# SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S3: FGD GUIDE – PHARMACISTS

## AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING ON ANTIBIOTIC MISUSE AND ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

1. **How do you look upon antibiotic use and resistance in Malta?**
   - What factors do you think are contributing to resistance in Malta?
   - How, in your opinion, are antibiotics misused in Malta?

2. **How do you perceive the general population's awareness on antibiotic use and resistance?**

3. **What are your opinions on the prescribing practices of local GPs?**

## ANTIBIOTIC DISPENSING BEHAVIOUR

4. **When/under what circumstances do you dispense antibiotics?**

5. **At times antibiotics are dispensed without a prescription. Can you explain under what circumstances this could happen?**
   - What factors influence your decision to dispense an antibiotic without a prescription?
   - How would you choose what antibiotic to dispense?

6. **How often are antibiotic prescriptions retained?**
   - When would you give the prescription back to the client?

7. **What would you likely do if a client comes with an old/expired antibiotic prescription?**

8. **Sometimes clients could insist that you dispense antibiotics to them. Has this ever happened to you?**
   - How would you act in such situations?

9. **What do you understand by 'delayed antibiotic prescription'?**
   - What are your opinions on this?
   - How often do clients ask for the antibiotic despite it being delayed by the doctor?
   - How do you act in such circumstances?

## PHARMACIST-GP INTERACTION

10. **How would you describe your relationship with GPs?**
    - How often do you interact?
    - How do you communicate about their prescriptions?

**11. How do you feel about pointing out inappropriate prescriptions/prescription errors to GPs?**

- What else could you do?

## EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

**12. How do you look upon your role as educator?**

## PHARMACIST'S ROLE IN TACKLING ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

**13. Whose responsibility is it to help combat antibiotic misuse in the community and antibiotic resistance?**

- What can you do?
  - As pharmacists
  - As members of the community

## SUGGESTIONS FOR SUITABLE INTERVENTIONS

**14. What do you think needs to be done in Malta to tackle antibiotic misuse?**

- To improve the situation?
- To strengthen what is already working well?