#### **SUPPLEMENTARY FILE**

## Interview Guide

# A. Migrant workers

Interview topics and questions that form the broad framework of discussion with migrant workers will include:

# **Topics:**

- Knowledge and perception of healthcare services available
- Experience with access to healthcare in Malaysia/China
- Experience with barriers to access to healthcare in Malaysia/China
- Experiences with employers in relation to illness or injury
- Experience with healthcare workers in regard to healthcare treatment
- Suggestion for improvement in health policy or services available for migrants

### **Introductory questions:**

- 1. Sex (M/F)
- 2. Date of Birth
- 3. Nationality
- 4. Years in Malaysia/China
- 5. Which country did you leave to come here?
- 6. What do you work as? Are you employed by an individual or a company?

#### **Open questions:**

- 1. What are the most common health problems that you or your friends have faced during your stay in Malaysia/China? (examples)
- 2. Can you tell me where you or your friends will go for healthcare services when you are ill in Malaysia/China?
- 3. Can you share with me what is the healthcare experience like for migrant workers in Malaysia/China?
  - <u>Prompts</u>: How? Availability? Experience? Case studies?
- 4. What do you think regarding healthcare services in Malaysia/China?
  <u>Prompts</u>: awareness of services available for migrants, insurance schemes, and injury compensation schemes
- 5. What are the difficulties you or your friends have faced in accessing care?
  What are the key barriers for migrant workers in accessing care in Malaysia/China?

  Prompts: Barriers from an individual, health system, community/cultural, stigma, geographical, financial, immigration status, fear of deportation? Case studies?

- 6. How do you pay for healthcare services?
  - What are the financial barriers for migrant workers in accessing healthcare in Malaysia/China?
  - <u>Prompts</u>: Are you covered by any insurance scheme? Does your employer pay your medical bills? Can you afford to seek treatment? Does seeking healthcare cause you financial hardship? Case studies?
- 7. What are your experiences with your employer/employers in relation to access to healthcare for illness or injury?
  - What is the experience of migrant workers with employers with regards to healthcare treatment?
  - <u>Prompts</u>: Are employers supportive? Will pay be docked for non-attendance? Will the worker be fired? Will employer pay for healthcare? Case studies?
- 8. What is your experience with healthcare workers with regards to healthcare treatment?
  - <u>Prompts</u>: positive/negative? Are they friendly? Communication barrier? Cultural appropriateness? Stigma? Case studies?
- 9. What are your suggestions for the improvement in health policy or services available for migrants in Malaysia/China?

B. Key Informant interviews: NGOs, representatives from government, trade unions, academia etc.

Interview topics and questions that form the broad framework of the discussion on policy protecting the health of migrants will include:

## Topics:

- Knowledge of healthcare policy and services available in Malaysia/China
- Experience with migrant access to healthcare in Malaysia/China
- Perceptions or experience of barriers to migrant access to healthcare in Malaysia/China
- Experiences with employers of migrants in relation to work-related illness or injury
- Experience of migrants with healthcare workers
- Suggestion for improvement in health policy or services available for migrants

## **Introductory questions**

For representatives of migrant workers communities:

- 1. What is your role in your community/organisation?
- 2. What communities or nationalities does your organisation represent?
- 3. What is the demographic profile of migrants in your community? (age, sex, occupation, marital status)
- 4. What is immigration status of the communities that your organisation represents? (documented/undocumented, economic migrants, refugees, stateless people)

#### **Open questions**

- 1. Can you tell me about healthcare policy and services available for migrant workers in Malaysia/China?
  - <u>Prompts</u>: awareness of services available for migrants, insurance schemes, and injury compensation schemes
- Could you please share the experience of migrant access to healthcare in Malaysia/China?
  - What is the healthcare experience like for migrant workers in Malaysia/China? <a href="Prompts">Prompts</a>: Where? How? Availability? Experience? Case studies?
- 3. Could you please share the experience of barriers to access to healthcare of migrant workers in Malaysia/China?
  - What are the key barriers for migrant workers in accessing care in Malaysia/China?
  - <u>Prompts</u>: Barriers from an individual, health system, community/cultural, stigma, geographical, financial, immigration status, fear of deportation? Case studies?

4. What are the perceived barriers to access to healthcare for migrant workers in Malaysia/China

What are the key barriers for migrant workers in accessing care in Malaysia/China?

<u>Prompts</u>: Barriers from an individual, health system, community/cultural, stigma, geographical, financial, immigration status, fear of deportation? Case studies?

- 5. What kind of healthcare facilities do migrants go to when they are ill? Prompts: Public or private? And why? Do many opt not to seek care?
- 6. How do migrants pay for healthcare? What are the financial barriers for migrant workers in accessing healthcare in Malaysia/China?

<u>Prompts</u>: Do you know migrants covered by insurance schemes? Do employers pay for medical bills? Can migrants afford to seek treatment? Does seeking healthcare cause financial hardship? Case studies?

- 7. What is the migrants experience with employers when they are ill? What is the experience of migrant workers with employers with regards to healthcare treatment? Prompts: Are employers supportive? Will pay be docked for non-attendance? Will the worker be fired? Will employer pay for healthcare? Case studies?
- 8. What is migrants experience with healthcare workers?

  <u>Prompts</u>: positive/negative? Are they friendly? Communication barrier? Cultural appropriateness? Stigma? Case studies?
- 9. What are your suggestions to improve health policy and services for migrants in Malaysia/China?