

Worksheet: Barriers

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Priority Community Name:

UNCOVER BARRIERS - SHEET 1, Barrier Type: Beliefs, knowledge, and feelings about vaccination

Barriers: Caregivers

(Do caregivers recognise the importance and benefits of vaccinations, and do they have trust in the healthcare system?)

Mothers feel that they have survived without vaccines, and so their children don't require it

74% of mothers are aware where they can receive vaccines

Fears that if the child falls sick after the vaccine, it will impact the mother's duties and responsibilities toward the household

Barriers: Healthcare System

(Do healthcare providers hold certain beliefs about vaccinations and their patients, and do they feel confident in their vaccination skills?)

Some vaccinators in rural areas don't think vaccination is important so don't promote it

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UNCOVER BARRIERS - SHEET 2, Barrier Type: Trust

Barriers: Caregivers (Do caregivers trust government guidance, healthcare providers and the safety of the vaccine?)		Barriers: Healthcare System (Do healthcare providers trust vaccination guidelines and vaccine manufacturers?)	
<div>There is low trust in public health services due to negative treatment by healthcare workers</div>			
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Priority Community Name:

UNCOVER BARRIERS - SHEET 3, Barrier Type: Community, religious, and gender beliefs

Barriers: Caregivers

(Are there any social, cultural or religious beliefs that influence caregivers' decision to vaccinate their children?)

The absence of female staff at local clinics prevents mothers from bringing their children for vaccinations unless their husbands are with them.

Religious leaders discourage mothers from taking vaccines as it is against the principles of their religion

Hearing other mothers say they haven't vaccinated makes them feel they also shouldn't vaccinate their child

Barriers: Healthcare System

(Are there any social, cultural or religious beliefs that influence how healthcare providers deliver care?)

Some vaccinators experienced anger from their community for encouraging vaccinations

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Priority Community Name:

UNCOVER BARRIERS - SHEET 4, Barrier Type: Intention and motivation to vaccinate

Barriers: Caregivers

(Do caregivers want to vaccinate their children and are they willing to take the needed steps to do so?)

Many mothers forget to return for their second dose and there are no mechanisms in place to counter this

Fears that if the child falls sick after the vaccine, it will impact the mother's duties and responsibilities toward the household

Barriers: Healthcare System

(Do healthcare providers feel supported and valued, and are they motivated to do their job?)

Female health workers feel demotivated to engage with the community as they are not treated with respect

There is a lot of pressure for healthcare workers to reach vaccination targets

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UNCOVER BARRIERS - SHEET 5, Barrier Type: Practical barriers and experience of care

Barriers: Caregivers

(Do caregivers know when and where to get vaccines, can they easily access the service, and do they have a positive experience of care?)

Distances to the nearest healthcare facility

It's expensive to travel to the clinic and for the cost of services. Mothers don't have access to money to pay for these services.

Barriers: Healthcare System

(Does the healthcare system have enough resources and governance to deliver accessible and high quality services?)

Vaccine shortages mean they often can't vaccinate everyone

The data management systems in public hospitals make it challenging to track vaccination coverage and who hasn't been vaccinated

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