**Additional file 1: Topic guide for participants**

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| **Table 1: Topic guide for patient participants** |
| Topic | Subtopics |
| Questions exploring personal factors | * Knowledge about leprosy and treatment
* Beliefs about leprosy transmission and cure
* Experiences of restarting treatment
* Importance of health
* Leprosy manifestations
* Medication side effects
* Medication compliance and coping mechanisms
* Psychological impact
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| Questions exploring external factors | * Employment and future aspirations
* Experiences of diagnosis
* Access to healthcare
* Importance of HCP
* Contact tracing
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| Questions exploring support network | * Sharing diagnosis with community
* Stigma
* Family and social circle
* Religion
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| **Table 2: Topic guide for carer participants** |
| Topic | Subtopics |
| Questions exploring personal factors | * Knowledge about leprosy and treatment
* Beliefs about leprosy transmission and cure
* Experiences of patient restarting treatment
* Importance of health
* Leprosy manifestations in the patient
* Medication side effects and coping mechanisms
* Medication compliance
* Psychological impact on self and carer
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| Questions exploring external factors | * Experiences of carer role
* Employment and future aspirations
* Access to healthcare
* Importance of HCP
* Contact tracing
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| Questions exploring support network | * Sharing diagnosis with community
* Stigma
* Family and social circle
* Religion
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