

## VIGTARC Qualitative Study

### Guiding questions for village chief (community leader) interview

#### 1. Introduction

*We are [NAME] and [NAME], data collectors working for a research project to provide curing treatment of malaria with frequent relapses (Pv malaria) implemented by an organization (Health and Social Development) in collaboration with the National Malaria Program and local health authorities. In addition to the routinely collected data, the project evaluation requires additional information from different people involved in the project to draw lessons learned for further improvement and scaling up.*

*As you are a key person in the village involved in this project, we would like to ask about your experience, ideas and perceptions about the project implementation, especially about the strengths, challenges and recommendations. This interview will take about 45 minutes. It is purely anonymous and confidential. All identifying information like name of participants and participating HCs will not be linked to anything they say in reports and presentations.*

*If you allow, I would like to start the interview now. In order to make sure that we don't miss things you tell us, we would like to audiotape this interview if you give permission. The recording will be deleted after the data is used.*

#### 2. Information about the interviewee

- First, I would like to ask you a few questions about yourself

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Name	
Age	
Sex	
Name of the village	
Number of years working in this village (with the current position)	
Role in the village –chief or vice chief?	

#### 3. About *P. vivax* burden and population mobility in the area

- Please tell me about malaria situation in this area (related to your villagers). Is there any change in number of cases over time since early 2019 (before the project started) until now, in particular the malaria with frequent relapses (Pv)?
- Who is most affected by the malaria with frequent relapses (Pv)? Why is it so and how does it affect them?

- Are there many people in your village go to the forest? If so, how about malaria infection among this group as compared to those who do not go to the forest?

#### **4. Knowledge and involvement in malaria related activities**

- Are people in your village know about the risk of getting malaria, how to prevent it and where to get treatment if they get infected?
- Any suggestions for improving the level of awareness and knowledge the risk of getting malaria, how to prevent it and where to get treatment if they get infected in your or other villages on this area?
- Do you know VMWs in your village? If yes, what do you think about their work in helping people with malaria? Are they currently too busy with malaria or still have time to work more on helping people with malaria? Any suggestions to improve the work of VMWs in your village?
- Apart from VMWs, are there any private provider(s) who treat malaria, in particular malaria with frequent relapses in your village? If yes, how common malaria patients go to seek treatment from them?
- Have you involved in any malaria specific activities in your village such as population education about malaria, facilitate referral of patients to VMWs and/or HC?

#### **5. Knowledge and opinion about the project (Pv radical cure)**

- Have you heard about the project that helps identify people with frequently relapse malaria in your and other villages in the area and send them for testing and curing treatment at HC (started in early 2019)?
- If yes, what and how do you know about this project?
- Please tell me your general opinion about the project that helps identify people with frequently relapse malaria and provides them with curing treatment?
  - *If s/he know about the project, ask him to give his/her opinion about the strengths and weaknesses of the project and suggestions for improvement)*
  - *If s/he does not know about the Pv radical cure project, let him give his/her opinion about a project that helps curing patients with frequently relapse malaria whether it is really needed, helpful and so on; does s/he support this project?.*
- Do you think people with relapse malaria are willing and can afford to go to HC for testing and curing treatment? Are there any challenges for them to do so? If any, what is your suggestions to help them overcome the challenges?