Male Partners

**** Before starting this section, the interviewer should say, 'Now I am going to ask you questions about whether you have received money or drugs in exchange for sex with a male partner.'****

614. Have you ever received drugs or money to buy drugs from another male partner in exchange of anal sex?

This question could be very sensitive to the respondents. The interviewer should tell the respondent that sex can mean manual, oral or anal sex. If the respondent says no, circle '00' and skip to 620. If the respondent says 'Yes', circle '01'. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond and skip to 620.

615. This is a two part question:

a) How many men have you had anal sex with in the past three months who paid you?

b) How many of them inject drugs?

For question a), the respondent should provide the number of men from whom he has received money or drugs in exchange for anal sex in the past three months. The response should be as precise as possible.

For question b) the respondent should provide the number of those men who have paid him in exchange for anal sex in the past three months, who also inject drugs. The number for question b) can be no larger than the number provided in question a).

Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond.

616. How many times did you receive drugs or cash to buy drugs, in exchange of anal sex with a man in the past one month?

This question refers to the number of times the respondent was paid for anal intercourse with a man in the past one month. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond.

617. Was a condom used the last time you paid to have anal intercourse with this male partner?

If the respondent says no, circle '00'. If the respondent says 'Yes', circle '01'. Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond.

618. In general, how often is a condom used when you have anal intercourse with any of these male partners?

The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. If the respondent has NOT used a condom every time, skip to question 620. 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
Refused to answer	No answer	99

619. How long have you been using condoms every time you have anal intercourse with any of these partners?

This question is only for respondents who use condoms every time they have sex with a male partner who pays him. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'**.

Non Commercial (not paid) Male Sex Partners

**** Before starting this section, the interviewer should say, 'Now I am going to ask you questions about non commercial male sex partner.'****

620. Do you have any other male sexual partners? I mean partners whom you do not pay or he did not pay you (in cash or kind) to have anal intercourse with you.

If the respondent says no, **circle '00'** and skip to question 701. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond and skip to question 701.

621. This is a two part question:

a) How many men have you had anal sex with in the past three months who neither paid you nor you paid them?

b) How many of them inject drugs?

For question a), the respondent should provide the number of non commercial male sex partners in the past three months. The response should be as precise as possible.

For question b) the respondent should provide the number of those men with whom the respondent had anal sex in the past three months, who also inject drugs. The number for question b) can be no larger than the number provided in question a).

Circle '98' if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

622. How many times did you have anal sex with one of these men in the past **one month?**

This question refers to the number of time the respondent had anal intercourse with a non commercial male in the past one month. If the respondent says '0'. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

623. Was a condom used the last time you paid to have anal intercourse with this male partner?

If the respondent says no, **circle '00'**. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

624. In general, how often is a condom used when you have anal intercourse with any of these male partners?

The interviewer reads all responses to the respondent and circles the corresponding code. If the respondent has NOT used a condom every time, skip to question 701. 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 this partner	Never	04
Refused to answer	No answer	99

625. How long have you been using condoms every time you have anal intercourse with any of these partners?

This question is only for respondents who use condoms every time they have sex with a non commercial male partner. The answer should be reported in 'months' only. In case this answer is given in 'years', convert number of 'years' into number of 'months'. Circle '00' in case the period mentioned is less than one month. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'**.

BLOCK VII: CONDOM USE AND MISCELLANEOUS

This section assesses the respondent's awareness of condoms. The interviewer should be careful not to suggest any answers to the respondent or to judge the respondent for their answers.

701. Have you ever used a condom for sexual intercourse?

This assesses whether the respondent has ever used a condom for sexual intercourse, with any type of partner. The interviewer **circles** '00' if the respondent says 'No' and '01' if the respondent says 'Yes'. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond. Skip to Q704 if the answer is code '00' or code '99'.

702. When did you last use a condom?

This question intends to capture the earliest period when the respondent used a condom for the last time. This question also leads up to the next question. If the answer to this question is code '01', skip to Q704. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and '99' if the respondent does not want to respond.

703. 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 the response categories to the respondent.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....
NGO Peer educator/ outreach worker/drop-in centre	01
Paan shop	02
Drug store/chemist	03
Sex partner	04
Vending stall/ Vending machine	05
Dispensary/Clinic/Hospital	06
Bar/guest house/hotel	07
Friend	08

If he has obtained a condom from a place that is not listed in the response categories, specify from where the condom was obtained and **circle '97'**. For this question, it does not matter whether the individual has ever used a condom or not, only where he obtained his last condom.

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. Have you ever been tattooed?

Tattoos may be seen on the uncovered parts of the body. For answer 'no' or if the respondent does not want to give answers, skip to Q801.

706. How many times did you get it (tattooing) done till date?

If the respondent has ever done tattooing, ask this question to know how many times did he do tattooing till date? Record answer in 'number of times'.

707. In any of these times were there other IDUs with you who were also tattooed at the same time?

Tattooing is often responsible for spread of HIV especially when the same instruments are used and colours are drawn from common pots. The intension of this question is to know whether the respondent was ever among other drug users who got tattooed together. Tattooing is one of the noticeable youth sub-group cultures in Northeastern States. If the answer is 'no' or if the respondent does not want to answer this question, skip to Q801.

708. How many times were you tattooed together with other IDUs?

This question asks for the number of times the respondent was tattooed in a group. If the respondent does not want to answer, do not insist, **circle '99'** for 'No answer'.

BLOCK VIII: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs)

****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. Have you ever heard of diseases that can be transmitted through sexual intercourse?

If the respondent has heard of such diseases, even if the respondent does not have much information about them, the interviewer should **circle ‘01’** for ‘Yes’ and proceed to the next question. If the respondent has not heard of such diseases, **circle ‘00’** for ‘No’ and Skip to question 803.

802. Can you describe any symptoms of STIs in men?

This question is an open question – the respondent should mention symptoms of which he is aware. The interviewer should NOT read the response categories, even if the respondent does not mention the category on his own. The interviewer should be familiar with local terminology for STI symptoms.

If the respondent says...	Then circle...
Urethral discharge	01
Burning pain on urination	02
Genital ulcers/sores	03
Swellings in groin area	04
Warts around genital areas	05
Can not retract foreskin	06

If the respondent’s answer does not fit in these categories, **circle ‘97’** for ‘Other’. **Circle ‘98’** if the respondent does not know and **‘99’** if the respondent does not want to respond.

803. Have you had any of these symptoms in the last 12 months? (If so please give details about the treatment sought).

The interviewer should be familiar with local terminology for STI symptoms. The interviewer should read all the symptoms and circle such symptoms (in column 1) the respondent has had in the last 12 months. After the interviewer has circled all the symptoms that the respondent had in the past 12 months, the interviewer should ask the following details about each symptom and record the response in the rest of the columns.

Column 2: Number of times (episodes) you had this symptom in the last 12 months (column 2).

Ask respondent how many times he has had this symptom and record the number of times as recalled. Here ‘number of times’ or ‘episodes’ of the symptom mean reoccurrence/reappearance of the same symptom after cure or subsidence of the symptoms or the same remaining dormant for sometime. If the respondent has once reported that he had this symptom in the past 12 months (in column one), the answer in the second column can not be ‘00’. If the respondent is not able to recall, put **‘98’**. Put **‘99’** if the respondent does not want to answer.

Column 3: Average number of days you suffered from this symptom during each episode

The interviewer should have the respondent recall, on the average, how long the symptoms lasted, each time (meaning during each episode) they had these symptoms in the past 12 months. The interviewer should record the duration in number of days. If the respondent is not able to recall, put '98'. Put '99' if the respondent does not want to answer.

Column 4: Number of times treatment sought in a Avahan / Key clinic?

'Key clinic' refers to the clinic run by ORCHID program through their NGO partners in Manipur and Nagaland. (Please add necessary details of 'Key clinic' in Mumbai & Thane). The interviewer should show the logo of all accessible 'Key Clinic(s)', refer to the names and locations of the Key clinics in the vicinity and ask the respondent the number of times he visited a 'Key clinic' for this particular symptom in the past 12 months. If the respondent is not able to recall, put '98'. Put '99' if the respondent does not want to answer.

Column 5: Number of times treatment sought in a private/government/Non-Avahan NGO clinic

After completing the discussion on Avahan / Key clinic, the interviewer should probe to see how many times the respondent might have sought treatment from Private or Government or Non-Avahan NGO clinics for this particular symptom in the past 12 months. If the respondent is not able to recall, put '98'. Put '99' if the respondent does not want to answer.

Column 6: Number of times completed prescribed treatment in all types of clinics

This question refers to any treatment sought from any type of clinic for the symptoms (in column one) experienced in the past 12 months. The interviewer should probe so that the respondent recalls how many times he completed prescribed treatment when he sought treatment from any clinic. In case the respondent had this symptom but did not seek any treatment ('00' in column 4 and column 5) please put '96' (not applicable) in this column against the specified symptom. If the respondent is not able to recall, put '98'. Put '99' if the respondent does not want to answer.

Column 7: Number of times symptoms persisted after the completion of prescribed treatment in all types of clinics

This question refers to the number of times treatment completed for this symptom (specified in column one) in any of the clinics (Pvt./Govt./ Avahan NGO/ Non-avahan NGO) and further asks that how many of these times the symptom still persisted even after completion of the prescribed treatment. In case the respondent had this symptom but did not seek any treatment ('00' in column 4 and column 5) please put '96' (not applicable) in this column against the specified symptom. If the respondent is not able to recall, put '98'. Put '99' if the respondent does not want to answer.

**** Before proceeding to the next question, the interviewer should use the following FILTER****

Check the responses of question 803 (column 1). If the respondent said 'Yes' ('01' is circled) to at least one of these symptoms, the interviewer should proceed to question 804. If the respondent did not say 'Yes' to any of the listed symptoms in column one of Q803, proceed to question 809.

804. What did you do the last time you had a genital ulcer/sore, or urethral discharge or other symptoms?

This is a spontaneous response question (refer to SECTION VII of this Manual for further guidance). The interviewer asks the above question and allows the respondent to respond freely. The interviewer should NOT read the response categories. 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 **808**. '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.

805. Of everything you listed in the previous question, what did you do first?

This question refers to the symptom that the individual experienced most recently in the past 12 months and the responses given in question 804. The interviewer should not read the responses. Even if the respondent had multiple responses to question 804, circle only one answer, which refers to the action that was done FIRST.

Circle the corresponding number for the response given. If the respondent did something else that was not mentioned in question 804 or mentioned as 'Other' in question 804, **circle '97'**. If the respondent does not know or remember, **circle '98'**.

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

This question refers to the symptom discussed in question 804 (i.e., the symptom experienced most recently in the past one year). The interviewer should record the response in number of 'days'. The interviewer only records one answer for this question. If the respondent does not know or remember, **circle '98'**. If the respondent does not answer the question, **circle '99'**.

807. What type of medicine did you take?

This question refers to the symptom discussed in question 804 (i.e., the symptom experienced most recently in the past one year). The interviewer should read the responses and **circle '01'** for 'Yes' for all responses mentioned by the respondent. For response categories that the respondent did not do, the interviewer **circles '00'** for 'No' and if the respondent did not remember, **circle '98'**. If the respondent says 'No' (i.e. '00' is circled) for all options – a, b, c, and d – the interviewer also circles '01' in the column for NONE.

808. Do you have any of the following AT PRESENT?

At present refers to symptoms that the individual is currently experiencing and not symptoms that he has had recently. The interviewer reads each symptom listed and allows the respondent to respond before moving to the next symptom. For each symptom, **circle '00'** for "No' or **'01'** for 'Yes' depending on the respondents answer. There should be a response filled for each category. If the respondent mentions about any additional STI symptom that does not match up with any of the existing ones, fill out the answer verbatim in 'Other (specify _____)' and circle code '01' against it.

809. What do you do if you have unprotected risky sex?

The interviewer should be able to prompt and explain what unprotected risky sex is. Risky sex would be if the respondent had unprotected sex (without using a condom) with multiple persons or with persons whom they think could have an STI/HIV due to their sexual behaviour. The Interviewer should not read the responses, but match the response given by the respondent and circle the most appropriate ones. More than one response maybe given and should be recorded. The coding for the responses is below:

If the respondent says...	Then circle....
Wait & watch for any symptoms	01
Go to a doctor & seek advise	02
Inform my sex partner about it	03
Use condom during further sexual acts	04

Undertake HIV test	05
Wash genital with soap water	06
Stop having sex	07
Do nothing	08
Other (Specify) _____	97

810. Can you tell me what do you generally do to prevent an STI from occurring when you are not having any symptoms of infection after an unprotected sex?

The interviewer will have to probe the respondent for answers and then circle the response provided. The interviewer should not read the responses, but match the response given by the respondent and circle the most appropriate ones. More than one response may be given and should be recorded.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....
Take some medicines	01
Use some herbal medicines	02
Don't do anything	03
Other (Specify) _____	97

If the respondent says he does not do anything or does not want to answer, skip to question 901.

811. If YES which medicines do you use?

This question refers to the symptom discussed in question 810. The interviewer should read the responses and **circle '01'** for 'Yes' for all responses mentioned by the respondent. For response categories that the respondent did not do, the interviewer **circles '00'** for 'No', and if the respondent does not remember, **circles '98'**.

812. Where did you obtain these medicines?

This question also refers to the medicines or drugs that the respondent takes to prevent infection from an STI. The interviewer should let the respondent answer the question, and record only the corresponding category.

If the respondent obtains these drugs in a different location, circle **'97'** for 'Other (Specify) _____'.

The interviewer can record multiple answers to this question. If the respondent does not know or remember, **circle '98'**. If the respondent does not answer the question, **circle '99'**.

BLOCK IX: KNOWLEDGE OF HIV/AIDS AND ITS PREVENTION

This section of the questionnaire assesses the respondent's self-risk perceptions and actions taken on the same.

901. Are there things a person can do to prevent getting infected with HIV/AIDS?

This question is a lead-in to the next question. But if the respondent reports that he did not hear about HIV/AIDS before (code 02), skip this section and go to the next section (Q1001).

902. Do you feel that you are at risk of becoming 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 or not. 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'**.

903. Do you know a place near here for undertaking an HIV/AIDS test where the result will be told only to you and nobody else (i.e. confidential)?

The interviewer explains that confidentiality means that no one else besides you will know the result of your test unless you want them to. The respondent may or may not have used the service. This question only asks whether the respondent is aware of such services.

If the respondent says 'No', **circle '00'**. If the respondent says 'Yes' (knows such a place), **circle '01'** and if there is no answer to the question, **circle '99'**.

904. Have you ever taken an HIV/AIDS test?

The interviewer tells the respondent that he does not want to know the results of the test. The interviewer is only asking whether the respondent has taken a test.

Respondent says	Circle in the CODE box	Skip or proceed to
No	00	<u>Skip to question 909</u>
Yes	01	Proceed to next question
No answer	99	<u>Skip to question 909</u>

905. Did you undergo the HIV/AIDS test voluntarily, or were you directed or required to have the test?

If the respondent has taken more than one HIV/AIDS test, the interviewer asks this question for the most recent HIV/AIDS test. If the local translation does not capture the concept well, the interviewer may need to clarify that voluntary means that the respondent went of his own choice and not because it was required.

If the respondent took the test voluntarily, without anyone requiring it, **circle '01'** for 'Voluntary'.

If the respondent took the test because he was directed by a doctor or 'required' to go through the test as a part of the protocol of employment or a policy of any country for immigrants etc., **circle '02'** for 'Direct or required'.

If the respondent does not answer the question, **circle '99'** for 'No answer'.

906. 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'**.

907. Did anyone at the testing centre speak to you on what is HIV/AIDS and how one can prevent it?

This question assesses whether the respondent received any type of counseling on HIV/AIDS at the testing center. If the respondent says 'No', **circle '00'**. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. If there is no answer to this question, **circle '99'**.

908. When did you last take an HIV test?

The interviewer lets the respondent provide an answer and then records the answer according to the following time periods:

If the individual took an HIV/AIDS test in the last one year (within the last 12 months), **circle '01'** for 'Less than a year ago'.

If the individual took an HIV/AIDS test more than one year ago (more than 12 months ago), **circle '02'** for 'More than a year ago'.

Note that the time period should refer to one year from the date of the interview and not according to the calendar year.

If the individual does not know, **circle '98'** and if there is no answer to this question, **circle '99'**.

909. Can you tell me, are there 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 the respondent does not want to answer this question, **circle '99'**.

910. Have you ever heard to ART (Anti Retro Viral Therapy or HIV/AIDS medicine)?

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 says 'don't know', **circle '98'**. If the respondent does not want to answer this question, **circle '99'**.

If the response is 'No' or 'Don't know' or the respondent does not answer, skip to question **1001**. If the answer is 'Yes' proceed to the next question.

911. Do you know where one can get ART treatment?

This question is to confirm and validate the respondent's knowledge about ART. Ask the respondent if they know where a person can get ART treatment. The interviewer should probe for the response (do not read out the options) and circle the appropriate. If respondent does not know, **circle '98'**. If the respondent does not want to answer this question, **circle '99'**.

BLOCK X: MOBILITY AND MIGRATION

These questions assess 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.

1001. Is _____ this your usual place of residence?

The interviewer specifies the name of the town or village where the interview takes place. For example if the interview is being conducted in Phek, then the interviewer should ask, "Is Phek your usual place of residence?" Circle the appropriate response. If respondent responds, 'No', that this village or town is not their usual place of residence, then skip to question 1003. If the respondent is uncomfortable answering, **circle '99'** for 'No Answer', then skip to question 1003.

1002. How long have you been living in _____?

For those respondents who live in the place where the interview is conducted, the interviewer specifies the name of the town or village where the interview is conducted. For example, if a respondent is interviewed in Delhi, the interviewer should ask, "how long have you been living in Delhi?"

The respondent provides the number of years living in this town/village. If the respondent is uncomfortable answering this question, **circle '99'** for 'No answer'. Please follow the chart below to fill in the appropriate answer:

If the respondent says...	Then record the number of years as...
Greater than or equal to one year	Write the number of years in the Answer column
1 day – less than 12 months	Circle '00' in CODES
Since birth	95

After asking this question, skip to question 1004a.

1003. Where is your usual place of residence?

This question is asked of respondents whose residence is not the place/location where the interview is conducted. This question is to help understand the mobility pattern of the respondents participating in the survey.

Usual place of residence refers to the place where they go when they go home, could be where they were born and/or currently live when they are not travelling.

The interviewer will need to fill in:

- Village, town or city
- District
- State
- Country

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. In the event that the respondent says that they live nowhere in particular and are moving around from one place to another most of the time, **circle '995'**. If the respondent has no answer, **circle '999'** for answer option 'a' and 'b' and **circle '99'** for answer option 'c' and 'd' and then continue to the next question.

1004a. Do you usually commute to any one or more particular places frequently?

The interviewer **circles '00'** if the respondent says 'No', and skips to question 1005. If the respondent says 'Yes', **circle '01'**. **Circle '98'** if the respondent does not know and **'99'** if the respondent does not want to respond.

1004b. Can you tell me the number of places and their names that you usually commute frequently?

The interviewer needs to probe the respondent to determine the number of places and the names of the places where he usually commutes frequently.

1004c. How many of these places are:

- a. Inside your district _____
- b. Outside district but within State _____
- c. Outside your State _____

This question has four parts. The interviewer must probe the respondent to determine the whether the number of places that he commutes to frequently is inside or outside his district or inside or outside his state. The responses are no mutually exclusive so if the place is outside the district it can also be within the state.

1004d. How frequently do you visit any of these places?

Circle the code that best represents how frequently the respondent visits any of these places.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....
Almost everyday	01
Once a week or more	02
No answer	99

1004e. What are the two main reasons for commuting to these place(s) frequently?

The interviewer needs to probe the respondent to determine the two main reasons he commutes to these places frequently. If none of the responses below match the respondent's reason for commuting to these places, circle '96', for 'Other' and specify other the reason why he commutes to these places.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....
To have a fix/to buy drugs	01
Work/ business related	02
To see sex partner (paid or non-paid)	03
Other (Specify) _____	97

If the respondent has no answer, **circle '99'** and continue to the next question.

1005. Besides the place(s) mentioned earlier, how often did you travel to other places in the last one year?

This question refers to other places the respondent has traveled in the last one year that were not mentioned in question 1004b. Circle the code that best matches the response given by the respondent.

If the respondent says...	Then circle....
Not at all	01
More than once a week	02
Once or twice a month	03
Every 2 to 3 months	04
Every 4 to 6 months	05
Once or twice a year	06
Other _____	96

If the respondent replies 'not at all' to this question, skip to question 1007. If the respondent has no answer, **circle '99'** and continue to the next question.

1006. I am now going to ask you some questions about your travel in the past one year.

This question assesses the respondent's past year travel activities. If the respondent is visiting the place of the interview, then ask, "Where was the last place you traveled to before this place?" Record the last place visited and then ask the respondent, "Where did you travel before this (meaning the place you travel to previous to the last place you mentioned) place?" Record the response and continue asking the respondent for each of the previous places visited. Record all the places visited in the last year or a maximum of five places (if the respondent has visited more than five places in the last year). The interviewer should first try to list all the places visited in the table and then collect further details about each place visited after. The interviewer can use the following questions to probe:

"Can you tell me the following details about your visit to this place?"

First record the name of the district and State corresponding to each place visited.

"What was the main reason for their visit to this place?"

The interviewer should probe and record the appropriate responses (do not read the options provided).

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

Probe and record the response.

"What was the average length of time you stayed in this place each time they visit?"

Record one of the options provided in days, weeks or month, which ever is most appropriate.

"Did you have sexual intercourse with a sex worker the last time you visited this place?"

Circle the appropriate response: **'00'** for 'No' or **'01'** for 'Yes'. IF the respondent does not want to answer the question, **circle '99'** for 'No answer'.

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.

1007. Have you ever been in prison?

The interviewer circles the appropriate response: **'01'** for 'Yes' or **'00'** for 'No'. If the respondent has not been to prison, skip to question 1101. If the respondent does not want to answer the question, **circle '99'** for 'No answer' and if he does not know, **circle '98'** and skip to question 1101.

1008. When was the last time you were in prison?

The interviewer lets the respondent provide an answer and then records the answer according to the following time periods:

If the respondent was in prison in the last one year (within the last 12 months), **circle '01'** for 'Less than a year ago'.

If the respondent was in prison more than one year ago (more than 12 months ago), **circle '02'** for 'More than a year ago'.

Note that the time period should refer to one year from the date of the interview and not according to the calendar year.

1009. How long did you spend in prison that time?

The interviewer records the reported time period as 'Less than six months', **circle '01'** or 'More than six months', **Circle '02'**. If the respondent does not know, **circle '98'** and if the respondent does not remember, **circle '99'**.

1010. Did you inject drugs in prison?

The interviewer circles the appropriate response: '01' for 'Yes' or '00' for 'No'. If the respondent does not want to answer the question, circle '99' for 'No answer' and if he does not know, circle '98'.

BLOCK XI: RDS AND SIZE ESTIMATION

These questions are important for analyzing the data collected with the RDS sampling method and for estimating the size of the population. It is very important that the interviewer get as accurate as a response as possible. Some of these questions will require some extra probing by the interviewer.

1101. How many male injecting drug users do you personally know and they also know you; who are - aged 18 years or more, and; live or inject drugs in this district?

The purpose of this question is to assess the social network size (the number of male injecting drug users he knows personally who are aged 18 years or more). This information will be used in the personal network-size analysis of the data gathered from this questionnaire.

This is an open ended question which will require some probing by the interviewer. Many respondents will say they do not know the answer to this question or will give a response very quickly. A response that comes too quickly may not be accurate.

If the respondent says he does not know how many male injecting drug users he knows personally who are aged 18 years or more and live or inject drugs in the study district, the interviewer should throw out a number and ask, (say) "could the number be 5?" This will help the respondent become more focused and he can reply that it is less than or more than five. If he says it is more than five, the interviewer can then ask, "Is it closer to ten?" The respondent will respond that it is lower or higher than ten.

As the interviewer gets close to the actual number, then he/she will need to narrow down the number that is most accurate. The final answer from the respondent should not be: "the number is around 30 to 35". If this happens, the interviewer will have to ask, "would you say it is closer to 30 or 35" and so on until you get a number that the respondent thinks is accurate. **'Don't know' or 'no answer' is not an option for this question.**

1102. How many of them have you seen in the past one month inside this district?

The responses to this question refer to and can be no larger than the number given in question 1101. The interviewer will need to ask something like, 'among the number of male injecting drug users you know personally who are aged 18 years or more (refer to the answer given in Q1101), how many of them have you seen inside this district in the past one month?...

'Don't know' or 'no answer' is not an option for these questions.

1103. This is a two part question:

a. How many of these people would you consider asking to participate in this survey?

b. How many of these people do you think would consider asking you to participate in this survey?

The purpose of this two part question is to assess the respondent's interest in recruiting members from his social network into the survey.

For question a), the respondent should provide the number of those people he mentioned in question 1101 that he would you consider asking to participate in this survey. The response should be as precise as possible as and not greater than the answer given in Q1101.

For question b) the respondent should provide the number of those people he mentioned in question 1101 that he thinks would consider asking the respondent to participate in this survey. The number mentioned in question b) should be no larger than the number provided in question 1101.

'Don't know' or 'no answer' is not an option for these questions.

**** These two question might be moved to Section XII**

1104. Have you received one (name the unique object) from a NGO worker (give description of any particular dress code they might have) in the past ## days?

This question is asked for the purpose of doing size estimation of the population group being surveyed. The method is called 'Multiplier Method' where unique objects are first distributed randomly among the survey population (following the same definitional criteria and within the selected study district). While contacting the same population again through a random survey (like the second round of IBBA) within a few days after the distribution (of unique object) was done, this question is asked to find out how many of the randomly selected respondents in the study received the unique object. Suppose 80 unique objects were distributed to 80 IDUs among an unknown size IDU population in XX district, and 20 among the 400 randomly selected IDUs in IBBA round two in XX district reported that they received the unique object. The approximate number of unknown IDU population in XX district is worked out as:

$X = a/b*c$ (Where X = survey population in XX district within a given time period; a = sample size of the study; b = number of respondent in the randomly selected sample who reportedly received an unique object; c = the number of survey population members who had received an unique object each at the time of distribution prior to the survey)

X (unknown IDU population in XX district) = $(400 \text{ sample size} \div 20 \text{ the number of sampled IDUs who received unique objects}) \times 80 \text{ total number of IDUs who received unique objects during distribution} = (20*80) = 1600$.

This question provides the necessary number (say 20 in this example) to work out a multiplier (say, 20 in this example, worked out as $400/20$). The known numerator (say 80 in this case...those who received unique object out of an unknown number of IDUs in XX district) is then multiplied by the multiplier value (20 in this example) to arrive at the previously unknown denominator (say 1600 in this case.... $80*20$).

This is a very important question and needs to be administered seriously. The interviewer should have the exact object with him/her that was distributed in the survey population and should refer to the same (and the occasion of distribution that should be made memorable aswell) at the time of asking this question.

BLOCK XII: EXPOSURE TO INTERVENTION (for Manipur and Nagaland)

This section assesses the level of exposure the participant has had to interventions.

1201. Have you ever heard of any of the following ORCHID NGOs?

Read out the name of the ORCHID partner NGOs in the study district. The interviewer circles the appropriate response: '01' for 'Yes' or '00' for 'No' against the NGOs listed serially.

1202. For how long have you known these NGOs/ programs?

Record the answer either in days, or weeks or months or in years depending on the unit of duration referred to by the respondent. Please observe the arrangement of recording this answer in this question carefully. The instructions are self-explanatory. Record answer in one unit (day, week, month, or year) only. Write answer against the mentioned unit in the 'answer' column. Ensure that the answer mentioning in one particular unit is not written in another unit.

There could be confusions in case the respondent saying '1 year 8 months' or '2 years 4 months'. In the first case (in the example) '8, months' should be rounded off as 1 year and the recorded answer will be 2 years (1+1). In the second example '4 months' should not be rounded off as '1 year' and hence the recorded answer will be 2 years (1+ 0). This follows the cut off rule of '6 months'; below which any number of months will not be rounded off as '1 year' and '6 months' and above will be rounded off as '1 year'.

The interviewer circles the appropriate response: '01' for 'Yes' or '00' for 'No'. If the respondent does not know, circle '98'.

1202a. Are you registered with any of the ORCHID / _____ NGOs?

This question is important for computing the size estimation of injecting drug users in the district where the survey is being conducted. This question requires the interviewer to read out the names of the NGOs. If the answer is 'NO' for all the NGOs, skip to question 1203.

1202b. How long ago did you get registered with this NGO?

This question is important for computing the size estimation of injecting drug users in the districts where the survey is being conducted. There is space for the respondent to mention name of NGOs as mentioned in question 1202a. The seriality of the name of NGOs should be maintained as in Q1202a.

1203. Besides any of the NGOs (mentioned in Q1201), have you heard of any other NGOs who provide similar services?

Ask the respondent to remember whether he knew of any NGO other than what was already mentioned to him in Q1201. If the respondent says 'yes', ensure that he correctly remembers the name of the NGO or something important about the NGO (say services, location etc.). If the respondent says 'no' to this question skip to Q1209.

The condition applies here for skipping to Q1209 is that the respondent in that case should have said 'yes' in Q1201.

If the respondent says 'no' in both Q1201 and Q1203, thank the respondent and end this interview.

1204. What are the name(s) of these NGOs/programs?

This question is asked when the respondent says 'yes' in Q1203. The respondent may know more than one NGO. Hence there could be multiple responses to this question. The interviewer should have prior information of all ORCHID and non-ORCHID NGOs working in the study district. He should be able to judge whether the respondent pronounced the correct name of the non-ORCHID NGOs. Write down the name correctly in the 'answer' column. Circle '98' in case the respondent was unable to remember the name (but as an interviewer you are sure that the respondent was talking about a non-ORCHID NGO that exists).

1205. For how long have you known these NGOs/ programs?

This question refers to the answer of Q1204. Record the answer either in days, or weeks or months or in years depending on the unit of duration referred to by the respondent. Please observe the arrangement of recording this answer in this question carefully. The instructions are self-explanatory. Record answer in one unit (day, week, month, or year) only. Write answer against the mentioned unit in the 'answer' column. Ensure that the answer mentioning in one particular unit is not written in another unit.

There could be confusions in case the respondent saying '1 year 8 months' or '2 years 4 months'. In the first case (in the example) '8, months' should be rounded off as 1 year and the recorded answer will be 2 years (1+1). In the second example '4 months' should not be rounded off as '1 year' and hence the recorded answer will be 2 years (1+ 0). This follows the cut off rule of '6 months'; below which any number of months will not be rounded off as '1 year' and '6 months' and above will be rounded off as '1 year'.

1206. Are you registered with any of these NGOs?

This question refers to the answer of Q1204. Answer options are either 'yes' or 'no'.

1207. Have you received / accessed services from any of these NGOs / programs in the past one year?

This question refers to the answer of Q1204. Answer options are either 'yes' or 'no'.

1208. From which NGO did you receive most of the services in the past one year?

This question refers to the answer of Q1204. Ask the respondent to mention the name of one NGO from which he received services last time. Circle '98' in case the respondent was unable to remember the name

1209. What are the types of interactions or services that you have received from any of the NGO/Program during the past one year?

This question refers to the answer of Q1201 and Q1203 and asks the respondent to remember the kind of services received from either ORCHID NGOs or non-ORCHID NGOs or both. In answer to this question the respondent would attempt to describe the services that he has received in the past one year from these two types of NGOs. These are the spontaneous responses from the respondent. Listen to each of the responses carefully. Match them with the existing responses from 'a' to 'n'. The interviewer should probe when he has doubts that there were gaps between the respondent's answer and the description of services given in this question. Fill in code '01' (yes) for all correct spontaneous answers given by the respondents against the rows specifying ORCHID or Non-ORCHID. After the respondent has exhaustively mentioned all the services he could remember spontaneously (top-of the mind responses), the interviewer should ask him for more of those answers and see whether the respondent could remember any other services or not.

When the interviewer knows for sure that the respondent does not remember receiving any other services, the interviewer should start prompting descriptions of the remaining services that the respondent did not mention spontaneously. The responses received after prompting are given in the column titled 'Aided' and the responses are 'yes' (code 02), 'no' (code 00) and 'don't remember' (code 98) are given for two types of NGOs for each description of service. Any one of the three codes should be circled against the source of receiving such services (ORCHID NGO or/and non-ORCHID NGO). After prompting, if the respondent can remember about receiving any services other than the one mentioned by him earlier, 'yes' should be circled un the 'Aided' column. If the respondent knows for sure that he did not receive any particular service, 'no' will be circled against the particular service in the 'Aided' column. 'Don't remember' should be circled only when the respondent was not very sure of whether or not he received any particular service. None of the services that the respondent reported spontaneously should be repeated while asking for the aided / prompted responses.

Clarification on terms:

- a. **Peer-educator:** The out-reach workers who belong to the target community. Often referred to as PEs.

- b. **Out-reach workers:** Often referred to as ORWs. They are the staff members of NGO who do not belong to the target / key populations' community but are employed to do the out-reach job.
- c. **Clinic / drop-in centre:** The clinics or drop-in centres may be permanent or make-shift ones and it also may be the same physical structure used for dual purpose of running the clinic or as drop-in centre for the IDUs. Clinic is the hub of all clinical services given to the respondents. The services provided in the clinics are treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, ailments for drug use (overdose, abscess management, referral services for detox and other medical interventions like ART etc.) and general health ailments. Besides these services counselling, awareness generation and condom distributions are also carried out from the clinics. The drop-in centres are established for the IDUs to avail services like needle/syringe exchange program (NSEP), drug substitution, counselling etc. Where there are no clinics, the drop-in centres for the IDUs may be providing a number of clinical services as mentioned above.
- d. **Abscess Management:** The injecting drug users inject non-injectable drugs in their veins and the residues keep collecting inside the veins and the injection holes do not heal normally. These residues along with acquired infections create abscess in the parts of the body where the IDUs inject drugs. These abscesses pose serious health hazard to the IDUs and needs timely medical interventions.
- e. **Oral Substitution Therapy:** To avert the risk of injecting drugs that involves risk of contracting blood borne diseases (HIV, Hep B & Hep C) a harm reduction approach is followed that provides alternative opiate substitute (Buprenorphine) that is administered orally. This is a very costly alternative to keep the IDUs away from BBIs and is often seen as an approach opposed to promoting drugs. For this reason some of the program policies do not support it. Reportedly, Avahan does not promote this harm reduction approach but the Targeted Intervention program of NACO does provide Buprenorphine as oral substitution drugs. Eventually, the key population accessing services from TI projects in Manipur and Nagaland might be receiving Buprinorphene tablets.

After completing question 1209, please read the instructions below. It instructs the interviewer to proceed only if the respondent said that he had heard of any of the ORCHID NGO in Q1201. Or else thank the respondent and end this interview.

Q1210 How many times in the past one month were you contacted in the field by a peer educator / other workers from (the name of the NGO)?

This question refers to the answer of Q1201. The question intends to know the number of times in the past one month the respondent was contacted by PE/other NGO workers in the field.

1211 For how long have you known the clinics/drop-in centres/referral clinics run by the NGOs/ programs?

This question refers to the answer of Q1201. This question means any one or more than one of the clinics, drop-in centres or the referral clinics. Record the answer either in days, or weeks or months or in years depending on the unit of duration referred to by the respondent. Please observe the arrangement of recording this answer in this question carefully. The instructions are self-explanatory. Record answer in one unit (day, week, month, or year) only. Write answer against the mentioned unit in the 'answer' column. Ensure that the answer mentioning in one particular unit is not written in another unit.

There could be confusions in case the respondent saying '1 year 8 months' or '2 years 4 months'. In the first case (in the example) '8, months' should be rounded off as 1 year and the recorded answer will be 2 years (1+1). In the second example '4 months' should not be rounded off as '1 year' and hence the recorded answer will be 2 years (1+ 0). This follows the cut off rule of '6 months'; below which any number of months will not be rounded off as '1 year' and '6 months' and above will be rounded off as '1 year'.

1212 Do this NGO give you a registration card / health card?

On doing registration, the ORCHID NGOs give their beneficiaries a registration card or a health card with a registration number written on it. This helps tracking the respondent for receipt of different services from the NGO and the IDUs also use this card as one of his identity proof. The interviewer should show him a similar card, which will help the respondent quickly identify it and understand the question. Circle '98' in case the respondent was unable to remember the same.

1213 When did you receive this card from the NGO?

This is an important question and can help doing size estimation through the multiplier method. The total number of respondent could be tracked down from the NGO record and the proportion of registered member in the sample could be used as the multiplier. The issuing date may be written in the card. If the respondent happens to be carrying the card and was willing to show it to the interviewer, the interviewer may take down the necessary details from the card. Or else, ask the respondent to remember the month and the year correctly. Circle '98' in case the respondent was unable to remember the same.

1214 How many times did you visit the clinic(s) to see a doctor in the past one year?

The respondent needs to report the number of times visited doctors in ORCHID NGO run clinics in the period of past **one year**. Circle '98' in case the respondent was unable to remember the same.

1215 In the past one month how many times did you see a demonstration on correct condom use by peer educator /NGO outreach worker from (name of NGO)?

The respondent needs to report the number of times he has seen correct condom use demonstration by the PE/ORWs of the ORCHID NGOs the period of past **one month**. Circle '98' in case the respondent was unable to remember the same.

Thank the respondent and end the interview.

Instruction to the Interviewer: Please use the given space at the last page of the questionnaire to note important observations during the interview. Please mention the question number to which your observation notes were written for.