Story Preparation Steps

– Community Information

1. Select topic.

2. Gather information this is true and that can be developed into a story./narrative.

3. Team works together review and discuss the information. If possible there may be a video to watch or audio recordings to review. (Best done with a small team that knows the oral culture and language.)

4. Discuss the information. Discuss Key Terms/ technical terms. Discuss culture and experiences in the group.

5. Visualize the information. Think about how you might act out the information. For example: A visit to a doctor? Health Care working comes to the village? Women in the village discussing what they have experienced? Men talking? Maybe having someone tell of their experience in this situation. Think about culture barriers to the information.

6. Anything still unclear?

7. Try telling a story in your language. When the group is able to tell it quite well, a few of them are recorded, the best among them is selected and the rest are deleted.

8. Review the recording line-by-line to ensure each line of the story connects (anchors) with information collected. This is done by listening to the recorded story line by line.

9. This story is then tested for its retell-ability. This is done with a native speaker who was not part of the team. If the native speaker is able to re-tell the story after hearing the recording 3-4, times, it is ready to be sent to a checker.

10. Checker reviews the story and approves or suggests revisions needed.