

**Table 1**

Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ): 32-item checklist

No	Item	Guide questions/description
<b>Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity</b>		
Personal Characteristics		
1.	Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group? Shadreck Mwenya
2.	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? <i>E.g. Shadreck Mwenya BSc and Salley Stapley PhD.</i>
3.	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study? Salley Stapley: Senior Lecturer and Shadreck Mwenya: Environmental Health Officer/Student.
4.	Gender	Was the researcher male or female? Male
5.	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have? BSc (Hons) Professional Health Studies, MSc Public Health and PhD Scholar.
Relationship with participants		
6.	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement? No relationship was established before the study.
7.	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? The participants knew that the researcher was an MSc Public Health Student.

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8.	Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? The researcher treated all participants equally and administered the same interview schedule.
<b>Domain 2: study design</b>		
Theoretical framework		
9.	Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? <i>Phenomenology</i> .
Participant selection		
10.	Sampling	How were participants selected? <i>purposive</i>
11.	Method of approach	How were participants approached? <i>face-to-face</i>
12.	Sample size	How many participants were in the study? 10 participants.
13.	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Nobody dropped out or refused to participate in the study.
Setting		
14.	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? <i>workplace</i> conference room because it was convenient to all the participants.
15.	Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers? No.
16.	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? <i>One medical doctor and nine nurses, two participants had degree</i>

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		<i>qualifications and the rest had diploma, three females and seven males with age range 25 to 40.</i>
Data collection		
17.	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Yes, the interview schedule was administered to all the participants. Was it pilot tested? No.
18.	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many? No repeated interviews were carried-out.
19.	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data? Yes, the audio voice recorder was used in order to enhance consistency and quality of collected data.
20.	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group? No.
21.	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group? Interviews lasted between 35 to 45 minutes.
22.	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed? Yes.
23.	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction? Yes.
<b>Domain 3: analysis and findingsz</b>		
Data analysis		
24.	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data? Two.

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25.	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree? Yes.
26.	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data? All themes were derived from the collected data.
27.	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data? No software was used to manage and analyse the data.
28.	Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings? Yes.
Reporting		
29.	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? Yes, quotations were used to illuminate the themes and they were only identified by the <i>participant's number</i> and not by name.
30.	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings? Yes.
31.	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings? Yes.
32.	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes? Yes.