

## APPENDIX

### INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

#### HIV/AIDS Consciousness among Female Sex Workers in Silchar Town: A Sociological Study

Schedule No.

#### PART-I

##### A. Profile of Respondent

1. Age group	
20-25	01
26-30	02
31-35	03
36-40	04
41-45	05
45>	06
2. Marital status	
Married	01
Unmarried	02
Separated	03
Divorce	04
Widow	05
3. Educational Status	
Illiterate	01
Literate (can read and write)	02
Primary education (up to 5 <sup>th</sup> class)	03
Middle Education (up to 8 <sup>th</sup> class)	04
Matriculation/ Higher Secondary	05
Graduate and above	06

4. Monthly Income status (Rs)	
Below 1,500	01
1,500 to less than 3,000	02
3,000 to less than 5,000	03
5,000 to less than 10,000	04
10,000 and above	05
5. Religious status	
Hindus	01
Muslims	02
Christians	03
6. Language known	
Hindi	01
Bengali	02
Assamese	03
Nepali	04
Others	05
7. Family Status	
Joint family	01
Nuclear family	02
Extended family	03
8. Occupation	
Sex work	01
Daily labor & Sex work	02
Domestic servant & Sex work	03
Other specify	04
9. Social category	
Schedule caste	01
General	02
OBC	03
Minority	04

## **B. Basic Household Amenities**

10. Type of house	
Pucca	01
Semi pucca	02
Kachha house	03
Rented house	04
11. Drinking water	
Private tap	01
Public hand pump	02
River	03
12. Electricity	
Yes	01
No	02
13. Sanitation ( describe briefly)	

## **PART-II**

### **C. Hazardous Health Behaviour**

14. The frequency of condom use during sex work?	
Always	01
Sometimes	02
Never	03
15. Do you consume alcohol?	
Occasionally	01
Regularly	02
Never	03
16. Types of sexual partner you have	
Single partner	01
Multiple partner	02

17. How many sexual encounter you had in the last one week?	
1 to 4	01
5 to 9	02
10 above	03
18. Numbers of years in sex works	
1 to 5	01
6 to 10	02
10 & above	03
19. Was there any incidence of violence on you in last one year?	
Yes	01
No	02
Not known	03

### **PART-3**

#### **D. HIV/AIDS & STI Consciousness**

20. Have you heard about HIV?	
Yes	01
No	02
21. If yes then specify sources of HIV information	
Friends	01
Government Hospital	02
News Paper	03
NGOs	04
Radio	05
Television	06
Other specify	07

22. What is HIV?	
An STD (sexually transmitted Disease)	01
A fatal disease	02
A virus that Cause AIDS	03
Any other (specify)	04
23. How does HIV spread?	
Mosquito bites	01
Through Sexual routes	02
From infected mother to child	03
Via infected blood	04
From infected syringe	05
24. How does HIV do not spread?	
Using same toilet as an infected person	01
Sharing food with an infected person	02
Staying with an infected person	03
Any other (specify)	04
25. Do you know the symptoms of HIV?	
Weight loss (day by day)	01
Headache	02
Continuous Diarrhea	03
Constipation	04
Continuous fever	05
Itching in body	06
26. Have you heard about AIDS?	
Yes	01
No	02

27. If yes then, specify what is AIDS?	
A killer disease	01
A deadly Virus	02
End stage of HIV infection when the breakdown of the- Immune system leads to several disease and eventual death.	03
Any other (specify)	
28. What are Key information that you know about HIV/AIDS	
HIV is a serious health problem which is not curable	01
Information about HIV testing and counseling	02
Knowledge of HIV/AIDS prevention and control	03
Know about ART	
Any other (specify)	
29. Are you ever worried about being infected with HIV or contracting AIDS?	
Yes	01
No	02
Never thought about it	03
30. If yes then specify what action did you take?	
Did not know what to do	01
Went for a blood test	02
Sought doctor's /took counselor advice	03
Asked friends	04
Any other (specify)	
31. Are you aware of prevention of HIV/AIDS?	
Yes	01
No	02

32. If yes please specify how to prevent HIV/AIDS	
Being faithful to one uninfected partner	01
Condom Use	02
By not sharing needles	03
Early abortion	04
PPTCT programme	05
Sexual abstinence	06
Safe blood transfusion	07
Any other (specify)	
33. Whether HIV/AIDS spread through casual contact	
Yes	01
No	02
34. Have you gone for HIV testing	
Yes	01
No	02
35. If yes then specify when did you go for testing?	
Before Six months	01
Before 1 year	02
Before 2 years and above	03
36. Place of testing and counseling received	
NGOs	01
Govt. hospitals	02
Private hospital	03
Private Clinic	04
Any other (specify)	

37. Are you aware of treatment services of HIV/AIDs	
Yes	01
No	02
38. Have you heard about ART?	
Yes	01
No	02
39. If yes than from where did you come to know about ART?	
Friends	01
Govt. Hospital	02
NGO sources	03
Neighbors	04
Newspaper	05
Any other (specify)	
40. What is sexually transmitted infection?	
White Discharge	01
Gonorrhea	02
Syphilis	03
Vaginal Ulcer	04
Other (Specify)	
41. Did you get any sexually transmitted disease in last three months?	
Yes	01
No	02
Not known	03
42. If yes then where did you go for sexually transmitted infection treatment?	
Govt. hospital	01
Mobile STI clinic of NGO	02

NGO clinic	03
Negligence/ do not allowed going for treatment	04
Private clinics	05
Any other (specify)	
43. Have you gone for VDRL test	
Yes	01
No	02