

Risk Reduction Approach on Burial Practices

Observation Guide

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Given the high stigma and discrimination around Ebola, we will use indirect methods to collect information on burial practices (e.g. cleaning a dead body) and risk reduction efforts at home (e.g. the final stages of Ebola home care). We will conduct a direct observation of communication between villagers during “home care risk reduction kit” training. After training, villagers will engage in small group discussions with the aim of developing a common understanding of where the threats lie (e.g. washing the ill patient as well as dead body) and how best to avoid them using the assets provided. The information we are seeking (i.e., alternative approaches that are culturally acceptable) would emerge as a natural consequence of this joint work (home kit training + group activities).

Home kit training

1. Note on concerns regarding using “home care risk reduction kit” in relation to risk reduction. (Pay attention to facial expressions)

Group activities

2. Note on what villagers perceive as threats of disease transmission and how to best avoid risk of transmission. (Pay attention to specific strategies and alternative approaches)