

Individual In-Depth Interview Guide: **MEN**

Interview Schedule

Interviewer Comments:

Interviewer code _____

Date _____

District _____ Location _____

Venue _____

Time: from _____ to _____

IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW WITH INDIVIDUAL HUSBAND/ MALE FAMILY INFLUENTIAL OF WOMAN WHO HAD NORMAL DELIVERY AND POSTPARTUM RECOVERY IN PAST SIX MONTHS

Respondent Code:	Name:
Address/Location:	Household Composition:
Delivery Date (approximate): (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) months ago	Ethnicity:
Distance to facility w/ maternity: (less than 5km) (more than 5km)	Closest facility w/ surgical capacity:
Educational Level:	Age: (16-20) (21-25) (26-30) (31-35) (36-40) (41-45) (46-50) (>51)
Occupation:	Religion:
Site of wife/ other's last delivery: (home, by self) (home, w/ TBA) (TBA's home) (facility) (other: _____)	

Research Objectives

- A. To explore husbands' and other male influentials' motivations and barriers to being involved in: birth preparedness, promoting skilled attendance, 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 husband/male influential perspective on preparation women and families now make for birth, particularly their current role in preparations/support and potential roles; feasibility and acceptability of birth preparedness; and to understand motivations of men to participate in preparing for the birth and ensuring skilled attendance at delivery.
- D. To explore husband/male influential support and perceived consequences of TBA compared to care by a skilled attendant during and after delivery, and their 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).
- E. To explore husbands/male influentials' knowledge and perceptions of problems, complications, and emergencies in birth and early postpartum, when and where they should be cared for, and perceptions of emergency care providers.

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 men in your community are involved in childbirth and the time right after, because we know that men are important in the family.

BIRTH PREPAREDNESS

Notes for the Interviewer

Key ideas to explore:

- What is men's involvement in discussions, decisions, and preparations around childbirth during pregnancy?
- What are all the locations/ attendants families consider when deciding where a woman will deliver?
- How does the issue of cost affect selection of birth location?

Questions to ask:

1. During her pregnancy, were you involved in any discussion with family members about where your wife was going to deliver?

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

If no: Why not?

2. For your wife's most recent pregnancy did you do anything to prepare for childbirth?

If yes: What? Arrange transport? Set aside money? Other? How were each of these arrangements made? When were these arrangements made? Why were they made? Who else was involved?

If not: Why not?

3. When you were thinking about where she 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 locations considered*)? How did knowing the cost affect the preparations or plans you or your family made for the delivery? Did you set aside money or purchase any items in anticipation of the delivery?

If no: Did you 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 your wife would still have delivered at (*mention delivery location*)? Did you set aside money or purchase any items in anticipation of the delivery?

4. Even if arrangements weren't made for this birth, what do you think should be done or that other husbands should do to prepare for childbirth?

Of these preparations, which do you think men 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 men prefer women to deliver?
- How are men involved in decision-making around delivery place/ attendant?
- What are barriers to delivering in health facilities?

Questions to ask:

5. Where did your wife deliver her last baby?

Why did she deliver there/ with that attendant? Was that where/ with whom you wanted her to deliver?

6. 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?

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

7. How much did your wife'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 was it to meet these expenses? What did you do to cover these costs?

SKILLED CARE FOR OBSTETRIC EMERGENCIES

Notes for the Interviewer

Key ideas to explore:

- What do men know about obstetric complications?
- How do men 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) Has your wife ever have that problem in any of her births?
- b) Do you think she might ever have that kind of trouble? Why/why not?
- c) What do people usually do when that problem happens? Why?

10. For your wife's most recent pregnancy were any plans made in case problems like these occurred?

If yes: What? Why? Who was involved?

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

EARLY POSTPARTUM CARE

Notes for the Interviewer

Key ideas to explore:

- How do men view early postpartum care?

Questions to ask:

11. Did your wife go to a health facility for a check-up after the delivery?

If yes: Why did she go? For herself? For the baby? How soon after the birth did she go? 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 or the baby should see soon after the birth?

SOCIAL NETWORKS/ COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Notes for the Interviewer

Key ideas to explore:

- How do men get information and advice about childbirth and the time right after birth?

Questions to ask:

12. How do men first know what happens during childbirth and the time just after?

Where do men usually get this kind of information? Is it a topic they discuss with their friends? Who else? Where have you learned about this topic?

13. Would you like to learn more about these issues?

Is there anything specific that you would like to know? Do you think that other men would be interested in learning more?

Say: Thank you for answering all our questions about your wife's recent birth. Your answers have been 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.