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Unannounced Observations

Tamil Nadu Integrated Child Development Services Project
Process Monitoring round

J-PAL South Asia

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

[Arrive at the anganwadi center by 8.50am. Start this section at 9am. In all multiple-choice questions, select only one option unless indicated otherwise.]

1. Surveyor ID [Check your ID card]:

a. _____

2. District [Ask your field supervisor]:

a. _____

3. Project [Ask your field supervisor]:

a. _____

4. Sector [Ask your field supervisor]:

a. _____

5. AWC [Ask your field supervisor]:

a. _____

6. At what time did you reach the anganwadi center?

a. HH:MM: AM/PM

7. At what time did the anganwadi center open?

- a. HH:MM: AM/PM
- b. The center was already open when I arrived
- c. The center did not open until 9.45 am

8. At what time did the anganwadi worker arrive?

- a. HH:MM: AM/PM
- b. The worker was already here when I arrived
- c. The worker is absent [Ask the helper]
- d. The worker's position is vacant [Ask the helper]
- e. The worker is on leave [Ask the helper]

9. At what time did the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) facilitator arrive?

- a. HH:MM: AM/PM
- b. The facilitator was already here when I arrived

Commented [A1]: This is a conditional question. Show if intervention is "awa".



- c. The facilitator is absent [*Ask the helper*]
- d. The facilitator's position is vacant [*Ask the helper*]
- e. The facilitator is on leave [*Ask the helper*]

10. At what time did the *anganwadi* helper arrive?

- a. HH:MM: AM/PM
- b. The helper was already here when I arrived
- c. The helper is absent [*Ask the worker*]
- d. The helper's position is vacant [*Ask the worker*]
- e. The helper is on leave [*Ask the worker*]

II. INFORMED CONSENT

[If the anganwadi worker is present, introduce yourself and then read out the following statement to the worker and request her for consent to conduct the survey. Secure consent before starting the classroom observation.]

Good morning, I am [-----] and I work at the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia. We are an independent research organization conducting a study about the Integrated Child Development Services. As part of the study, I would like to observe your center today to learn more about the experiences of workers, facilitators, and children in this center. The study is conducted by Professors Alejandro Ganimian (New York University), Karthik Muralidharan (Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, San Diego), and Christopher Walters (Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley).

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and you are free to choose whether to be in it or not. If you choose to be in this study, you may subsequently withdraw from it or ask me to leave at any time without penalty or consequences of any kind. Your decision to participate in our study will not affect your relationship or the school's relationship with anyone.

The study aims to identify the most cost-effective policies to improve the health, nutrition, and education of children in *anganwadi* centers.

If you agree to participate in this study, we would ask to observe your center today. When observing your center, I will sit in the back of the class and observe silently. I will not engage with the children and I will not disturb the regular functioning of the centers in any way.

There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research.

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. You will not be personally identified in any report or publication. Our reports will simply show the averages from all study participants.

If you have any questions or concerns about the research or wish to report a research-related problem, please contact Sharnic Djaker at J-PAL South Asia +91 80 5679 6677. J-PAL's office is located at the Institute for Financial Management and Research, 24 Kothari Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai 600034, India.

11. Did you obtain consent? [Select all that apply]

- a. Yes, from the *anganwadi* worker
- b. Yes, from the ECCE facilitator
- c. Yes, from the helper
- d. Yes, from some adult from the ICDS department
- e. No

12. Why were you unable to obtain consent?

- a. _____

[Answer question 13 (attendance) at 10:00 am]

Commented [A2]: This is a conditional question. Show if option e is selected for Q12.

13. How many children are at the center? [Count the number of children in the center]

- a. _____ boys
- b. _____ girls
- c. _____ unknown

Commented [A3]: Data team: Format as textbox. Allow for numerical entries up to 50.

[If the worker or ECCE facilitator did not grant you consent, speak to their Supervisor. If possible, return to observe the class with the Supervisor's assistance. If this is not possible, report it to your manager.]

III. SNAPSHOTS

[Start this section at 10am. The first question will appear at 10.03am.

Every 6 minutes, you will be asked questions about what is happening in the center. One set of questions will be about the *anganwadi* worker. The other set of questions will be about the ECCE facilitator.

Record only what is happening at the instant that the questions begin. This is intended to be a "snapshot" of what is happening – not what took place over the entire period between questions.]

Section A: Anganwadi worker

14. What activity is the worker engaged in? [If the worker is not present, ask the helper to select one of the "out of the center" options]

- a. Providing pre-school instruction
- b. Cleaning/organizing/decorating the center
- c. Completing registers

Commented [A4]: The questions in section A and Section B are repeated 10 times at the following times:

10:03
10:15
10:27
10:39
10:51
11:03
11:15
11:27
11:39
11:51

- d. Preparing or serving food
- e. Assisting others to use the toilet
- f. Worker uninvolved
- g. Out of the center – reason unknown
- h. Out of the center – administrative duties (e.g., meetings with supervisor)
- i. Out of the center – conducting home visitations
- j. Out of the center – assisting with immunizations and/or health check-ups
- k. Worker absent
- l. Classroom management
- m. Social interaction
- n. Health-related activity

15. What material(s) is the worker using?

- a. No material
- b. Registers
- c. Notebook
- d. Print materials
- e. Worksheets
- f. Blackboard
- g. Learning aids
- h. ICT
- i. Toys

16. Who is the worker engaging with in this activity? [Select all that apply]

- a. No one
- b. Children
- c. ECCE facilitator
- d. *Anganwadi* helper
- e. Supervisor
- f. Child Development Project Officer (CDPO)
- g. District Program Officer (DPO)
- h. Children's relatives (e.g., mothers or grandmothers)

Section B: Other supervisor

17. Who is engaging with the children currently?

- a. ECCE facilitator
- b. *Angawadi* helper
- c. Worker from a different *angawadi* center
- d. Helper from a different *anganwadi* center
- e. Unknown adult

18. What activity is the person engaged in?

- a. Providing pre-school instruction
- b. Cleaning/organizing/decorating the center
- c. Completing registers

Commented [A5]: This is a conditional section. Show only if options g, h, i, j or k is selected for Q14.

Commented [A6]: Data team: Allow for multiple options to be selected.

- d. Preparing or serving food
- e. Assisting others to use the toilet
- f. Worker uninvolved
- g. Classroom management
- h. Social interaction
- i. Health-related activity

19. What material is the person using?

- a. No material
- b. Registers
- c. Notebook
- d. Print materials
- e. Worksheets
- f. Blackboard
- g. Learning aids
- h. ICT
- i. Toys

Section C: ECCE facilitator

20. What activity is the facilitator engaged in? [If the facilitator is not present, ask the worker to select one of the “out of the center” options]

- a. Providing pre-school instruction
- b. Cleaning/organizing/decorating the center
- c. Completing registers
- d. Preparing or serving food
- e. Assisting others to use the toilet
- f. Worker uninvolved
- g. Out of the center – reason unknown
- h. Out of the center – administrative duties (e.g., meetings with supervisor)
- i. Out of the center – conducting home visitations
- j. Out of the center – assisting with immunizations and/or health check-ups
- k. ECCE facilitator absent
- l. Classroom management
- m. Social interaction
- n. Health-related activity

21. What material(s) is the facilitator using?

- a. No material
- b. Registers
- c. Notebook
- d. Print materials
- e. Worksheets
- f. Blackboard
- g. Learning aids

Commented [A7]: This is a conditional section. Show if intervention is "awa". If so, the questions in this section are repeated 10 times at the following times:

10:06
10:18
10:30
10:42
10:54
11:06
11:18
11:30
11:42
11:54

- h. ICT
- i. Toys

22. Who is the facilitator engaging with in this activity? [Select all that apply]

- a. No one
- b. Children
- c. *Anganwadi* worker
- d. *Anganwadi* helper
- e. Supervisor
- f. Child Development Project Officer (CDPO)
- g. District Program Officer (DPO)
- h. Children's relatives (e.g., mothers or grandmothers)

IV. CENTER ACTIVITY

[Enter responses to the following questions based on your observations of the *anganwadi* center.
In all multiple-choice questions, select only one option unless indicated otherwise.]

[Answer question 23 (attendance) at 12:00 pm]

23. How many children are at the center? [Count the number of children in the center]

- a. _____ boys
- b. _____ girls
- c. _____ unknown

24. Did you observe any evidence of a working electricity connection?

- a. Yes (e.g., light switch, fan, etc.)
- b. No

25. From where did you observe children drink water?

- a. Hand pump owned by the center
- b. Tap owned by the center
- c. Worker buys water from the market
- d. Panchayat water tap
- e. Neighbors provide water
- f. Children bring water from home
- g. Midday meal agency provides water
- h. Other. Please, specify: _____

26. Did you observe the worker/facilitator/helper help the children wash their hands before the midday meal?

- a. Yes
- b. No

27. Did you observe the worker/facilitator/helper provide snacks to the children?

- a. Yes

b. No

28. Did you observe the worker/facilitator/helper provide a second round of the midday meal?

- a. Yes
- b. No

29. Did you observe the worker/facilitator/helper help the children lie down for a nap?

- a. Yes
- b. No

30. Where did you observe children go to the toilet?

- a. In an open area visible to everyone
- b. In an open area behind the center
- c. In toilets
- d. Other. Please, specify: _____
- e. Not observed

31. Where did you observe the midday meal being cooked?

- a. Same room where children are sitting
- b. Different room/kitchen
- c. Open cooking area behind/at the side of the center
- d. Separate location outside the center
- e. Other. Please, specify: _____
- f. Not observed

32. Where did you observe the provisions for the midday meal being stored?

- a. Same room where children are sitting
- b. Different room/kitchen
- c. Open cooking area behind/at the side of the center
- d. Separate location outside the center
- e. Other. Please, specify: _____
- f. Not observed

V. WORKER SURVEY

[Ask the anganwadi worker to answer the following questions. In all multiple-choice questions, select only one option unless indicated otherwise.]

33. When was the last village mapping conducted?

- a. In the last 30 days
- b. 31-60 days ago
- c. 61-90 days ago
- d. More than 90 days ago but in the past 12 months
- e. Before the past 12 months
- f. Never conducted

34. When was the last community survey conducted?

- a. In the last 30 days
- b. 31-60 days ago
- c. 61-90 days ago
- d. More than 90 days ago but in the past 12 months
- e. Before the past 12 months
- f. Never conducted

35. When was the last birth and death registration conducted?

- a. In the last 30 days
- b. 31-60 days ago
- c. 61-90 days ago
- d. More than 90 days ago but in the past 12 months
- e. Before the past 12 months
- f. Never conducted

36. When was the last growth monitoring conducted?

- a. In the last 30 days
- b. 31-60 days ago
- c. 61-90 days ago
- d. More than 90 days ago but in the past 12 months
- e. Before the past 12 months
- f. Never conducted

37. When was the last immunization drive conducted?

- a. In the last 30 days
- b. 31-60 days ago
- c. 61-90 days ago
- d. More than 90 days ago but in the past 12 months
- e. Before the past 12 months
- f. Never conducted

38. When was the last home visitation conducted?

- a. In the last 30 days
- b. 31-60 days ago
- c. 61-90 days ago
- d. More than 90 days ago but in the past 12 months
- e. Before the past 12 months
- f. Never conducted

39. When was the last meeting with parents conducted?

- a. In the last 30 days
- b. 31-60 days ago
- c. 61-90 days ago
- d. More than 90 days ago but in the past 12 months

- e. Before the past 12 months
- f. Never conducted

40. Did the worker ever detect any children with learning disabilities?

- a. Yes
- b. No

41. Did the worker ever provide treatment for minor ailments and/or first aid to children?

- a. Yes
- b. No

VI. SURVEY DETAILS**42. Was a J-PAL SA supervisor present at any point during your stay at the center?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

43. What is the supervisor's ID?

a. _____

44. Do you have any additional comments on today's observation?

a. _____

Commented [A8]: This is conditional question. Show if option a is selected for Q42.