

ELITES/DESTITUTION MINI PILOT MODULE

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Objectives

- 1: To understand the kinds of elites, what they have, do, think
- 2: To understand the kinds of destitutes, what they have, do, think
- 3: To pilot case studies of elites and destitution with a view to informing selection and topics of households for future diaries

Protocol 1; Elites

Protocol 2; Destitutes

Methods; General questions from knowledgeable informant(s) with whom you have good contact
Case studies of 3 elites contacted
Case studies of 3 destitutes contacted
As far as possible views about them from others

NB in urban areas it is suggested we try to do 4 elites and 5 destitutes

Outputs;

1. Description of types of elites and 3-4 case studies
2. Description of types of destitutes and 3-5 case studies
3. Suggestions for criteria and topics to select for diaries

Protocol 1: Elites

Questions

General

1. Open ended: who are the elites?
2. What are the local terms and their connotations?
3. What are the basis of their pre-eminence? Wealth, class, status, position, religion, ethnicity etc?
4. In what ways are they influential?
5. What are the types of elites?
6. What are the life stories of elites?
7. Is eliteness inherited?
8. What happened to former elites?
9. What are the economic, political, social and cultural resources needed to become an elite?
10. what are the distinguishing havings of elites
11. What are the distinguishing doings of elites
12. what are the self views, thoughts, beliefs of elites?
13. where, how and with whom do they live?
14. what are their household characteristics?
15. In what circumstances do elites form groups and act together?
16. What are the links between elites and others?
17. Are elites involved in patronage?
18. Do elites take part in institutions?
19. Do elites lead institutions?
20. Do elites mobilise the masses?

Specific case studies

1. Do you consider yourself to be part of the elite?
2. Do others consider you to be elite?
3. How did you become part of the elite?
4. What are your relations with other members of the elite?
5. what are your relations like with your family/household?
6. what are your relations like with your relatives?
7. What are your relations with others in the society?
8. What do you have that others do not?
9. What do you do that others do not?
10. What do you think, feel that others do not?
11. Do you consider yourself to be different from others?
12. Do you take part in associations/organisations? If yes which ones, if not why not?
13. Do you have leadership roles? If so in what institutions?
14. Do you consider your quality of life to be superior than others? If yes in what ways?
15. Do you try to help your community? If so how?
16. Do you try to change your community? If so how?
17. Do you try to mobilise your community? If so how?
18. What are your aspirations for the future?

Protocol 2: Destitutes

General questions

1. Open ended: who are the destitutes?
2. What are the local terms and their connotations?
3. What makes them destitute? poverty, class, status, occupation, religion, ethnicity etc?
4. In what ways are they marginalised? What are the types of destitutes?
5. What are the life courses of destitutes?
6. Is destituteness inherited?
7. Can anyone escape destituteness?
8. In what ways are the destitute different from the poor?
9. What are the economic, political, social and cultural resources that the destitute have and lack?
10. what are the distinguishing havings of destitutes?
11. What are the distinguishing doings of destitutes? what are the self views, thoughts, beliefs of destitutes?
12. Where do they live, how and with whom?
13. what are their survival/coping strategies?
14. In what circumstances do destitutes form groups and act together?
15. What are the links between destitutes and others?
16. Are destitutes involved in clientage?
17. Do destitutes take part in institutions?
18. Are destitutes excluded from institutions?
19. Do destitutes have their own groupings?
20. Are destitutes hopeless?

Case studies

1. Do you consider yourself to be part of the destitute?
2. Do others consider you to be destitute?
3. How did you become part of the destitute?
4. What are your relations with other members of the destitute?
5. What are your relations like with your household/family?
6. What are your relations like with your relatives?
7. What are your relations with others in the society?
8. What do you have/lack that others do not?
9. What do you do/not do that others do/do not do?
10. What do you think, feel believe that others do not?
11. Do you consider yourself to be different from others?
12. Do you take part in associations/organisations? If yes which ones, if not why not?
13. Do you consider your quality of life to be inferior than others? If yes in what ways?
14. Do you try to help your family?
15. Do you try to help your community? If so how?
16. Do you try to change your community? If so how?
17. What are your aspirations for the future?