

**GROUP INTERVIEW USING PROJECTIVE TECHNIQUES WITH
WOMEN WHO HAVE RECENTLY GIVEN BIRTH OR
WITH ELDER FEMALE FAMILY INFLUENTIALS (EFFI)**

This interview should be conducted with small groups of women who have given birth in the past 6 months OR with small groups of elder female family influentials (EFFIs) from the families of women who are currently pregnant or have been pregnant within the last year.

These questions should be used in combination with projective techniques/flashcards of women and their families in the time surrounding childbirth and right after.

Birth Preparedness

- We would like to talk with you and ask some questions about your knowledge and experience about childbirth. This is a picture of Atieno who is pregnant. This is her mother-in-law, Mar Atieno, with her in the house.
- Do you think Atieno prepares for her birth? Who helps her prepare? Does Mar Atieno do anything to help? Why/why not? What?
- What do you think Atieno and her family should do to prepare?
- Does Atieno and her family prepare anything special in case of problems in childbirth or in the time after birth? Why/why not? What?
- Where will Mar Atieno advise her to give birth? With who attending? Why?
- Do you think Atieno will do as Mar Atieno advises? Why/why not?
- If Mar Atieno would advise TBA or another “unskilled provider” in the community, why would she recommend this person to attend the birth?
- How would Mar Atieno she choose the TBA or other community provider?

Skilled Birth Attendance

- How will Atieno and Mar Atieno know it is time for the birth to begin?
- What would the woman do first? Next?
- Will she or someone in the family call for someone to come? Why/why not?
- Are there other places where women can give birth? Where?
- Who would assist the birth there? Would you advise a pregnant woman with normal delivery to give birth there? Why/why not?

- Do you know anyone who has given birth in a place other than home? Why did they go there? What happened to them there?
- Do you think women prefer to give birth at home? Why?
- Do you feel this way also?

Skilled Attendance for Obstetric Complications

- What kinds of illnesses or sicknesses could Atieno get during childbirth or in the time right after birth? Which ones?

(After the women have answered without help, PROBE for each problem: Premature rupture of membranes, prolonged labor/ruptured uterus, hemorrhage, sepsis, eclampsia. For each one, ask the following:)

- You say you know that women like Atieno can have (*example: bleeding, fever*)
- Is it very common for pregnant women to have this?
- Is it a serious problem?
- What can happen to a pregnant woman with this problem?
- Do you know what causes this to happen to pregnant women?
- Do you know how to prevent it?
- How does the women or the person attending her know that this is a problem?
- Who will decide what to do?
- What will they do first? Why? What will they do next? Why?
- What might happen to the woman giving birth if she does not take action on this?
- What might be done to help her if she does go for more care?
- What are some reasons why she might not go for care if it is too much?

(Remember, these questions should be repeated for each individual problem)

- Maybe Atieno has had the problem for some time, or has noticed that it is getting worse. How do women know if the problem is serious enough to take action?
- Will anyone else help Atieno decide if action is required, or what action to take to help cure the problem?
- What will Mar Atieno advise Atieno to do first? Next? Why?

(After the women answer without help, PROMPT with the following questions:)

- Would Atieno get help from her family or someone else at home? What kind of help?
- Will Atieno go to someone else outside of the family for help? Who? What kind of help will Atieno receive there?

(If no answer, PROMPT clinic, primary hospital, district hospital? Private doctor? TBA or other traditional source of care? Anything else?)

(For each answer above about careseeking, be sure to find out about:)

- What might happen to Atieno if she does not do anything about the problem?
 - These are the things you say Mar Atieno might advise Atieno to do if she has the problem of _____. Is this what you yourself would advise?
 - Who will make the final decision? How long will it take for this decision to be made?
 - For what reasons might a woman (or those who decide for her) decide not to take action for this problem?
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- What do you think Atieno should do?
 - What might keep her from seeking skilled care? What? Why?
 - What might keep her from reaching skilled care? What? Why?
 - If she does get to a facility, what happens then?
 - Do you think she would get care in time? What kind of care? What would she think about the care? Why?

Early Postpartum Care

- After birth, what does Atieno do? Does she get any care if she has no problems?
- If she does, what kind of care? From who? When?
- Does she get any care if she has problems? What kind of care? From whom? When?

Communication Channels

- Do you think Atieno would like to get more information about childbirth and the time following birth? Why/why not?
- Where would Atieno get information or advice about childbirth?
- What kind of advice/information would they give y?
- What would be a good way to get information to her?

- Would Atieno believe what they told her? Why/why not?
- Would Atieno see/hear any information about childbirth at the health facility? What type? (*PROBE* posters, education from nurse or midwife, etc)
- Would Atieno hear any information about childbirth on the radio?
- Have you ever heard any on the radio? What did you hear? On TV?

Additional Questions

Now that we have talked about Atieno and her family, and the things they experienced during childbirth...

- Do you think there are any things that the family could do to give Atieno more support to help her get the care she needs and to help her do the things that she and her family can do themselves at home to help her stay healthy?
- What things?

Thank you for talking to us today so that we could learn more about how women can improve the care that women get in childbirth and the time after, so that women and babies will be healthier.

IMAGES OF USERS

Questions for use with drawings created to accompany discussions with projective techniques:

(Use two sets of images to compare a country woman and family to a city woman and family.)

Do these people look like people in your town/village? Why/why not?

What type of childbirth provider and location would this man/woman/family select? Why/why not?

What would the birth be like? What would happen to this woman/family during and after childbirth? Why?

What type of experience or problems might this man/woman/family encounter when trying to get skilled attendance for a normal, routine birth? Postpartum care? Why?

What type of experience or problems might this man/woman/family encounter when trying to get skilled care during an unexpected obstetric emergency? Why?

Which set of images do you want to be like? What is good about those? What is not good about the other?