

## Individual In-Depth Interview Guide: ELDER FEMALE FAMILY INFLUENTIAL

**Interview Schedule**

Interviewer Comments:

Interviewer code \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Time: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW WITH INDIVIDUAL ELDER FEMALE FAMILY INFLUENTIAL**

<b>Respondent Code:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address/Location:</b>	<b>Household Composition:</b>
<b>Delivery Date of female relation:</b> (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) months ago	<b>Age:</b> (36-40) (41-45) (46-50) (>51)
<b>Distance to facility w/ maternity:</b> (less than 5km) (more than 5km)	<b>Closest facility w/ surgical capacity:</b>
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	<b>Religion:</b>
<b>Educational Level:</b>	<b>Nearest TBA:</b>
<b>Distance of TBA to facility w/ maternity:</b>	<b>Distance of TBA's home:</b>
<b>Site of female relation's last delivery:</b> (home, by self) (home, w/ family member) (home, w/ TBA) (TBA's home) (facility) (other: _____)	

## Research Objectives

- A. To explore elder female's and others' **motivations and barriers** to being involved in: birth preparedness, promoting skilled attendance, and using skilled care.
- B. To determine factors that underlie household and community level **delays** in seeking skilled care for normal births and in obstetric emergencies, particularly their own role but also the specific role of other household and community influentials.
- C. To elicit female influential perspective on **preparations** women and families now make for birth, particularly their own role in preparations/support and potential roles.
- D. To explore female influential support for **TBA** use and perceived consequences compared to care by a **skilled attendant** during and after delivery
- E. To identify female elders' perspective on the **preferences** of women now for birth attendant and birth location, and reasons why women do or do not use skilled care (barriers, motivators, willingness to change).
- F. To explore female influentials' knowledge and perceptions about **complications** in birth and early postpartum and emergency care-seeking.

**Say:** This is part of a study to learn more about how we can help women be healthier in pregnancy and childbirth. We want to learn about how elder females in your community are involved in childbirth and the time right after, because we know that elder females are important in the family.

## BIRTH PREPAREDNESS

### **Notes for the Interviewer**

Key ideas to explore:

- What is elder females' involvement in discussions, decisions, and preparations around childbirth during pregnancy?
- What are all the birth locations considered?
- How does the issue of cost affect selection of birth location?

### **Questions to ask:**

**1. For the last pregnancy in your household, were you involved in any discussion with family members about where the woman was going to deliver?**

*If yes:* Who was involved in the conversation? Who initiated it? What was said? What places for delivery were discussed? Did everyone agree on where she should deliver? If no, who actually made the decision? Why was (*mention preferred delivery location*) chosen?

*If no:* Why not?

**2. Did you yourself do anything to help prepare for (*mention the woman's name*) childbirth?**

*If yes:* What? How were each of these arrangements made? When were these arrangements made? Why were they made? Who else was involved? What did they do?

*If not:* Why not?

**3. When you were thinking about where (*mention the woman's name*) should deliver, did you know how much the delivery would cost?**

*If yes:* How did you know? How much did you think it cost for (*mention each location considered*)? How did knowing the cost affect the preparations or plans you or your family made for the delivery?

*If no:* Did anyone try to find out how much it would cost? How? Did not knowing make it easy or difficult for your family to decide where she should deliver? If you had known in advance, do you think that (*mention the woman's name*) would still have delivered at (*mention delivery location*)?

**4. Even if arrangements weren't made for (*mention the woman's name*)'s birth, what do you think should be done or that other female elders should do to help women prepare for childbirth?**

Of these preparations, which do you think elder females should be responsible for? Who else should be involved in these preparations? When should these preparations be made? How should they be arranged?

## SKILLED CARE AT CHILDBIRTH

### **Notes for the Interviewer**

Key ideas to explore:

- Where do elder females prefer women to deliver?
- How are elder females involved in decision-making around delivery place/ attendant?
- What are barriers to delivering in health facilities?

### **Questions to ask:**

#### **5. Where did (*mention woman's name*) deliver her last baby?**

Why did she deliver there/ with that attendant? Were you with her during the labour? At the moment the baby was born? Did you do anything to help? What? Why? Was there anyone else from your family there? What did they do to help?

#### **6. How much did (*mention woman's name*)'s delivery cost?**

In addition to the cost of the care, did you or your family have to buy any items at the time of delivery? What were they? Was it easy or difficult to meet these expenses? What did you do to cover these costs?

#### **7. In your view, what is the best place for a woman to deliver and why?**

Who is the best person to provide care during labour and delivery? Why? Do you advise woman to deliver there?

*If this is not where the woman delivered, ask: Why?*

## SKILLED CARE FOR OBSTETRIC EMERGENCIES

### **Notes for the Interviewer**

Key ideas to explore:

- What do elder females know about obstetric complications?
- How do elder females feel about planning for obstetric emergencies?

**Say:** Some women experience complications in late pregnancy, childbirth and the first weeks after delivery. It would be helpful to hear more about these problems.

**Questions to ask:**

### **8. Around here, what types of complications can women have?**

Complications during late pregnancy? During childbirth? During the first weeks after delivery?

### **9. Out of all these problems, which do think are the most serious?**

*For each problem ask:*

- a) Have you yourself ever have that problem in any of your pregnancies/ births?
- b) Has anyone in your household ever had that kind of trouble? Why/why not?
- c) Do you know anyone who had that problem?
- d) Do you know what causes that problem?
- e) What can happen to the woman who has this problem?
- f) What do people usually do when that problem occurs? Why?

### **10. For your (*mention woman's name*) most recent pregnancy were any plans made in case problems like these occurred?**

*If yes:* What? Why? Who was involved?

*If no:* Why? Did anyone consider making a plan for an emergency? If so, what happened?

## EARLY POSTPARTUM CARE

### ***Notes for the Interviewer***

Key ideas to explore:

- How do elder females view early postpartum care?

### ***Questions to ask:***

#### **11. Are women usually examined in the first 24 hours after giving birth?**

Who does this check-up? When? Where? What do they do? Is that what happened for the last delivery in your household?

#### **12. Does anyone come to her home in the first weeks after a woman gives birth?**

Who? How soon after the baby's birth? What do they do? Are there any particular people who will not be allowed to come to a woman's home so soon after she has given birth?

#### **13. How soon after delivery can a woman first leave the house?**

Can women leave the house whenever they want after childbirth or are they bound to stay inside for a period of time? How long? Why? Are there exceptions? Do you know when (*mention woman's name*) first left the house?

#### **14. Did (*mention woman's name*) go to a health facility after the delivery?**

*If yes:* Why did she go? For herself? For the baby? How soon after the birth? Who went with her?

*If no:* Why not? If a woman has a normal delivery and a healthy baby and feels well, should she go to a health facility for a check-up for herself? Why or why not? Is there anyone else she should see?

## **SOCIAL NETWORKS/ COMMUNICATION CHANNELS**

### ***Notes for the Interviewer***

Key ideas to explore:

- How do elder females pass and receive information about childbirth and the time right after birth?
- What are possible channels for spreading new information about childbirth to elder females?

### ***Questions to ask:***

#### **15. Do you ever talk to others about pregnancy, childbirth, and the time after birth?**

Women? Men? Other elder females? Others? What do you say? Why? Is there anything specific that they seem interested in knowing? Do you ever ask others for information? Who? What do you ask about?

#### **16. Who do woman your age talk with and socialize with usually?**

Where? How often? What times? What's your favorite program? Do you ever read or look at newspapers or magazines? Which ones? How often? Do other elder females around here do the same? Are there groups that women your age attend? What activities are women your age involved with?

**Say:** Thank you for answering all our questions about childbirth. Your answers have been very helpful. Maybe you have thought of something that we have left out. Is there anything else that you would like to tell (me/ us)?

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO TALK TO ME/ US.**