PLEASE RECORD RESPONSES VERBATIM

Namaskar,

My name is ----------. The health sector generates biomedical wastes and you play an important role in the management of this waste. We would like to understand the management of biomedical waste and would appreciate if you could spare your valuable time to discuss some related topics. Your responses will be treated as confidential.

1. What is your **name**?

2. What is your **age**?

3. What is your **educational** qualification?

4. Since when have you been doing this work?

5. How many **types of waste** are generated in health facility where you are working / operating?

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6. How do you **handle and sort out** the various types of **waste** generated at health facility / hospital you are working / operating?

7. What **precautions** do you take while handling and sorting out different types of waste?

8. Could you please describe different **types of syringes and needles** you know about?

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9. Which types of **syringes and needles** are **used** at the health facilities from where you collect injection related waste in your setting / area of operation?

10. Apart from you, who are the others directly **handling used syringes & needles** in your setting / area of operation?

11. What is the **process of collection** of injection related waste at the various points in your setting?

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12. What is the method followed for **transportation** of injection related waste from collection points to disposal site?

13. What **activities** are carried out **at** the **disposal site**?

14. What is finally done with **used syringes and needles** collected by you?

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15. What **equipment** / materials are being used by you **for collecting, sorting, transporting** and **disposing** of used syringes and needles?

16. How are your **activities** related to waste disposal **supervised**? Who does it?

17. In your opinion, what are the **risks** involved **in handling and sorting** used syringes and needles?

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18. What **diseases** can be **transmitted** by the prick of used needles / broken syringes / glass cuts?

19. How did you come to know about this **information**?

20. It is often said that there is recycling of plastic syringes and needles with plastic hubs. How are the **discarded syringes and needles recycled** and put back in the market?

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21. How can one **recognize** / differentiate **recycled syringes and needles** from non-recycled ones? (**Probe**: price difference)

22. Of late, there is lot of talk about increasing number of **HIV/AIDS** and **jaundice cases** in the community. What **impact** did this have on your work?

THANK YOU

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