

An Example of a Structured Observation Guide Used During a Healthwalk
(Taken from Hygiene Evaluation Procedures by Almedom)

Water

1. What are the available water sources?
 - (a) well
 - (b) spring
 - (c) reservoir/dam
 - (d) rain water
 - (e) seasonal pond
 - (f) public stand post/tap/fountain
 - (g) hand-dug well
 - (h) other _____
2. Are the water sources protected? (indicate which ones)
 - (a) yes
 - (b) semi-protected
 - (c) no
3. How far are water sources from people's homes?

| Water sources | Distance |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| _____ | (a) less than 100 meters |
| _____ | (b) 100-500 meters |
| _____ | (c) less than 1 km. |
| _____ | (d) 1-2 km |
| _____ | (e) 3-5 km |
| _____ | (f) 6-7 km |
| _____ | (g) more than 8 km |
4. What activities take place at or near the water source?
 - (a) washing water containers
 - (b) washing clothes
 - (c) bathing/washing self
 - (d) watering animals
 - (e) other _____
5. Who collects water?
 - (a) women
 - (b) children
 - (c) men
6. What utensils (and means) are used for fetching water?
7. How is water transported from the source to the home?
8. Is water treated at the source, and if so, how?
 - (a) by filtering with a piece of cloth
 - (b) by chlorination
 - (c) by other means
- *9. How is drinking water stored in the home?
- *10. How is drinking water handled in the home?

Sanitation

1. Is there evidence of faecal contamination?
 - (a) along the roads?
 - (b) along the foot-paths?
 - (c) near the water source?
 - (d) in/near the fields/*shambas*?
 - (e) outside the houses?
 - (f) inside the houses?
 2. What is the contamination observed?
 - (a) infants/young children's faeces
 - (b) adults' faeces
 - (c) cow dung and/or other animal faeces
 - (d) other _____
 3. Did you see anyone defecating?
(Who? Where? Describe)
 4. How many of the houses you visited have latrines?
- *6. Observe the latrine.
 - (a) Does it have a sound Superstructure?
 - (b) Is the floor safe to stand on?
 - (c) Does it have a slab?
 - (d) Is the hole small enough to be Safe for children?
 - (e) Does the latrine provide Adequate privacy?
 - (f) Any other features?
 - *7. Is the latrine in use?
 - (a) Is the path leading to it clear?
 - (b) Is it clean?
 - (c) Is it reasonably free of smell?
 - (d) Are there cleansing materials in the vicinity? What are they?
 - (e) Is there water in the vicinity?
 - (f) Is there ash in the vicinity?
 - (g) Any other evidence of use?
 - *8. How close are hand-washing Facilities (water and ash or soap) to the latrine?
 - (a) next to the latrine
 - (b) within walking distance

* Can also be used during household visits, in conjunction with semi-structured interviews