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PART 1:

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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The small improvements presented do not change the general, merely descriptive, character of the work.	<p>As mentioned earlier, the focus of the study was on collecting and documenting the information from the community and cross checking/analysing it with various secondary sources. Apart from percentage, no other statistical tool has been used in the study. However to study the practical application and validation of some of the findings the detailed analysis is planned to be taken up later as an independent study.</p> <p>Primary data has been used for the present study to support the existing secondary data. A series of in-depth formal and informal interviews, focus group discussions and meetings were organised in the field, especially with the elders. These interviews enabled us to collect the data from a cross section of elders in order to tap the existing wealth of experiences collected and enriched through generations.</p> <p>Utilisation of multiple data collection methods led to an acceptance of reliability and validity as the data from the various sources was found to be comparable and consistent. Using more than one researcher/person to collect the data also increased the reliability. The methodology consisted of a strong research component comprising FGDs, interviews and semi-structured questionnaires and field observations in the selected clusters.</p>