

# Export Form Contents

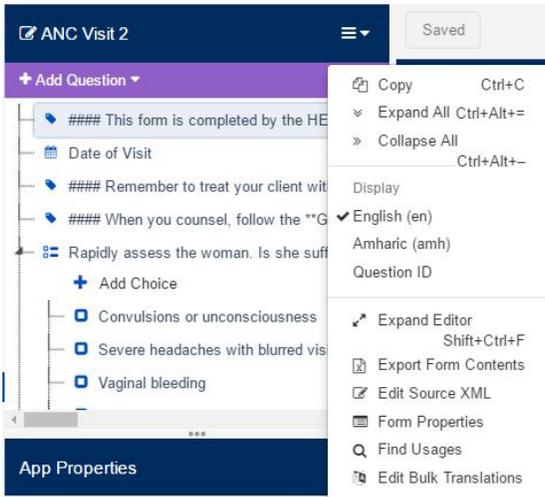
In order to iterate on and discuss the content and structure of a form, it is sometimes easier to view the form contents in an Excel format.

Within Dimagi we frequently use "Excel definition" files that have different forms on each of the tabs of an Excel document. We can then easily share and review the form content without having to use the form builder.

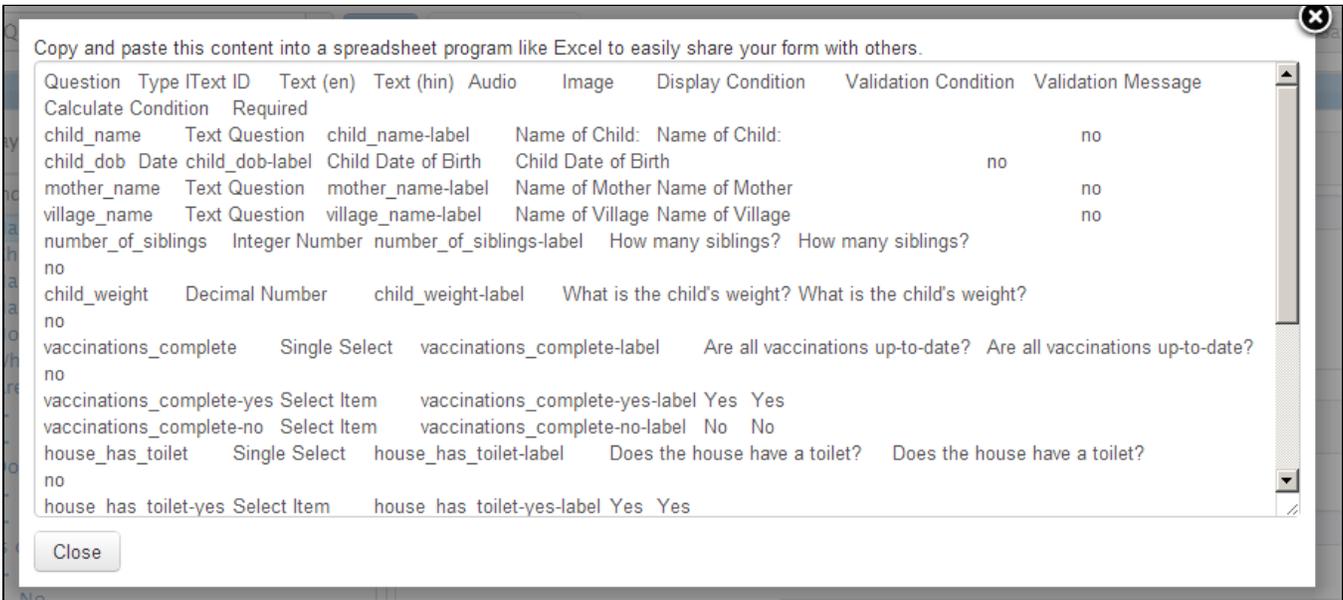
## How to Export Form Contents

You can export a form once you have opened the form builder by clicking on "edit" on any form.

On the left side of the screen, within the question tree of form builder, you will see a drop-down menu that looks like three stacked lines. Selecting this will open the formbuilder Tools. One of the options is **Export Form Contents**



After you click on **Export From Contents** a pop-up box will appear:



Put your cursor in the box, select-all, and copy all of the contents.

Then open a blank Excel tab and paste the contents- they should automatically separate into columns:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Question ID	Type	IText ID	Text (en)	Text (hin)	Audio	Image	Display Cc	Validator	Validator	Calculate	Required
2	child_name	Text Ques	child_name	Name of C	Name of Child:							no
3	child_dob	Date	child_dob	Child Date	Child Date of Birth							no
4	mother_name	Text Ques	mother_name	Name of M	Name of Mother							no
5	village_name	Text Ques	village_name	Name of V	Name of Village							no
6	number_of_siblings	Integer N	number_of_siblings	How many	How many siblings?							no
7	child_weight	Decimal N	child_weight	What is th	What is the child's weight?							no
8	vaccination_status	Single Sel	vaccination_status	Are all vac	Are all vaccinations up-to-date?							no
9	vaccination_status	Select Iter	vaccination_status	Yes	Yes							
10	vaccination_status	Select Iter	vaccination_status	No	No							
11	house_has_toilet	Single Sel	house_has_toilet	Does the h	Does the house have a toilet?							no
12	house_has_toilet	Select Iter	house_has_toilet	Yes	Yes							
13	house_has_toilet	Select Iter	house_has_toilet	No	No							
14	child_is_sick	Single Sel	child_is_sick	Is child sic	Is child sick?							no
15	child_is_sick	Select Iter	child_is_sick	Yes	Yes							
16	child_is_sick	Select Iter	child_is_sick	No	No							
17	child_counsel	Label	child_counsel	Advise the	Advise the child:	jr://file/commcare/audio/data/child_counsel.mp3						no
18	child_picture	Image Qui	child_picture	Take a pic	Take a picture of the child.							no
19	gps_capture_location	Geopoint	gps_capture_location	Record the	Record the location of the child's house.							no
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At present, **Export Form Contents** contains the following fields (cells will be blank if not applicable):

- Question ID
- Question Type
- IText ID
- Display Text (for each language)
- Audio Filepath
- Image Filepath
- Display Condition
- Validation Condition
- Validation Message
- Calculation
- Required (whether or not question is required)

**NOTES:**

- If you make changes to the content in the excel file (i.e. display text, validation, etc.) you will have to manually make these changes in the form builder. That means you cannot update the form by importing the altered excel file. It is possible to do this for display text only by using the [Form Bulk Translation](#) tool. If you want to build forms using an Excel file you can try a tool like [Formhub](#).
- If you want to have a column which cleanly shows the choice value for questions with choices, you can do this in Excel with the formula =IF(B2="Choice", TRIM(MID(A2, FIND("-",A2)+1, 100)), "")