Appendix I: Semi-structured Questionnaire
Semi-structured Questionnaire
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Introduction: The main purpose of this questionnaire is to understand the health status of the elderly people. Violence experienced by them, if any and their perception about the home.

Instructions: Please note that participation in this study is voluntary and if you are willing to participate in the study we ensure you about the confidentiality of information

Section I: Demographic and Socio-economic Information

1.1. Gender: Male .............................................1 Female .....................................................2
1.2. Age: below 60 ..............1; 61-65 ..........2, 66-70 ..............3; 71-75 ..............4; 76-80 ..............5; 81+ ..........6
1.3. Education: below graduate .............1; Graduate .........................2; Post Graduate and above ..............3
1.4. Past Occupation: Govt, service ..........1; Private sector ..................2; Business .................3; Housewife ..........4
1.5. Place of Origin: West Bengal ..............1; Outside West Bengal ..............2
1.6. Marital status: Married ......1; Unmarried ..........2
1.7. If married, no. of children : No issue ..........1; One child .................2; Two ..........3; Three ..........4
1.8. Monthly income of the family from all source:
   Below Rs. 10,000 ..............1; Rs. 10,001— Rs. 20,000 ..............2, Rs. 20,001 and above ..............3

Section II – Health Status

2.1 Are you facing any major/chronic health problem?
   Yes ..........1; No ..............2

2.2. If yes in Q.2.1., please give a (✓) mark against the major physical health problem you are suffering from. Multiple Responses Possible.

   • Instability, fall, Arthritis, movement disorder, pain in bones and joints, osteoporosis .............. 1
   • Rheumatoid arthritis, immobility.
   • Urinary incontinence, constipation, nocturnal enuresis, loss of sphincteric tone .............. 2
   • Cataract, Narrowing of visual field, Glaucoma, retinal detachment color vision .......... 3
   • Deafness, progressive loss of hearing, otitis media .............. 4
   • Herpes simplex, Harper Zoster (Skin eruptions), Alopecia .............. 5
   • Sinusitis, Olfactory dysfunction .............. 6
   • Electrolyte imbalance .............. 7
   • Hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism .............. 8
   • Loss of weight, fever of unknown origin .............. 9
   • Indigestion, flatulence .............. 10
   • Migraine .............. 11
   • Exacerbation of preexisting pathology such as hypertension, Diabetes and complications thereof .............. 12
   • Respiratory infections, dyspnoea (More during season change) Cold intolerance .............. 13
   • Males: Prostate problem – Obstruction in urination .............. 14
   • Female: Dysfunctional uterine hemorrhage .............. 15
   • Malignancy .............. 16
   • Other, please specify .............. 17
2.3 Are you suffering from any psychological problem/s?
Yes.........................................1; No..................................................2

2.4 If yes, please state the mental health problem you are suffering from
Multiple Responses Possible
- Insomnia..................................................................................... 1
- Forgetfulness/Dementia................................................................. 2
- Anxiety.......................................................................................... 3
- Depression.................................................................................... 4
- Intellectual Impairment................................................................. 5
- Feeling of Insecurity....................................................................... 6
- Others, please specify..................................................................... 7

2.5 Are you undergoing any treatment?
Yes.........................................1; No...............................................2

2.6 If yes in I.2.5 for what problem?...............................................................

2.7 If yes in Q.2.5 what is the monthly expenditure (approximately)?
- Below Rs. 1000............................................................... 1
- Rs. 1001 -- Rs. 2000.................................................. 2
- Rs. 2001 -- Rs. 4000.................................................. 3
- Rs. 4001 -- Rs. 6000.................................................. 4
- Rs. 6001 above............................................................. 5

2.8 Who bears your health expenditure? Multiple Responses Possible
- Self savings/own pension.......................................................... 1
- Children.................................................................................... 2
- Relatives.................................................................................... 3
- Others, please specify.............................................................. 4

Section III: Factors Responsible for Staying in Old Age Home

3.1 For how long you have been staying in this home.
- For the last one year ............................................................... 1
- For the last two year ............................................................... 2
- For the last three year ............................................................. 3
- For the last four year ............................................................... 4
- For the last five years and above............................................. 5

3.2 Why did you come to this home? Multiple Responses Possible.
- No body is in Kolkata to look after............................................. 1
- Lack of space............................................................................ 2
- Humiliation created by the children............................................. 3
- Preferred to live independently.................................................... 4
- Others.......................................................................................... 5

3.3 Who was more caring in your life? Multiple Responses Possible.
Wife........................................1; Son..........................2; Daughter..............3; Relatives......4
Section - IV: Nature of Violence Experienced

4.1. Do you feel mentally insecure?
Yes........................................1, No.........................................2

4.2 If yes, why do you feel so? Multiple Responses Possible.
  • Loneliness................................................................. 1
  • Lack of safety............................................................. 2
  • Lack of family support for care........................................ 3
  • Lack of social support.................................................. 4
  • Less savings and/or no extra source of earning.................. 5
  • Health problem like................................................... 6
  • Incomplete task in life like.......................................... 7
  • Others, please specify.................................................. 8

4.3 Did you experience any sort of neglect in your own family?
Yes........................................1, No.........................................2

4.4 If yes, please state the type of neglect you experienced. Multiple Responses Possible.
  • Did not give me food on time........................................ 1
  • Did not provide me fresh food....................................... 2
  • Discriminated in providing food.................................... 3
  • Did not call doctor for physical health............................ 4
  • Did not provide me minimum clothes............................. 5
  • Room was not cleaned................................................ 6
  • Others, please specify.................................................. 7

4.5 Did you experience any sorts of mental harassment in your own family?
Yes........................................1, No.........................................2

4.6 If yes, please state the type of mental harassment you experienced. Multiple Responses Possible.
  • Treated as burden in the family...................................... 1
  • Given mental pressure for money and property............... 2
  • Daughter-in-law behaved badly..................................... 3
  • Indirectly asked me to leave the house on account of lack of space............ 4
  • Used to avoid me i.e. not talking to me for a short period in a day........ 5
  • Not allowed the grand children to interact with me.............. 6
  • Others, please specify.................................................. 7

4.7 Did you experience any physical violence in your own family?
Yes........................................1, No.........................................2

4.8 If yes, please state the type of physical violence you experienced. Multiple Responses Possible.
  • Beaten me................................................................. 1
  • Thrown scale and/or something on you........................... 2
  • Shaking heavily........................................................... 3
  • Did not allow to go out.................................................. 4
  • Others, please specify.................................................. 5
Section V: Social Support

5.1. In case of any problem, whom do you feel like to contract first for support and/or help?
- Husband................................................................. 1
- Wife.............................................................................. 2
- Siblings (brother/sister).............................................. 3
- Children (son/daughter).............................................. 4
- Others, please specify............................................. 5

5.2. In general, with whom you prefer to share your personal issues/problems for mental support?
- Husband................................................................. 1
- Wife.............................................................................. 2
- Siblings (brother/sister).............................................. 3
- Children (son/daughter).............................................. 4
- Others, please specify............................................. 5

5.3. In your life, who was most supportive during severe financial crisis?
- Husband................................................................. 1
- Wife.............................................................................. 2
- Siblings (brother/sister).............................................. 3
- Children (son/daughter).............................................. 4
- Others, please specify............................................. 5

5.4. Did you come across any such situation in life when you approached somebody for support and/or help, but you did not receive the same?
- Yes................................................................. 1
- No........................................................................ 2

5.5. If yes in Q.5.4 whom did you approach in case of last crisis phase in life?
- Husband................................................................. 1
- Wife.............................................................................. 2
- Siblings (brother/sister).............................................. 3
- Children (son/daughter).............................................. 4
- Others, please specify............................................. 5

5.6. If yes in Q.5.4 what purpose did you approach the same person?
- Financial support.................................................... 1
- Mental support......................................................... 2
- Others, please specify............................................. 3

Section VI: Perception about the Home

6.1. Do you feel comfortable in the home?
- Yes................................................................. 1
- No........................................................................ 2

6.2. If no, why do you think so? Multiple Responses Possible.
- Accommodation is neat and clean.............................. 1
- Quality of food is not good...................................... 2
- Not much space to walk and/or more around.............. 3
- Do not have much recreational facilities.................. 4
• Do not arrange any group activities.......................... 5
• Behavior of the staff is not good............................ 6
• Others, please specify........................................... 7

6.3 How did you know about this home? Multiple Responses Possible.
  • From the newspaper and ad in magazine.................. 1
  • From the relatives and friends................................. 2
  • Through Internet.................................................... 3
  • Others, please specify............................................. 4

6.4 How much money do you pay in a month for staying in this home?
  • Below Rs. 3000...................................................... 1
  • Rs. 3001 to Rs. 5000............................................. 2
  • Rs. 5001 to Rs. 7000............................................. 3
  • Rs. 7001 to Rs. 9000............................................. 4
  • Rs. 9001 and above.............................................. 5

6.5 Who bears the expenses of the home? Multiple Responses Possible.
  • Self savings/own pension....................................... 1
  • Children............................................................... 2
  • Relatives.............................................................. 3
  • Others, please specify.......................................... 4

6.6. Would you like to stay in this home for life long?
    Yes................................................................. 1
    No................................................................. 2

6.7 If no, why do you think so?
  • Looking for a better home...................................... 1
  • Go back to own house.......................................... 2
  • Go back to a relative place................................... 3
  • Others, please specify......................................... 4

6.8 What are your suggestions for betterment of the home environment?
  • Home should be more neat and clean....................... 1
  • Quality of good should be better............................. 2
  • More recreational facilities should be provided........ 3
  • Others, please specify......................................... 4

Thanks for your cooperation