

HANDBOOK FOR COMMUNITY BASED
PESTICIDE ACTION MONITORING,
CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY
AND INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

Pesticide and Community Health





Members of CSO and community workers congregated at Zwe Bar Village, Kawa Township, Bago Division, Myanmar recently to participate in the Community Pesticide Action Monitoring survey session. The members of CSO briefed the farmers from Zwe Bar on the purpose of the survey.



Questionnaire 1: Part B. Pesticide and Community Health

This part should be used only if you have medical or community health training, or are accompanied by a health worker.

HEALTH HISTORY

Q	Question	Category
1.	Have you visited someone for health care in the past month?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.a	If yes, how many times	[_____]
1.b	Where did you go? Tick (or fill-in) one or more of the following	<input type="checkbox"/> Plantation medical facility <input type="checkbox"/> Government hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Private hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Private clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify [_____]
1.c	From who did you seek consultation? Tick (or fill-in) one or more of the following	<input type="checkbox"/> General practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Medical specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative medicine practitioner (Herbalist, traditional healer, etc) <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify [_____]
1.d	Was this related to your contact with a pesticide?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.e	What was the doctor's diagnosis and advice?	[_____]
1.f	If no, do you have access to a doctor or health practitioner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2.	Do you have any of the following illnesses?	Illness	Yourself	Family members
		Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Indicate your illness and if there is a family history of the same illness	Diabetes Mellitus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ischemic heart disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Kidney disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tick (or fill-in) one or more of the following	Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Liver disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Tuberculosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Thyroid disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Allergy (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			[_____]	[_____]
		Cancer (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			[_____]	[_____]
		Psychiatric disease (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			[_____]	[_____]
		Autoimmune disease (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			[_____]	[_____]
		Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			[_____]	[_____]

3. Are you taking any medication at the moment? [] Yes
[] No

3.a If yes, list the names of the medicine (including contraceptives) [_____]
[_____]
[_____]

OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGIC HISTORY (FOR FEMALE RESPONDENTS)

- 4.** Have you been sexually active for the past 5 years? Yes
 No
- Note: his question is relevant to understanding cervical cancer, if this condition is a problem.*
- 5.** Age of first menstruation [____]
- 5.a** Subsequent menstrual period Regular
 Irregular
- 5.b** Indicate your cycle 26 days
 28 days
 30 days
 Other, specify [____]
 Don't know
- 5.c** Duration of menses per cycle [____]
- 5.d** History of dysmenorrhea Yes
 No
- 5.e** History of Increased menstrual flow
 Decreased menstrual flow

6. Pregnancy (Please indicate any pregnancies below)

Age (of mother at pregnancy)	Number of pregnancy (1 st , 2 nd , etc.)	Outcome (full term, term, premature, aborted, stillborn)
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SOCIAL HISTORY

7. Do you smoke? Yes
 No
- 7.a If yes, how many cigarette sticks per day? [_____]
- 7.b Do you smoke while you work? Yes
 No
- 7.c How many years did you smoke? [_____]
8. Do you drink alcohol? Yes
 No
- 8.a If yes, how many drinks per day? [_____]
9. Do you chew tobacco? Yes
 No
10. Do you chew betel nut? Yes
 No
11. Others (e.g. drugs, nutraceuticals)? Yes. Specify [_____]
 No
12. How many meals do you eat per day? [_____]
13. Where do you get your drinking water? [_____]

ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

14. Length of stay in present address [_____] years
15. Distance of residence from plantation/
workplace [_____] km
[_____] m
16. Have you ever changed your residence
or home because of a health problem? Yes
 No
- 16.a If yes, please describe the circumstance [_____]
17. Do you do things at home that involve
the use of any chemical? Yes
 No

- 17.a** If yes, please describe [_____]
- 18.** Does your spouse or any other household member have any contact with chemicals at work or at home? Yes No
- 18.a** If yes, please describe the activity [_____]
- 18.b** Give the name of the chemical [_____]
- 19.** What do you use for cooking at home
Tick (or fill-in) one or more of the following
- Wood
 - Gas stove
 - Clay stove
 - Electric stove
 - Charcoal
 - other, specify [_____]
- 20.** Do you burn your rubbish Yes No
- 21.** Distance of house from street or road where vehicles pass by [__] kms
[__] meters

PESTICIDES AND YOUR HEALTH

- 22.** During the past 12 months, did you come sick or have any health complaints because of pesticides? Yes No Unknown
- 23.** If yes, how many times? [_____]
- 24.** Do you have access to a doctor or health practitioner? Yes No
- 24.a** How far away are there? [_____]
- 24.b** Do you have transport to get there? Yes No
- 24.c** Do you have medical insurance? Yes
Who provides it? Own or employer?
 No

25. If you are employed by a plantation, do your employers provide regular check-ups? Yes No

26.a Can you provide the doctor's report? Yes No

26.b Could you afford the medical costs? Yes No

27. If yes, please identify Weakness Easily fatigued Muscle pains Weight loss Fever Chills Loss of appetite Change in taste Other (specify): [_____]

Tick (or fill-in) one or more of the following

General

Respiratory system

Coughing Breathlessness Noisy breathing Difficulty in breathing Pain on deep breathing Cyanosis Pulmonary secretions Blood in the sputum Other (specify): [_____]

Ears, Eyes, Nose, Throat

Eye pain Eye redness Eye tearing Eye itchiness Blurring of vision Photophobia Earache

Alopecia Pallor Sweating Jaundice Nail changes Other (Specify): [_____]

Genito-urinary system

Blood loss in the urine Pain on urination Increased urination Decreased urination Other (specify): [_____]

Neurologic

Confusion Dizziness Headache Vertigo Paresthesias Fasciculations (local) Fasciculations (general) Convulsions Loss of consciousness Paralysis Ataxia Hallucinations Drowsiness Tremors Other (specify) [_____]

- Deafness/hearing impairment
- Tinnitus
- Nasal secretion
- Nose bleed
- Nasal congestion
- Hoarseness
- Neck mass
- Other (specify): [_____]

Cardiovascular system

- Chest pain
- Palpitations
- Exertional dyspnea
- Arrhythmia
- Tachycardia
- Pillow orthopnea
- Calf pains
- Syncope
- Bradycardia

Integument/Skin

- Skin discolouration
- Easy bruising
- Skin rashes
- Skin itchiness
- Blisters
- Skin lesions

Gastrointestinal system

- Abdominal pain
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Abnormal masses
- Salivation
- Throat irritation
- Heartburn
- Dyspepsia
- Difficulty swallowing
- Hematemesis
- Perforation of bowel
- Other (specify): [_____]

Obstetrical, gynaecological(F)

- Miscarriages
- Abnormal bleeding
- Amenorrhea
- Menstrual disturbances
- Abnormal vaginal discharges
- Other (specify) [_____]

Reporting

Name of interviewer: _____

Date of Interview _____ Time started _____ Time ended _____

Organization/address _____

Return this questionnaire to: _____

