

Supplementary File 1

Semi-structured interview guide – Interviews with health professionals

Prior to starting interview

- Introduction and information about the interviewer
- General Information about the study purpose
- Ethical considerations

Start of interview

1st Topic: Pain (management) perception

- What does the word “pain” mean for you?
- How would you describe the management of pain in your health facility?
- What options (pharmacological and non-pharmacological) do you have to treat pain in this health facility?
- Imagine a pastoralist comes to your health facility with (severe) pain.
 - What would you do first?
 - How would you relieve the patient’s pain?
- What aspects in pain management do you find easy or difficult to do?
- What could be done on in your health facility to improve pain management?
 - Are there certain treatments or instruments you need in your facility that are missing?

2nd Topic: Perception of pastoralist patients with pain

- How would you describe pastoralist patients that are suffering from pain?
- When and how do pastoralists with pain come to the health facility?
- In your experience, how do pastoralist patients express their pain?
- What helps them to deal with their pain in the health facility?
- What strategies do they use to relieve their pain?

- What differences in pain perception and pain expression among pastoralist patients have you noticed, if any, for instance rural or urban aspects, gender, age or other things?

3rd topic: Own experience with pain

- Have you yourself ever experienced pain before or are you suffering from chronic pain?
 - If so, how did/how do you manage it?
 - Did/do you feel like it was/is adequately controlled?

Closing remarks:

- Is there anything you would like to talk about regarding this topic, that we have not mentioned yet?
- Expressing thanks