**Interview guide for donors in Senegal**

**Study title: *Official Development Assistance, External Public Debt and Equity in Domestic Health Financing in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Panel Data Analysis and Case Study in Senegal***

**General information**

Country of origin:

Place of residence:

1. Icebreaker
   1. What is your role in this institution?
   2. How long have you been working here?
   3. Have you held any other positions here? (Which ones?)
2. Health sector financing
   1. What are the priority areas of [NAME OF ORGANISATION] for your support to the health sector in Senegal? (Why do you give priority to these areas?)
   2. In regard to the topic of health financing, or more broadly health economics, does [NAME OF ORGANISATION] have any specific projects/ programs in this area in Senegal? (Can you tell me about this?)
   3. What about universal health coverage and access to health services? Do you have any programs in this area? (Can you tell me about this?)
   4. Why has [NAME OF ORGANISATION] chosen to support the programs you just mentioned? (What are their qualities of these programs) ?
   5. **How does [NAME OF ORGANISATION] want the balance between public and private health financing in Senegal to develop over time: Towards higher dependence on private or public funding? Why?**
   6. **Who does [NAME OF ORGANISATION] think should contribute the majority of health funding in Senegal? (Government, donors, patients)? Why ?**
3. Involvement of international stakeholders in determining the public health budget
   1. In your opinion, does the [NAME OF ORGANISATION] have a say when the overall size and distribution between the different expenditure items are decided for the health budget in Senegal? (Please explain)
   2. In your opinion, which stakeholders outside of the government have the most influence on these decisions? (Donors, creditors, civil society, voters)? (Why do you think so)?
   3. Under your impression, what are their main priorities or objectives in these processes?
   4. **Do you see any conflicting priorities between these international actors’ and the government’s priorities with regard to Senegal's health budget? (Which ones?)**
   5. **Do you see any mutually contradictory priorities between the different international actors, including yours, with regard to the health budget? (Which ones?)**
4. Fungibility
   1. Does the [NAME OF ORGANISATION] have an opinion on how national resources for a sector should be spent when development assistance for that sector is received, i.e. should the government increase its funding, keep at same level, or lower it? Can you tell me about this?
   2. **Have you ever seen a decrease in domestic government funding for the health sector after having received development assistance for this sector? Can you tell me about this ?**
      1. ***If yes:* How has this affected the health sector?**
      2. *If yes*: What happens when the aid is exhausted? Do you normally see domestic funding increased back to the initial level so that health services can continue?
      3. ***If yes*: Do you think that this reduction in domestic funding, when development assistance is received, affects access to health services? If so, how? (For the poor, in rural areas?)**
   3. ***(If applicable): The effects you mention, when have they mainly occurred?*** 
      1. **Are they still happening today?**
   4. In your experience, does the [NAME OF ORGANISATION] have an influence on how the Senegalese government spends its own money when you provide development assistance for a sector? In what ways?
   5. ***(If applicable) : What is your opinion on this redistribution of funds? Why ?***
5. Loans and debt repayments
   1. In your experience, which sectors have development loans received from international financial institutions (International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, African Development Bank) and bilateral creditors mainly benefited?
   2. In your experience, have the development loans received from these agents benefited the health sector? (In what way?)
   3. **Do you think that the debt owed to external official creditors and the repayments made on this debt affect the Senegalese health budget?**
      1. ***If yes*: In what ways?**
      2. ***If yes*: Do you think it affects the health sector more than other sectors? Why/ why not?**
      3. ***If yes*: And how do you think this may affect access to health services? ( For the poor, in rural areas?)**
      4. ***If yes*: Do you think this is a growing, stable or diminishing problem? Why?**
6. IMF / World Bank Programs and loan conditionalities
7. **Today, Senegal is part of IMF and World Bank programmes and is subject to the policy conditionalities necessary to be able to lend from these institutions. Do you think that these programmes with their conditionalities have affected Senegal's health sector?**
   1. **If yes: In what ways?**
   2. **If yes: Do you think these conditionalities have affected access to health services? (In what ways?) (For the poor, in rural areas?)**
8. **Are you aware of any conditionalities imposed by IMF/WB programs directly on the health sector?**
   1. **If yes: How do you think these conditionalities have affected the health sector?**
   2. **If yes: Do you think these conditionalities have affected access to health services? (How?) ( For the poor, in rural areas?)**
9. **Some countries have experienced national wage ceilings [*explain*] for the health sector as part of these programs. Do you know if this has been the case for Senegal? (Can you tell me about them?)**
10. **What about the privatization of health facilities due to loan conditionalities from the IMF/WB? (Can you tell me about this?)**
11. **What about the introduction of user fees for health services? (Can you tell me about this ?)** 
    1. **(*If applicable*): How do you think these things have affected access to health services in Senegal? (For the poor, in rural areas?)**
    2. **(*If applicable*): The effects you mention, when have they mainly occurred?** 
       1. **Are they still happening today?**
12. Last question
    1. Is there anyone else you would recommend I interview ?

**Thank you**