

Risk Reduction Approach on Burial Practices

Focus Group Guide

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1. How is farming this year? (Probe: The effect of Ebola regarding farm work)
2. What are the source of Ebola, signs and symptoms?
3. Please tell me your thoughts about the home care risk reduction kit? What is the value (equivalent to maize)? Would it be acceptable in the village? Who would use the kit? Probe for the acceptability around using the kit to care for ill family member and burial practices (e.g., what do you think about adding bleach in the water that is used to wash dead body?).

[Show list of local burial practices on white board, as identified during key informant interviews and direct observations]

4. Now, we would like to see what your thoughts are on these practices listed on the wall. I will give you 3 stickers (red). Place them next to the ones that are Acceptable to you and your culture.
5. I will give you 2 stickers (black). Now, place them next to the ones that are absolutely not acceptable to you and your culture.

[Brainstorming session: Whiteboard and pen; moderator will jot down ideas that emerged from the participants] Are there any other approaches to the burial practices that can be modified that is still acceptable to you? For example, is a blessing from paramount chief acceptable instead of washing dead body?