

**Using Community Influencer Groups to address COVID-19 misinformation and vaccine hesitancy in Buikwe, Uganda**

**In-depth interview guide for Key Informants V01**

<b>Date of interview:</b>	[dd/mm/yyyy]
<b>Start time:</b>	[hh/mm] (24hr)
<b>End time:</b>	
<b>Interviewer number:</b>	
<b>Key informant ID</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Institution:</b>	
<b>Age:</b>	
<b>Sex:</b>	

**COVID-19 Misinformation**

1. What is your role in this district regarding COVID-19 and/or vaccination? How long have you been in this position?
2. In your opinion, what is the perception of the community in Buikwe about COVID-19?  
*Probe for:*
  - *Do they have information about COVID-19?*
  - *Do they consider it a serious disease?*
  - *Are they taking the recommended preventive measures?*
  - *Any concerns?*
3. Is there any COVID-19 misinformation in this area? If yes:
  - a) What kind of misinformation is spreading? Religious
  - b) What is promoting the spread of the misinformation?
  - c) How wide spread is the misinformation?
4. How does this misinformation affect community response to COVID-19?
5. What are the sources of reliable information about COVID-19 in this district?
6. What has been done to address COVID-19 misinformation in this community?
7. What can be done to improve access to reliable COVID-19 information?

8. What are the specific COVID-19 information needs in this community to help the community respond better to COVID-19?
  - a) What type of information?
  - b) Who should deliver it?
  - c) How should it be delivered?

### COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy

9. In your opinion, what is the level of confidence in vaccination in Buikwe?  
*Probe for:*
  - *Do people vaccinate themselves and their children?*
  - *Do they consider vaccination to be important?*
  - *Do you think it is important to vaccinate ourselves and our children? Why/why not?*
10. What are the main reasons for non-vaccination in Buikwe?  
*Probe for:*
  - *Health system factors*
  - *Individual factors*
  - *Social economic factors*
  - *Cultural factors*
11. If a COVID-19 vaccine was made available today, how accepting would you and the people in Buikwe be of it?
12. What factors would affect acceptability of such a vaccine in Buikwe?  
  
*Probe for:*
  - *Health system factors*
  - *Individual factors*
  - *Social economic factors*
  - *Cultural factors*
13. What can be done to ensure acceptance of a COVID-19 vaccine when it is made available?
14. Before we conclude this conversation, I would like to know if there is anything else you would like to discuss, related to the study or not?

We have come to the end of our discussion, thank you for your time.