Figure 4: Training topics for ACTwatch outlet surveys

An indication of the areas covered by the ACTwatch training sessions is given below. For almost all topics, hands-on exercises with medicine packages and other materials are used to reinforce learning. Technical training on the audit sheet is broken up by other topics, to provide variety during the sessions.

Interviewer training
Overview of health and malaria situation in the country
Overview of ACTwatch
Audit sheet: Generic names and brand names
Audit sheet: Medicine formulations
Audit sheet: Pack sizes
Audit sheet: Rapid diagnostic tests for malaria
Outlet types and inclusion criteria
Outlet selection, ethics and consent procedure
Conducting the census
Audit sheet: sales volumes
Audit sheet: retail price
Provider questionnaire review
Roles and responsibilities in the field
Overcoming obstacles in the field
Data collection monitoring sheets

Supervisor / Quality controller training
Recap of team structures, roles and responsibilities
Advocacy in the field
Overcoming obstacles
Data integrity: Questionnaire management
Data integrity: Questionnaire review (includes full review of questionnaires from field practice)
Data integrity: Quality control procedures (e.g., back-checks)