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| **Additional file 1: Key Informant Interview Form**  |
| 1 | Institution of Principal Investigator |   |
| 2 | Theme (National Problem/UAQH issues) |   |
| 3 | Category (Research Scope) |   |
| 4 | Subcategory (Suggested Research Area) |   |
| 5 | Fund Awarded |   |
| 6 | Research Title |   |
| 7 | Research Objectives |   |
| 8 | Expected Output (Please list expected research project findings that can address national problem/UAQH issues) |   |
| 9 | Expected benefit to health & health sector (Please choose one or more from category a-f) \*  |   |
| 10 | Outputs (List of publication, report, research highlight, presentation etc) |   | Please provide title(s) and date of publication |
| Publication(s)  |    |
| Report(s) |    |
| Research Highlight(s) |    |
| Presentation(s) |    |
|   |   | Objective 1 | Objective 2 | Objective 3 | Objective 4 | Objective 5 |
| 11 | Research Objectives |   |   |   |   |   |
| 12 | Key Findings |   |   |   |   |   |
| 13 | Does the findings answer the expected output? (Yes or No) |   |   |   |   |   |
| 14 | Based on question 13: If yes, how? If no, why? |   |   |   |   |   |
| 15 | Overall impact of project on policy/decision-making (Please choose Level 1-3) \*\*. Provide supporting evidence such as action taken to use research project findings in policy/decision-making, policy-maker engagement activities or which divisions in Ministry of Health were involved. |   |
| 16 | Further action? (Other identified gaps to be addressed) |  |  |
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| \* | **Expected benefit to health and health sector** |  |  |  |
| a | Appropriateness of intervention |  |  |  |
| b | Quality of care |  |  |  |
| c | Health system delivery |  |  |  |
| d | Epidemiology |  |  |  |
| e | Cost and cost-effectiveness |  |  |  |
| f | Improved effectiveness of public health policy |  |  |  |
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| \*\* | **Impact level** |  |  |  |
| Level 1 | Research had no policy-maker engagement |  |  |  |
| Level 2 | Research led to policy-maker engagement and/or future agenda setting |  |  |  |
| Level 3 | Research supported decision and policy-making |  |  |  |