



The Menstrual Practice Needs Scale Short Form (MPNS-R) Interview Version

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During your last menstrual period ...

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always	N/A
1 Did you have enough of your menstrual materials to change them as often as you wanted to?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2 Were you worried that your menstrual materials would allow blood to pass through to your outer garments?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3 Were you able to dispose of your used materials in the way that you wanted to?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

At home during your last menstrual period ...

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always	N/A
4 When at home, were you satisfied with the place you used to change your menstrual materials? (eg., it was clean, safe and had what you needed)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5 When at home, were you worried that someone would see you while you were changing your menstrual materials?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

At school [work/away from home] during your last menstrual period ...

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always	N/A
6 When at school, were you able to change your menstrual materials <u>when</u> you wanted to?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7 When at school, were you worried that someone would see you while you were changing your menstrual materials?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Did you wash or reuse any materials during your last period? If no skip questions 8 and 9. During your last menstrual period...

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always	N/A
8 Did you have enough water and soap (detergent, laundry powder, detol) to soak or wash your menstrual material?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9 Were you worried that others would see your menstrual materials while they were drying?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



MPNS-R Guidance

Response options

- It may be helpful to substitute “Sometimes” for “Less than half the time” and “Often” for “More than half the time”.
- A short pre-survey activity is available on our website to familiarise respondents with the response options. It is highly recommended to do the pre-activity before conducting the MPNS.



Scoring

The table to the right shows the score for each item. **Note** that the scale includes reverse scoring for some items (highlighted in grey). Use the table and the information below to calculate the total score.

Total Score:

The MPNS-R total score is calculated as the mean (average) across all answered items. Add up the points then divide by the number of items answered. The MPNS-R does not have individual sub-scales.

For more information about scoring the MPNS, including handling missing data, interpreting scores, and generating categories of need using thresholds, please see the [MPNS User Guide](#).



	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mean score of items				
MPNS-R Item 1	0	1	2	3
MPNS-R Item 2	3	2	1	0
MPNS-R Item 3	0	1	2	3
MPNS-R Item 4	0	1	2	3
MPNS-R Item 5	3	2	1	0
MPNS-R Item 6	0	1	2	3
MPNS-R Item 7	3	2	1	0
MPNS-R Item 8	0	1	2	3
MPNS-R Item 9	3	2	1	0
Total score	Mean score of all answered items			

Filtering and eligibility

Not all MPNS items may be relevant to all respondents. Applicable items may vary based on an individual's menstrual materials (eg., if they were reused), or locations where menstruation occurred. The scale can be completed more easily if respondents are only presented the items that are relevant to them. This can be done using prior survey questions to test eligibility and filter MPNS items.

The provided eligibility questions work when the survey is delivered electronically, or by and enumerator. "Not applicable" may be incorporated as a response option if filtering questions are not used, or if a respondent is self-completing a paper survey.

Disposal	
Did you dispose of (throw away) any menstrual materials during your last period? *note: includes single-use materials and reusable materials at the end of their life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No [If No, the respondent should skip MPNS 3]
School attendance	
Did you attend any school/work during your menstrual period in the past six months?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes [skip next question] • No [ask next question]
If no, "Did you attend any school/work during your last period in the past three or six months?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, 3 or 6 months • No [If no, respondent should skip MPNS items 6-7]
Changing at school/work/away from home	
The last time you attended school during your menstrual period, did you ever change your menstrual materials at school? * note this question should only be asked of respondents who attended school during menstruation in the past 6-months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No [If No, the respondent should skip or respond 'not applicable' to MPNS 7]
Reusing	
Did you wash and reuse any menstrual materials during your last period?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No [If No, the respondent should not answer MPNS 8 -9]