

Annex A

PROJECT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION NEEDS FOR TRADITIONAL HEALTH CARE\*

1. Official Position on Traditional Health Care

- a. What official policies exist?
- b. If such exist, do they support or suppress further development of traditional health care?
- c. Is there licensure, registration, or certification of indigenous health practitioners? If so, what kind?
- d. Is there regulation of the practices of indigenous health practitioners?
- e. If official policies do not exist, what position do high-level officials take on the subject?

2. Traditional Health Care Manpower

- a. What different categories of indigenous health practitioners and advisers exist?
- b. What is the estimated number of persons in each category?
- c. In each category, approximately how many are below 30 years of age? Between 30 and 50? Over 50?
- d. How many are literate?
- e. How many have had formal institutional training?
- f. How many are full-time practitioners? Part-time practitioners?
- g. How were they recruited to their specialization?
- h. How are they compensated for their services?
- i. What position do they take toward government health services and formally-trained practitioners?

3. Modern Technology in Traditional Health Care

- a. Is modern health technology employed by traditional practitioners?
- b. If so, what kind of technology is used?
- c. If not, in which areas of traditional health care would new technology be advantageous?
- d. What kind of health technology would be appropriate?

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4. Traditional Medicines

- a. Does regulation exist governing their use?
- b. What is the approximate proportional use of medicinal plants? Of products of animal origin? Of mineral origin? Of other products?
- c. Is there any pharmacopoeia or systematic list of the above substances?
- d. If not, what are the most common substances in each category?

5. Research and Training in Traditional Health Care

- a. Have traditional health practices or medicines been the subject of research by country nationals? (Example: arthritis, fertility regulation, mental illness, tropical diseases.) Which individuals or institutions have been engaged in this work?
- b. Have attempts been made in the country to train or to integrate indigenous health practitioners into government health services?
- c. If so, what have been the outcomes?

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