

Supplementary File 1. Questionnaire used in this study

A capacity-readiness gap in tobacco harm reduction and smoking cessation: a multicenter cross-sectional study of frontline healthcare workers in Malawi

Date:		Facility and ID	
Participant ID		Random Group	

Section A: Demographic Information		
No	Question	Response
A1	Age (in years)	
A2	Gender	1= Female 2=Male
A3	What is your cadre?	1= Nurse 2= Clinician 3=HSA 4=Others
A4	What is the professional level of your education	1=Certificate 2= Diploma, 3=Degree, 4= Masters, 5= PhD
A5	What is your current department?	1=OPD, 2= TB, 3= Wards, 4= Outreach 5=Others mention
A6	Years of experience as a healthcare provider?	1= Less than 1 year 2= 1-3 years 3= 4-6 years 4= 7-10 years 5= More than 10 years
Section B: Tobacco Harm Reduction and Smoke Cessation Knowledge		
B1	Have you previously received training on Tobacco Harm Reduction?	1= Yes 2=No
B2	Have you previously received training on Tobacco Smoke Cessation?	1= Yes 2=No
B3	How confident are you in your ability to help a client quit smoking?	1= Not confident 2= Slightly confident 3= Moderately confident 4= Very confident
B4	What is your current understanding of nicotine addiction and its effects on the body?	1= No understanding 2= Basic understanding 3= Moderate understanding 4= Advanced understanding
B5	Which of the following techniques do you know are used for tobacco cessation? (Check all that apply)	1= Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) 2= Behavioral Counseling 3= Prescription Medications (e.g., Varenicline, Bupropion) 4= Motivational Interviewing 5= Group Counseling 6= Don't know
B6	Can you list two potential health risks associated with tobacco use?	1= 2=

B7	How familiar are you with the "5 A's" approach (Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange) for smoking cessation?	1= Not familiar 2= Slightly familiar 3= Moderately familiar 4= Very familiar
Section C: Current Practices and Behavior		
C1	In your current job, do you assess the tobacco smoking status of clients when they seek for health care?	1=Never 2= Rarely 3= Sometimes 4= Often 5= Always
C2	How often do you currently discuss tobacco cessation with your clients who smoke?	1= Never 2= Rarely 3= Sometimes 4= Often 5= Always
C3	What challenges do you face when discussing tobacco cessation with clients?	1= Lack of knowledge on cessation techniques 2= Lack of time 3= Client's unwillingness to quit 4= Lack of resources (e.g., medications, support materials) 5= Others specify
C4	Do you currently track the smoking habits of your clients?	1= Yes 2= No
C5	Have you ever referred a client to a tobacco cessation program or resource?	1= Yes 2= No
C6	How effective do you believe your current approach is in helping clients quit smoking?	1= Not effective 2= Slightly effective 3= Moderately effective 4= Very effective
Section D: Attitudes and Perceptions		
D1	How important do you think it is for healthcare providers to address tobacco use in clients?	1= Not important 2= Slightly important 3= Moderately important 4= Very important
D2	Do you think you have the necessary resources and support to help clients quit smoking?	1= Yes 2= No 3= Not sure
D3	What do you think are the most effective ways to help clients quit smoking?	Resp:
D4	How interested are you in receiving further training or support for tobacco cessation services?	1= Not interested 2= Slightly interested 3= Moderately interested 4= Very interested

Thank you for participating in the survey.