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Interview Protocol – Elizabeth Fry Village Residents

BASIC INFORMATION

What is your age?

What is your marital status?

What is the highest level of education completed?

What is your career (if employed) or area of study (if a student)?

How long have you resided in EFV?

How many people are living in this household? (How many are working/studying)

Do you have a domestic worker?

WASTE

Which words would you associate with waste?

Do you think waste is a positive or negative thing? Yes/No (Please explain)

How do you decide what makes you throw something away, what is recycled and what is reused in your household?

Who is responsible for removing waste in your household?

Briefly define your understanding of waste management?

Who is responsible for waste management in your residential area or municipality?

Do you think waste is collected in an efficient manner in your community?

Can what you have thrown away in your bin be a resource or useful for anyone else? (Please explain)

Is waste management an issue of concern in your community/ Johannesburg/ South Africa? (Please explain)

Have you experienced any problems related to waste collection in your area? (Please explain)

During the PIKITUP strike, did you experience/did it cause any problems/issues for you in terms of your waste disposal? (Please explain)

Do you have any suggestions on how waste can be better managed?

Are there environmental/ social/ economic issues surrounding waste management in South Africa? (Yes/No please explain why?)

RECYCLING

What words would you associate with recycling?

Do you recycle in your household? Yes / No

What influences why you do or do not recycle? (Yes/No please explain why?)

Are there any benefits to recycling? (Yes/No please explain why?)

Which is the preferred option between reducing, reusing and recycling waste? Is there a difference between them? (If yes, please explain)

SEPARATION AT SOURCE

What is separation at source?

Is there a separation at source programme in your community?

Are there any resources that encourage participation in separation at source programmes in your community?

What are the groups or categories that waste can be sorted into?

Do you separate your waste into different categories in your household?

What encourages (if you participate in S@S) or discourages (if you don't participate in S@S) you to separate your waste?

Where did you acquire the knowledge that you have concerning waste/recycling?

Are there any resources in or around your community that inform you about waste/recycling/separation at source?