

APPENDIX F

Evaluation Methods

Some simple and inexpensive methods for evaluating programme activities are listed below. If not currently undertaken, the creation of a routine register will also benefit.

Hospital- or Clinic-Based

- Routine information collection on corneal cases associated with traditional eye medicines. Compare pre- and post-intervention findings.
- Routine information collection on cataract patients presenting for surgery. Ask all patients if they were referred by a healer and compare pre- and post-intervention findings:
 - 1) blindness
 - 2) bilaterality
 - 3) TEM used
 - 4) time since symptom started
 - 5) traditional healer visited
- If neonatal conjunctivitis is common, record routine information on all children presenting with neonatal conjunctivitis. Compare pre- and post-intervention findings.

Traditional Healer Practices

- At periodic times, ask healers questions regarding their practices (questions given in the previous appendix will serve as a guide) and compare their findings.
- Ask healers how they have changed their practices since the initiation of the programme.

- Ask healers what they found the most helpful.
- Ask healers what additional information they would like to learn, and why.

Patients

If blindness surveys or rapid assessments are planned, include a couple of questions on eye care use patterns.