Post interview debriefing session; Mauritius

After the completion of the fieldwork, we held a debriefing session with all field staff. The outcomes of the debriefing session are presented below:

In general, the survey was easy-going. It was not really a problem dealing with people with disabilities except that some patience was required on the interviewer's side. The interviewers reported that the respondents were more willing to participate in this particular survey than other surveys conducted by the office. This was probably because the respondents perceived the interviewers as the very few people concerned about their health. This was also an opportunity for the family to share their misery. The respondents might also be expecting some form of help.

The core questions 1 and 2 were less easily understandable compared to the other core questions given that in the former, the use of an equipment was mentioned. This problem arose especially with respondents not using the equipment.

The core question asking about the ability to concentrate was also somewhat problematic because the word 'concentrate' was somewhat difficult for old/illiterate people to understand.

In the question GSWHYCODE, it was difficult to assess the spiritual well-being of the respondent.

In contrast, the questions 5(a) to 5(g) on the ability of respondents to do certain things in section 'self-care' were quite easy to administer. Also questions 8 and 9 in section 'lower mobility' worked well.