



# TOOLS:

- **GUIDE TO KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS**
- PARTICIPATORY EXERCISES





## GUIDE TO KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

### PART 1: CONTEXT

1.1	What are the general characteristics of your community? (For example, ethnic groups, religions, community and religious leaders, etc.)
1.2	When you look at how each person is connected in the community, do you notice that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. You are well-connected</li> <li>b. You connect groups of people</li> <li>c. You are not as well-connected as certain members of the community</li> </ul> Can you tell me about your role within the community?
1.3	Do you belong to social groups such as tontines, agricultural associations, sport groups, religious groups, or other formal or informal groups? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IF YES: Tell me more about the groups you mentioned and your role within each of them.</li> <li>• IF NO: Thank you, but we are hoping to talk to people who participate in groups.</li> </ul> {END OF INTERVIEW}

### PART 2: STIGMATIZATION

2.1	Is it easy or difficult to talk about the number of children you wish to have and when you wish to have them in the community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In what places is it easy to discuss this issue? With whom? Why it is easier to discuss in these particular places or with these particular people?</li> <li>• In which areas it is difficult to discuss this issue? With whom? Why it is more difficult to discuss in these particular places or with these particular people?</li> <li>• Is it more or less difficult for women to speak about these issues versus men?</li> </ul>
2.2	Can you quickly tell me the words that come to mind to describe a woman using family planning? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What “type” of woman uses a family planning method?</li> </ul> Can you quickly tell me the words that come to mind to describe a man using family planning? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What “type” of man uses a family planning method?</li> </ul>
2.3	Do the people of this community believe that the use of family planning is generally common or rare?
2.4	Do you think that talking about experiences related to family planning is generally seen positively within the community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you tell me more?</li> <li>• What could change this situation?</li> </ul>



2.5	<p>Do the majority of women easily talk with other members of their household or family about the fact that they use family planning methods?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why? What could worry them?</li> <li>• With whom is it easy or difficult to discuss family planning?</li> <li>• And MEN? Are they comfortable with this topic?</li> </ul> <p>Do the majority of women easily talk with people outside of their family about the fact that they use family planning methods?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why? What could worry them?</li> <li>• With whom is it easy or difficult to discuss family planning?</li> <li>• In what places is it easy or difficult to discuss about it? Why?</li> <li>• And MEN? Are they comfortable with this topic?</li> </ul>
2.6	<p>Are people criticized or discriminated against because they use a family planning method?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell me more. How? What are the things that people say?</li> <li>• Why do they say that?</li> <li>• Who criticizes them? (types of people, for example: women, men, friends, leaders)</li> <li>• Are men and women judged differently for using a family planning method?</li> </ul>
PART 3: RELIGION, FATALISM, AND GOD'S WILL	
3.1	<p>Children are at the heart of any family. How do you think a husband and wife decide on how many children they want to have and when they want to have them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IF IT IS THE COUPLE'S DECISION: Who makes that decision? The husband? The wife? Both?</li> <li>• IF THIS DECISION DEPENDS ON SOMETHING OR SOMEONE ELSE: How is this decision made? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ IF THE RESPONDENT CONSIDERS THAT IT IS "THE WILL OF GOD" OR SOMETHING THAT IS PREDESTINED, ASK HIM OR HER: If the husband or wife nevertheless wish to space births, it is still possible in this case to use a family planning method?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How do religious or spiritual beliefs influence this decision?</li> <li>• What other people are involved or influence this decision? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ What is their status within the community?</li> <li>◦ What are their cultural or spiritual beliefs?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.2	<p>When a couple waits to have a child, what do people say about the reason for this delay?</p>
3.3	<p>What does your religious or spiritual leader say about the size of your family or the number of children you should have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does he or she say about the use of family planning methods?</li> <li>• How did he or she explain these things? What do you think of his or her views on this matter?</li> </ul>
3.4	<p>Does your religion prohibit you from using a family planning method?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, what methods and why?</li> <li>• What do you think about it personally?</li> </ul>



### TABLE OF RESULTS: KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE AND DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOPICS	SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW
<b>PART 1: CONTEXT</b>	
1.1 Detail the characteristics as described by the by the interviewee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predominant ethnic groups</li> <li>• Predominant religions</li> <li>• Community, religious, or informal leaders, etc.</li> <li>• Environment (rural, urban, peri-urban)</li> <li>• Socio-economic level (literacy rate, economic means, predominant professions, etc.)</li> <li>• Status of women</li> </ul>	
1.2 Describe the characteristics and background of the person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age</li> <li>• Household composition (spouse, number of children, other members of the household)</li> <li>• Network status (connected, group connector, isolated)</li> <li>• Role within the community</li> <li>• Family planning user?</li> </ul>	
1.3 The groups that he/she belongs to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal groups</li> <li>• Informal groups</li> </ul>	
<b>PART 2: STIGMATIZATION</b>	



2.1	<p>Describe the ease or difficulty of speaking about the desired number of children or the time to have them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With whom</li> <li>• Preferred places to talk about this topic and places to avoid</li> <li>• Fears and concerns related to talking about this topic</li> </ul>		
2.2	<p>Description of family planning users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Words to describe a family planning user</li> <li>• What “type” of woman uses a method?</li> </ul>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MEN</u>
2.3, 2.4	<p>Describe the frequency of conversations about family planning and how they are perceived in the community</p>		
2.5	<p>Describe the ease or difficulty of speaking about family planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With members of their family/ household</li> <li>• With other people</li> <li>• Fears and concerns related to talking about this topic</li> <li>• Preferred places to talk about this topic and places to avoid</li> </ul>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MEN</u>
2.6	<p>Describe discrimination against family planning users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How they are criticized (what people say to them, how they are treated)</li> <li>• Who criticizes them?</li> <li>• Differences between criticism of men and women</li> </ul>		



3.1	<p>Describe how the respondent decides on the number of children he or she wishes to have and when to have them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the respondent believe that it is a couple's decision? Who in the couple decides?</li> <li>• Who else influences this decision? (stepmother, religious leader, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Describe the influence of religious or spiritual beliefs on this decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the respondent believes that the number and timing of children is granted by "the will of God," does he or she think it is still possible to use a family planning method?</li> </ul>	
3.2	<p>Explain what others say when a couple wait to have a child.</p>	
3.3	<p>Opinions of religious/spiritual leaders on spacing births and use of family planning methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do they say about the use of family planning methods?</li> <li>• How do they explain these things? What does the respondent think of these explanations?</li> </ul>	
3.4	<p>What does religion say about family planning methods?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What methods are forbidden and why?</li> <li>• What does the respondent think about it personally?</li> </ul>	