**Focus Group Discussion Fathers**

# Theme 1: Socio-demographic and interview information

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| * 1. FGD ID:   2. Interview date:   3. Interview start time:   4. Interview end time: | * 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** | **Occupation** | **Ethnicity & religion** | **No. children** | **Place of delivery of last child** | **Age of last child** |
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# Theme 2: Attitudes and response to the behaviors

* 1. I am going to show you some pictures and I would like you to tell me the first thing that comes to mind when you see the picture **(Note: warm-up question. Should take ±15 min)**
* Facility delivery
* Getting information from the call-centre
* Using emergency transport
* Baby being dried after delivery
* Baby being wrapped after delivery
* Baby being bathed after delivery
* Skin to skin care after delivery
* Baby being breastfed immediately after delivery
* Pre-lacteal feeding

# Theme 3: Delivery & Newborn Care

# Can you describe what role fathers in your community play in: (Note: explain them they don’t have to physically perform these tasks- but they might have a say in how it is performed by someone else)

# Deciding about health care during pregnancy

# Deciding where delivery takes place

* Arranging transport for a facility delivery

# Deciding how the baby is kept warm after delivery

* Deciding when the baby is first bathed
* How and when the baby is fed in the first days of life
* Deciding that a newborn is seriously ill and needs treatment
  1. As fathers who do you trust most to give advice about care in pregnancy and for the newborn baby?

**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’s family thinks that babies should be born at home, but they have been visited by a FOMWAN/TBA who had advised them that it is safer for Ladi and her baby if she delivers in the health center. Ladi’s husband discusses the issue with his mother who says that her grandchild should not be born outside the house.

# What do you think Ladi and her family will do? Probe: What do you think influenced the decision?

# Think about families like Ladi’s, how are decisions made about place of delivery? Are issues discussed among the family members, or is there a main decision maker?

# 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? What impact have these changes had? **(Note: focus on maternal and newborn care)**

# Theme 6: FOMWAN and TBA

* 1. What do fathers in [Name Community] think about the work of the FOMWAN/TBA? (Probe: do they think the FOMWAN/TBA is suitable to carry out her tasks (promptness, education, age, local knowledge)? Does she give good advice? )
  2. Can you please describe to me what information FOMWANs/TBAs provide to your wives regarding:
     + Seeking health care during pregnancy
     + Where to deliver?
     + How to care for the baby immediately after they come out
     + Bathing the baby after delivery
     + Breastfeeding the baby
     + Whether to give the baby additional foods or fluids in the first days of life
  3. 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 comment 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.**

I am now going to read the statement:

1. **Me and my wife should make our own decisions about newborn care, the views of others are not important**

Can you help me understand your response? Does everyone agree with the response?

1. **It is the responsibility of the grandmother to ensure traditional newborn care practices are adhered to.**

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. **The FOMWAN/TBA involves fathers in their conversations about pregnancy and care of the newborn.**

Can you help me understand your response? Does everyone agree with the response?

**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 respondents for their time**