**Focus Group Discussion: Recent mothers**

# Theme 1: Socio-demographic and interview information

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| * 1. FGD ID:   2. FGD date (DD/MM/YYYY):   3. FGD start time (AM/PM):   4. FGD end time (AM/PM): | * 1. Interviewer code:   2. Note taker code   3. Translator code:   4. Tape recording number: |

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| **Respondent number** | **Age** | **Highest level of education** | **Place of last delivery** | **Ethnicity and religion** | **Number of alive children delivered** | **Age of youngest child** |
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**Theme 2: Attitudes and response to the behaviors**

* 1. I am going to show you some pictures (Seeking care during pregnancy, calling the call-centre, facility delivery, using emergency transport, immediate wrapping, immediate drying, skin-to-skin position after delivery, bathing after delivery, early breastfeeding, pre-lactal feeding), work as a group and put the cards in two piles, one pile should be behaviors that are commonly practiced in this community and the other pile behaviors that are not. Can you explain your piling?

* 1. Now I would like you to sort the card into piles for behaviors that you think the FOMWAN/TBA promotes and those you think that they do not promote. Can you explain your piling? For each behavior that the FOMWAN/TBA promotes, do you think people in the community follow the advice? Tell me more about your answers? Do you all agree?

**Theme 3: Drivers for facility delivery**

FOMWANs and TBAs are trained to advice women to deliver in the facility. We would like to do an activity to identify why some women deliver at home. I will draw our answers on a tree. The trunk of the tree is the “problem”: home delivery.

* 1. What are reasons facility delivery may not always happen? Any other reasons? I will put these reasons as the main roots of the trees **(approximately 5 min).**

**Probes:**

* Any reasons to do with FOMWANs/TBAs not knowing that someone is pregnant?
* Any other reasons to do with community attitudes or not wanting to go to a facility?
* Any other reasons to do with logistics and time challenges?
  1. Of these reasons which are the most important? Do you all agree? **(Note: you could also pick one that you find very interesting to explore)**
  2. Let’s work together to understand these reasons. You have said \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is important; why do you think this reasons happens. I will put these causes on the smaller roots of the trees.
  3. Did we cover anything? Is there anything to add?

**Theme 4: Conflicting advice and family support**

I am going to read you a story about a mother called Ladi who lives in a village like yours: “Ladi is heavily pregnant, Ladi thinks that babies should be bathed immediately after delivery so they are clean and comfortable, but she has been visited by an FOMWAB/TBA who had advised her that she should delay bathing the baby for at least 6 hours after delivery to help keep the baby warm”

* 1. What do you think Ladi will do?

**Probe:** What do you think influenced her decision?

* 1. Ladi discusses the issue with her mother who
* Says that if she does not bath the baby early, people will find the baby very dirty

**OR**

* Says that if she bathes the baby early it can get very cold and could get sick.

What do you think Ladi will do now? **Probe:** What do you think influenced her decision?

* 1. What type of people in your community would not behave like Ladi, but behave differently? Can you explain why they behave differently?

**Theme 5: Most significant change**

* 1. What do you think have been the biggest changes in how newborns are cared for in this community in the last 2 years? What do you think influenced this change?

**Theme 6: FOMWAN/TBA**

6.1 I am going to read out a few statements to you: As soon as you hear the statement, say the first thing that comes to your mind. You can agree or disagree with the statement, or you can comments on it. Your opinion can be different from the other participants, but there are no good or bad answers. **Do a practice round and encourage them to respond immediately.**

1. **It is the responsibility of the grandmother to decide how a newborn is cared for.**

Can you help me understand your response? Does everyone agree with the response? Do you think most families in your community share your opinion?

1. **I don’t trust the information that comes from call center agents on my and my baby’s health** Can you help me understand your response? Do you both agree? Do you think most families in your community share your opinion?

1. **People in the community talk to each other about where it is best for a woman to deliver.**

Can you help me understand your response? Do you both agree? Do you think most families in your community share your opinion?

1. **FOMWAN/TBA visits do not change how babies are cared for after delivery, we know very well how to look after babies.**

Can you help me understand your response? Does everyone agree with the response? Do you think most families in your community share your opinion?

**Theme 7: Interviewer comments and reflections:** Include where the FGD was conducted, any interruptions, the mood during the FGD, how open the respondents were, any dominant or passive participants.

**Thank the respondent for their time**