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BASICS HEALTHY TIMING AND SPACING OF PREGNANCY TOOLKIT

CENTRAL LEVEL AND PARTNER INTERVIEW GUIDE



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Central Level and Partners Interview Guide

Introduction

Hello. My name is _____. My colleagues and I are here on behalf of USAID/BASICS and MOH/MCH, to conduct a joint evaluation on healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy activities. We would like to learn more about your services related to child spacing and family planning. The information you provide us is very important and valuable, and will help to inform the Ministry of Health, policy makers and other key stakeholders in family planning. We do appreciate your time and responses.

USAID/BASICS, in collaboration with the MOH/MCH and child health partners has championed the integration of healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy within child health programs at national, district and health facility levels. This work has been done through advocacy, strengthening child health policies in child spacing, capacity building of health care providers, program implementation, supervision and monitoring of child spacing in selected districts. We are now trying to assess how successful we have been at this work, and some areas for improvement in the future.

Please respond to the following questions to the best of your knowledge and understanding of child spacing and family planning services at your facility or Organization.

Name of Organization:	Date of Interview:...../...../.....
Name of Interviewee:	Designation of Interviewee:
Sub-district/municipality/Zone:	Name of Interviewer:
District:	Designation:
Country:	Region:

A. Priority of Birth Spacing and Family Planning Ministry/Partners Organization	
1.1 Where does birth spacing/family planning fall in your list of programming priorities?	
1.2 Compared to last 2 years, has the funding for birth spacing and family planning programs, been increasing or decreasing over time or has remained the same?	
1.3 In how many districts or facilities do you implement child spacing and FP activities between 2007 and 2009 a. Has there been any change? If Yes, what was responsible for the change? b. What are your plans following the change?	

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Advocacy (socialization/mobilization) on child spacing and family planning	
<p>1. Did your organization participate in or conduct any advocacy meetings on child spacing or family planning in the last year?</p> <p>a. If yes please tell us what actually took place-the date, average participants and target audience etc</p> <p>b. Was there any thing from the meeting you found useful or influenced policy for child spacing and FP programs? Please explain</p>	
<p>2. In conducting advocacy/mobilization/socialization meeting what worked well or did not work well during the sessions?(E.g. what did people like or ask the most questions about) Please explain.</p>	

B. Integration and implementation of child spacing and family planning in your programs	
<p>1. Have you integrated child spacing or family panning into any of your health services? Please explain (Prompting: If no response suggest integration at IMCI, ANC, PNC, Immunization, nutrition, and others)</p> <p>a. Into which of your programs were they integrated into? (E.g. Like ANC) Please list</p> <p>b. Where there any specific benefits or consequences of the integration and implementation of child spacing and FP services? Please explain</p> <p>c. What did not work well and why? (And what could be improved?)</p>	
<p>2. What aspects of child spacing or FP did your staff receive or conduct training on? (E.g. counseling, clinical skills, IEC, advocacy, socialization, mobilization and others) Please specify</p> <p>a. In any of your other training did you include child spacing messages in the last 2 years? (E.g. IMCI, , Immunization, etc) Please explain.</p>	
<p>3. Do you and your colleagues agree with integrating</p>	

<p>messages of child spacing and family planning services in programs?. Please explain</p> <p>a. Have you observed any change in attitude of your staff as a result of introducing birth spacing into child health programs in the last year? Please describe</p>	
<p>4. Has the demand for child spacing and family planning services changed in the last one year? Please explain.</p>	
<p>5. Do you or your staff supervise people on child spacing/family planning services?</p> <p>If yes how many times a year?</p> <p>b. Have you or your staff been supervised in child spacing/FP in the past years?</p> <p>If yes how many times a year?</p>	
<p>6. How do you report your child spacing and FP activities?</p> <p>If yes, Please explain (E.g. how often, at what level, by who and to whom)?</p>	
<p>7. Can you respond to all the requests you get for child spacing FP services?</p> <p>a. Are there any constraints in providing these services? Please explain</p> <p>b. How did you resolve this problem/constraint? Please explain.</p>	
<p>8. What other aspects of the child spacing/FP services program will require further improvement?</p> <p>And how can this be carried out? Please explain</p>	

<p>E. Expansion of child spacing family planning programs at your Organization</p>	
<p>1. In the district(s) where you work, has the number of sites used to provide child spacing and family planning services changed in the last year? Please explain</p> <p>i. Have you observed any benefits and challenges from these changes?</p> <p>ii. Are there any best practices or lessons learned from this experience? Please explain.</p> <p>b. If no, do you have any plans to increase your coverage in the near future? (E.g. When, and where)</p>	

F. Partnership and Collaboration in child spacing and family planning	
<p>1. Which partners did you work with in child spacing and family planning in the last year? (E.g. Chiefs, PSFs, teachers, NGOs, religious,)</p> <p>a. What did you do with them?</p> <p>b. Where there any advantages or disadvantages working with these partners?</p> <p>c. Where there any lessons learned by this collaboration?</p>	
<p>2. Where there any child health policies changed or modified as a result of this experience? Please explain.</p>	

Others

1. What other information would you like to share with us regarding your experience in implementing child spacing and family planning services within maternal and child health programs?

2. What are the challenges you experience providing child spacing and family planning services at this facility? Please explain.

3. What are the lessons learned and best practices that you could recommend to others implementers, donors or policy makers?

4. What do you see as the best way forward regarding the integration and implementation of birth spacing and family planning services into maternal and child health programs. Please explain.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME