State of Emergency: Topic Guide

1. **Basic demographic data & personal information**
   * Background Information
     + How old are you?
     + Where were you born?
     + How did you come to Magazine Wharf
     + What is your religion/ethnicity?
   * Could you tell me a little bit more about yourself? For example:
     + What type of household do you live in? (e.g. how many people live with you? What kind of house? How many rooms etc)
     + What is your occupation **OR** how do you find your living? What about your family members?

* Who would you say makes the decisions in your household?
  + Can you give me an example?
  + **For example** who makes the financial decision? If a child is sick, who decides what to do?
* How do you see your role in your community? **For example**, how do you think that people in the community see you?
* In your everyday life what do you worry about? Why?

1. **Community**

* Can you tell me a bit about how the community is organised?
* What do people do in the community?
* Can you tell me about the water, light and health facilities here?
* When was the last time you went to the hospital?
* What kinds of groups and societies exist in the area?
* Are you a member of any group or association?
* Do you attend any meetings here?
* Who are the big people in the community?
* If you have a problem, who can talk for you?
* What is the role of young people in the community?
* Who do you believe in your life?

1. **Ebola**

* When did you first hear about the sickness? What did you think?
* Can you tell me how Ebola happened in this community?
* Did it affect you personally?
* How do you think it affected your community?
* Did you join the efforts to fight the disease?
* What did people think of those people who joined?
* What did you think of the measures put in place? (e.g. the quarantines, lockdowns etc?)
* What did you think of the role of the police and the military?
* Who played the biggest role in ending Ebola in this area?
* What role did young people play?
* What is different now that Ebola is no longer here?

1. **Authorities**

* Who do you think is responsible for the community?
* What role does the police play in this community?
* Can you give me an example of a time that you had an interaction with the police or the courts?
* Do you pay taxes in this area?
* Are there any political organisations in this area?
* Do you join those political meetings?
* Do politicians come down here? What can they talk about?
* Now the 2018 elections are almost here—what are your views?
* What are the most important issues for you and your community that you want a leader to discuss?

1. **Citizenship and Future**

* If somebody says something is a “crisis” what do you think that means? (What is a crisis for you?)
* You are a citizen of this country, what does that mean to you?
* Who is a citizen?
* What goals do you have in life?
* What efforts do you make to pursue your goals?
* What difficult and unexpected situations do you experience in life?
* How do you get out of difficult and unexpected situations?
* What problems do you regularly face in your daily life (that are not unexpected)**?**
* How do you solve these problems?
* Overall, do you think that there is hope for a better future?