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Interview Pro-forma for the Waste Pickers

- 1. Socio-Demographic profile
 - a. Name
 - b. Age
 - c. Province of birth
 - d. Availability of land pattas and ration cards
 - e. Language spoken
 - f. Religion
 - g. Caste
 - h. Educational qualification
 - i. Marital status
 - i. Children
 - k. Number of breadwinners in the family
- 2. What are the domestic responsibilities undertaken?
- 3. What are your dietary plans for different times of the day?
- 4. In what occupations you have been previously employed?
- 5. Why have you chosen waste picking as an occupation?
- 6. What are the daily work patterns?
- 7. How do you manage the working conditions? How work get complicated?
- 8. Do you get moral, emotional and financial support networks from your paternal and maternal sides of the family and vice-versa?
- 9. Do you have power and autonomy to not work someday?
- 10. How do you define your relations with the waste dealers, fellow waste pickers and the GMC?
- 11. Do you demand for hike in your pay from the waste dealers? Does it get fulfilled?
- 12. How do you solve clash of words and conflicts if and when encountered?

- 13. What is your take on the contribution that you are giving to the environment, and solid waste management?
- 14. What problems have you faced from the public because of your occupational identity? How do you negotiate in such situations?
- 15. What is waste to you given that you work so diligently with it?
- 16. Have you felt alienated from others on account of your association with waste?
- 17. Does your work get branded as dirty, polluting and inferior? How do you tackle such instances?
- 18. How you manage stigmatized identity that pop up due to your work and religion?
- 19. How the GMC approaches your work?
- 20. Has GMC's neglect affected your living?
- 21. What aspect you like and dislike about working with waste?
- 22. Why do you continue to work in spite of its shortcomings?
- 23. How has covid-19 impacted your work and life?
- 24. How you feel about collecting what others throw away?
- 25. Do you aspire to get help and assistance from the GMC and the government in terms of your occupation?
- 26. How has the shift of the dumpsite to the new place brought changes?
- 27. Why do you feel state government is unmoved by your presence and contribution?

<u>Interview Pro-forma for the waste dealers</u>

- 1. Do you employ the waste pickers under some conditions?
- 2. Why you believe only Muslim waste pickers work at the dumpsite?
- 3. How you handle the crisis if waste pickers leave the work in between?
- 4. What is the basis of the trust between you and the waste pickers?

- 5. Do you believe recruitment of the waste dealers and the waste pickers by the GMC has advantages or will have disadvantages?
- 6. What was the status of work during covid-19?
- 7. Who works better, male or female waste pickers?
- 8. How rainy or summer season impact the work of waste collection, handling and transfer to the recycling centers?
- 9. Is informal management of waste a source of security for you?
- 10. How you withstand the physicality of waste?
- 11. Have you faced backlash from your friends and relatives for the nature of your subordinates (waste pickers) and the waste you deal with?
- 12. What are the problems that you have to face in this work?
- 13. Is the payment between male and female waste pickers equal?
- 14. Do you make any written formal agreements with the waste pickers on their first entry into the work?
- 15. Do you believe private management of waste could impact your informal handling of waste and waste pickers?

Interview Pro-forma for the GMC officials

- 1. How do you manage wastes of the city?
- 2. How many waste carrying trucks of the GMC keep plying daily from the city to the dumping ground?
- 3. Why do you believe NGO's and the GMC has not been able to solve the problem of wastes at Guwahati? In your opinion, where are the fault lines?
- 4. What would you say about the waste pickers working at the dumpsite?
- 5. Do you accept their contribution to minimizing waste from the dumpsite?
- 6. Are there plans between government and the GMC to integrate the waste pickers?

- 7. How a site is selected for the dumping of city's waste?
- 8. Why do you believe the site of dumping ground keep changing?
- 9. Would scientific management/treatment of waste at Guwahati materialize or remain mere on paper?
- 10. The Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, directs formalizing waste pickers. Are there plans from your end for the same?
- 11. Why do you think waste pickers' relentless efforts of informal recycling remain invisible form the public?
- 12. Are there plans to privatize waste management like once handed over to RAMKY?
- 13. Have you got any interferences from the waste pickers?
- 14. Would you have problem if the waste pickers continue working at the dumpsite forever?
- 15. Do you spread any disinfectant in the vicinity of the dumping ground to sanitize the area?