





Introduction to Qualitative Workshop

July 2024





Main Objectives

- 1. To plan the qualitative research for the project;
- 2. To develop skills in qualitative interviewing and facilitating FGDs;
- 3. To develop skills in interviewing children;
- 4. To develop skills in doing critical realist interviewing;
- 5. To understand how to prepare the transcripts in preparation for analysis and depositing in a repository.
- Note: The qualitative research is only carried out for the intervention school. The qualitative research will include pupils from all grades and all teachers.

Qualitative Research – Baseline

- Baseline September/October 2024
- Understanding the Context
- Community
- 1. Agenda for FGDs with Main Carers (2 X FGDs)
- 2. Agenda for FGDs with Community Members (2 X FGDs one male and one female aged 30 years and over)
- 3. Agenda for Community Health Workers/ Health Extension Workers (1 female and 1 male Rwanda in each village) (2 female in Addis Ababa)
- 4. Agenda for Village Leaders (village leader and National Council for Women Chair)
- 5. Agenda for Sector Education Officer (1 interview)
- School
- 1. Agenda for FGDs with Pupils Grades 6-9 (two for each grade (one male, one female with 6 pupils per focus group)
- 2. School Climate Exercise with Pupils Grades 1-3 (3 X 4 girls, 3 X 4 boys)
- 3. Agenda for FGDs with Teachers (all classroom teachers)
- 4. Agenda for Interviews with Head Teacher (1 interview)
- 5. Classroom Observation Guide (all classes should be observed for at least, one period)
- There are only female health extension workers in AA)

Qualitative Research Mid-term

- December 2024/ January 2025
- Critical Realist Interviews 1
 - Community
- 1. Agenda for main carers (2 X interviews for each grade one boy and one girl)
 - School
- 1. Agenda for Pupils (4 pupils a grade, 1 boy and 1 girl from each class)
- 1. Agenda for Teachers (all classroom teachers)
- 2. Agenda for Head Teacher
- Classroom Observation Guide (all classes should be observed for at least, one period)

Qualitative Research End-of-Line

- May/June/July 2025
- Critical Realist Interviews 2
 - Community
- 1. Agenda for main carers interviews (2X interviews for each grade one boy and one girl)
 - School
- 1. Agenda for Pupils (4 pupils a grade, 1 boy and 1 girl from each class)
- 1. Agenda for Teachers (all classroom teachers)
- 2. Agenda for Head Teacher
- 3. Classroom Observation Guide

Participants	Baseline	Mindterm	End-of-Line
Main Carers	2 FGDs	18 ls	18 ls
Community Members	2 FGDs		
Community Health Workers	2 ls		
Community Leaders	2 ls		
Sector Education Officer	11		
Pupils	8 FGDs	36 ls	36 ls
Pupils	6 School Climate Exercise		
Teachers	2/3 FGDs	18 ls	18 ls
Headteacher	11	11	11
Classroom Observation	18	18	18

Doing the Qualitative Research

- All interviews, observations and focus group discussions (FGDs) must be facilitated by a member of the project team.
- All PDRs and PhD students are expected to participate in the qualitative and quantitative research.
- There is budget to employ note takers to assist with the interviewing and organising the FGDs.
- There is budget for translating and transcription

Timeline for Qualitative Research

- The final timeline for the research will be drawn up by the country leads for WP 3.
- This is to ensure that the research can be carried out in the most efficient and effective way.



Wednesday

Time	Activity	
9.00-10.15	Introduction to the workshop with aims and objectives	
	Timeline for year 3 qualitative research	
	Each team member's qualitative research experience	
10-15-10.45	Comfort Break	
10.45-12.30	Ethics, safeguarding, risk of harm protocol	
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.00	Qualitative Interviewing	
	Roleplay and feedback – qualitative interview	
15.00-15.30	Comfort Break	
15.30-17.00	Facilitating a FGD	
	Review of tools for FGD	

Thursday

Time	Activity	
9.00-10.15	Recap on Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)	
	Practical exercise and feedback – FGDs	
10-15-10.45	Comfort Break	
10.45-12.30	Interviewing children	
	Roleplay and feedback - Interviewing children	
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.00	Critical Realism interviewing	
	Roleplay and feedback - CR interviewing	
15.00–15.30	Comfort Break	
15.30-17.00	Reviewing qualitative tools	

Friday

Time	Activity
9.00-10.15	Preparing transcripts for data analysis and depositing in a repository
10.15-11.00	Thematic analysis for a paper on school climate/ environment / culture
11.00-11.30	Comfort break – later than usual
11.30-12.30	Thematic analysis for a paper on school climate/ environment / culture
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Discuss any outstanding issues
15.00–16.00	WP4 meeting

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