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The increased availability of online and open survey collection platforms, which are accessible to users through tablets or mobile devices, increases the opportunity for low-cost data collection. This can support early warning systems and data driven response by stakeholders, particularly in resource constrained contexts. A key limitation in the use of these platforms is the development of survey forms themselves, which can be time consuming and require technical expertise. To overcome this, the AA4EW surveys were developed to provide an easy-to-use template base, enabling users to select and/or create questions, and customise surveys to meet their specific contexts. Recognizing that a one size fits all survey can limit usability these templates were designed to be flexible, allowing for customization.

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