

## EMERGE Gender Questions

### Social Support, Community Engagement, and Digital Connectivity

#### Social Support (including for health needs)

If you needed it, how often is someone available to help you with each of the tasks listed below:

Use the following response pattern:      a- None of the time      b- A little of the time      c- Some of the time      d- Most of the time

How often is someone available ...

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|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1. to help you if you were confined to bed?                              | a | b | c | d |
| 2. to take you to the doctor if you needed it?                           | a | b | c | d |
| 3. to prepare your meals if you are unable to do it yourself?            | a | b | c | d |
| 4. to help with daily chores if you were sick?                           | a | b | c | d |
| 5. to have a good time with?   | a | b | c | d |
| 6. to turn to for suggestions about how to deal with a personal problem? | a | b | c | d |
| 7. who understands your problems?  | a | b | c | d |
| 8. to love and make you feel wanted?                                     | a | b | c | d |

**SOURCE:** Moser, A., Stuck, A.E., Silliman, R.A., Ganz, P.A., & Clough-Gorr, K.M. (2012). The eight-item modified Medical Outcomes Study Social Support Survey: psychometric evaluation showed excellent performance. *Journal of clinical epidemiology*, 65(10), 1107-1116. See: [https://emerge.ucsd.edu/R\\_3ISExLfr100T6Ct/](https://emerge.ucsd.edu/R_3ISExLfr100T6Ct/) (Please see: [https://www.rand.org/health-care/surveys\\_tools/mos/social-support/scoring.html](https://www.rand.org/health-care/surveys_tools/mos/social-support/scoring.html) for more details on scoring.)

#### Community Engagement

In times of difficulty, help from and connection with community and neighbors/community can be very helpful. How much do you agree or disagree with the statements listed below?.

Use the following response pattern:      a- Strongly Agree      b- Agree      c- Disagree      d- Strongly Disagree

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. You can count on your neighbors/community if you need to borrow money                | a | b | c | d |
| 2. You can count on your neighbors/community to accompany you to the doctor or hospital | a | b | c | d |
| 3. You can count on your neighbors/community if you need to talk about your problems    | a | b | c | d |
| 4. In general, your neighbors/community are concerned about each other                  | a | b | c | d |
| 5. You can count on your neighbors/community if you need advice                         | a | b | c | d |
| 6. You can count on your neighbors/community if you need somewhere to stay              | a | b | c | d |
| 7. You can count on your neighbors/community to help you deal with conflict at home     | a | b | c | d |
| 8. Your neighbors/community are an integrated and connected group                       | a | b | c | d |
| 9. In general, the neighbors/community members do not argue amongst each other          | a | b | c | d |
| 10. You can trust the majority of the people in your neighborhood/community             | a | b | c | d |
| 11. In general, your neighbors/community members get along well                         | a | b | c | d |

12. To what extent are you able to raise issues in your community that you feel strongly about, such as crime in the community, worries about the pandemic, the way government programs are implemented or the way you or members of your family are treated by other community members?
- Not at all
  - With great difficulty
  - With some difficulty
  - Fairly easily
  - Very easily
13. To what extent do you think that people like you can change things in their community if they wanted to?
- Not at all
  - With great difficulty
  - With some difficulty
  - Fairly easily
  - Very easily

**SOURCE:** Lippman, S. A., Donini, A., Díaz, J., Chinaglia, M., Reingold, A., & Kerrigan, D. (2010). Social-Environmental Factors and Protective Sexual Behavior Among Sex Workers: The Encontros Intervention in Brazil. *American Journal of Public Health, 100*(S1). doi: 10.2105/ajph.2008.147462  
The “Community Involvement Dimension” in Wisor S, Bessell S, Castillo F, Crawford J, Donaghue K, Hunt J, ... & Pogge T. 2014. *The individual deprivation measure: A gender-sensitive approach to poverty measurement*. Melbourne: The International Women’s Development Agency.

### Digital Connectivity

- Have you *ever* made use of a computer connected to the Internet?
  - Yes
  - No
- Do you have a computer connected to the Internet in your home?
  - Yes
  - No (if no, go to question 4)
- Where else do you have access to a computer connected to the Internet? (circle all that apply)
  - School or work
  - A friend’s home
  - Library
  - Cybercafe or other setting open to the public
- Do you have a mobile phone in your household that you can use?
  - Yes, I have my own mobile phone
  - Yes, I have a phone I can use, but it is not my phone
  - No (If no to question 2, end this section. If yes to question 2, and no to question 4, go to question 7)
- Is the mobile phone you use a smart phone? *A smartphone is a mobile phone with a touchscreen display, an advanced operating system (Android or iOS) and the ability to download apps from an online app store, such as Google Play or the App Store.*
  - Yes
  - No
- Are you able to get Internet access on your mobile phone?
  - Yes
  - No
- How often do you access the Internet?
  - Once a month or less
  - A few times a week
  - Several times a week
  - Every day but only once or twice a day
  - Several times a day, every day

8. When you access the internet, which of the following do you do? (check all that apply)
- Browse the Web for entertainment, watch videos
  - Browse the Web for work or school
  - Send or receive email
  - For online banking or to pay bills
  - To send or receive money
  - Participate in chats or other types of socializing online
  - Play computer games
  - Download music or videos
  - Use other computer applications (e.g., to get an Uber, to order food)
9. When you access the internet, which of the following do you do most often? (select one)
- Browse the Web for entertainment, watch videos
  - Browse the Web for work or school
  - Send or receive email
  - For online banking or to pay bills
  - To send or receive money
  - Participate in chats or other types of socializing online
  - Play computer games
  - Download music or videos
  - Use other computer applications (e.g., to get an Uber, to order food)
10. Are you limited on how much time you are on the Internet at home?
- Yes
  - No (If no, go to Question 12)
11. Are you limited on how much time you are on the Internet at home for any of the following reasons? (check all that apply)
- I do not have my own device and have to share my time with others
  - I am only allowed by my family/husband a certain amount of time on the internet
  - I am only allowed to use the internet for work or school reasons
  - Other (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)
12. In the past week, how often do you think each of the following were on the Internet, either on a mobile phone or a computer?
- |       |                                       |   |   |   |   |
|-------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| a.    | Never                                 |   |   |   |   |
| b.    | Less than 3 hr/week                   |   |   |   |   |
| c.    | 3-10 hrs/week                         |   |   |   |   |
| d.    | 11-20 hrs/week                        |   |   |   |   |
| e.    | 21 or more hrs/week                   |   |   |   |   |
|       |                                       |   |   |   |   |
| i.    | Males in household age 25-59          | a | b | c | d |
| ii.   | Males in household 60+                | a | b | c | d |
| iii.  | Males in the household age 16-24      | a | b | c | d |
| iv.   | Males in household less than age 16   | a | b | c | d |
| v.    | Females in household age 25-59        | a | b | c | d |
| vi.   | Females in household 60+              | a | b | c | d |
| vii.  | Females in the household age 16-24    | a | b | c | d |
| viii. | Females in household less than age 16 | a | b | c | d |

**SOURCE:** Digital Connectivity Questions were adapted from: GSMA Intelligence Consumer Survey 2019. <https://www.gsma.com/mobilefordevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/GSMA-Mobile-Gender-Gap-Methodology-Report-2020.pdf>