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Dear Sumit Kane,

The Research Ethics Committee of the Royal Tropical Institute (REC) has re-reviewed the revised proposal entitled "Gaining context specific and nuanced understanding of norms, preferences, and expectations about sexual and reproductive health and about related services in South Sudan" (551) that was resubmitted on June 5th, 2014.

The decision of the Committee is as follows:

The reviewers agreed that all comments made by the REC were addressed and were satisfied with the clarifications.

The proposal is approved.

We hope to have informed you sufficiently and wish you success with the study.

Kind regards,

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Chair Research Ethics Committee, KIT
The Republic of South Sudan

Ministry of Health

To: Ms. Lisa Woods, MScPH, MA
   Principle Investigator
   Country Coordinator
   SHARP Consortium

2nd October, 2014

Dear Ms. Woods

RESEARCH APPROVAL LETTER

STUDY ON GAINING CONTEXT SPECIFIC AND NUANCED UNDERSTANDING OF NORMS, PREFERENCES AND EXPECTATIONS ABOUT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, AND ABOUT RELATED SERVICES IN WESTERN BAHR EL GHAZAL STATE.

I am writing in response to the request for authorization to the study on: Gaining Context Specific and Understanding of Norms, Preferences and Expectations about Sexual and Reproductive Health and about related services in Western Bahr el Ghazal State, South Sudan. As part of your secondary data analysis in health seeking behavior and reproductive health practices, particularly in relation to social characteristics such as gender and local power structures.

After thorough review on the proposal, I am glad to inform you that the ethical committee at the Ministry of Health, Republic of South Sudan has approved the study. The Ministry acknowledges the need to explore local norms, preferences and decision-making processes around sexuality, reproductive and reproductive choices among women and men in communities of WBE. Please, keep the Ministry of Health, Republic of South Sudan informed on the outcome of the study.

I look forward to the report and recommendations that wil be generated from the study. Note that the study should not be published without the consent of the Ministry of Health, Republic of South Sudan.

Yours sincerely

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ANNEXURES III: FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION AND INTERVIEW TOPIC GUIDES

Topic Guide: FGD Community Members

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Norms and Beliefs

» What should a family look like? (When should a couple start a family? Is there a preference regarding number of children? Timing and spacing of children? Are there any differences in what male and female community members think on this? Are there differences in how younger and older people think about this? What all influences people’s choices?)

» What are your communities’ views on pregnancy? (Are there times when one can say that pregnancy is not desirable? Is abortion acceptable in your community?)
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» What can a family do to space their children? (Both health service related and community habits/ beliefs/ practices). Are there any differences in what male and female community members think on this? Are there differences in how younger and older people think about this? What all influences people's choices?)

» What will a family do when the wife is pregnant? (Both health service and not health services related)

» (Are there any differences in what male and female community members think on this? Who makes these decisions? How are differences in preferences and choices resolved? What all influences people's choices?)

If in union:

» Do you think that young people should be able to get information on sexuality and reproductive issues? How and from whom do young people obtain this information? Are there any taboos related to sexual and reproductive health?

If not in union:

» How and from whom do you obtain information on sexuality and reproductive issues? Are you using/ allowed to use contraceptives? Are there any taboos related to sexual and reproductive health?

Decision making

» How and by whom are decisions made regarding reproductive health in households in your community (child spacing, pregnancy, childbirth)? Why? What is the role of the wife, the husband, and other family or community members?

» How and by whom are decisions being made regarding seeking care from services (public and private health providers, for example delivery services/ contraceptive use)? Why? What is the role of the wife, the husband, and other family or community members?

» What do you think about the roles of these people in decision making? (Should it stay like this, should it change and why?)

» (If that is the case) - Why do you think some people don't go to the health facility for reproductive health issues? Probe around: costs, customs, TBAs.

Preferences and expectations

» What are your expectations regarding reproductive health services? Probe around:
  · Place? (Facility/ Community)
  · Price?
  · Who should be targeted?
  · Staff attitude?
  · Services available?
  · Commodities available?
  · Etc.
Current health services

» What are your experiences with the reproductive health services that are currently offered in your area? (Good/ bad experience, why?)

» Based on your experiences, will you visit the health centre next time, or would you recommend others to go there?

» Can everybody in the community equally access reproductive health services? (Physical access, financial access)? Are certain groups left out? If yes, who are these groups?

» Do the current reproductive health services take into account the wishes of the community? Why or why not? Could you give examples?

» Do the current reproductive health services sufficiently take into account the norms, customs and beliefs of your community? Why or why not? Could you give examples?

» What should be changed in the current reproductive health services to improve their use?

» What else could be done to address some of the problems of pregnant women and young mothers in the community?

Community-based reproductive health services

» In your community, are pregnant women delivering with TBAs? Why do they choose a TBA above facility services? (What is the advantage of delivering in a facility and what is the advantage of delivering with a TBA? Probe around: TBAs’ ability in case of emergency situations, TBAs’ link with traditions and cultural practices)

» What makes a woman a TBA? (Probe around received training, position within the community)

» Which services are offered by TBAs? How do they earn for their living?

» Do midwives ever conduct home deliveries? Do midwives work together with TBAs? How does that go?

» Are there any other community health workers where pregnant women and young mother can get help? (Home Health Promoters? Others? Who are they? Which services do they offer and what is your opinion about their services?)
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Topic Guide: FGD Health Facility Personnel

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Norms and beliefs

» In this area, what do community members think and believe regarding sexual and reproductive health?
  · Sexuality (womanhood, manhood)
  · Pregnancy (being pregnant, fatherhood, care during pregnancy)
  · Where to deliver (and seeking emergency obstetric care)
  · Sexuality education – for different groups
» Are there any differences between male and female? If yes, why?
» Are there any traditional practices and taboos that in your view could affect reproductive health of people in this area? Please explain – both hindering and facilitating aspects.
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Decision making

» How and by whom are decisions being made regarding reproductive health and the use of services? Why? What is the role of the wife, the husband, and other family or community members?

» What do you think about the roles of these people in decision making? (Should it stay like this, should it change (and if yes: how) and why?)

» Why do you think some people don’t go to the health facility for reproductive health issues?

Current health services

» According to you, what is the quality of the reproductive health services in this area? (Availability of staff, training of staff, infrastructure, commodities etc.)

» Can everybody in the community equally access reproductive health services? (Physical access, financial access, are certain groups left out?)

» Do the current reproductive health services sufficiently take into account the preferences of the community? Why or why not? Examples?

» Do the current reproductive health services sufficiently take into account the norms, customs and beliefs of the community? Why or why not? Examples?

» How does facility management get to know the preferences and the opinion of the community on the services delivered? (Community meetings? Suggestion box? Other?)

» What should be changed in the current reproductive health services to improve their use?

» What else could be done to address some of the problem related to reproductive health in the community?

Community-based reproductive health services

» In your community, are pregnant women delivering with TBAs? Why do they choose a TBA above facility services? (Probe around: TBAs’ ability in case of emergency situations, TBAs’ link with traditions and cultural practices)

» What makes a woman a TBA? (Probe around received training, position within the community)

» Which services are offered by TBAs? How do they earn for their living?

» Do midwives ever conduct home deliveries? Do midwives work together with TBAs? How does that go?

» Are there any other community health workers where pregnant women and young mother can get help? (If yes: who are they? Which services do they offer and what is your opinion about their services? If no: do you think community-based health workers are needed in the delivery of SRH services?)
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Topic Guide: Semi Structured Interview with Community Members

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Number of children
Religion
Name of village
Catchment area
Use of health services in past 3 months (Y/N)
Kind of health services used in past 3 months

Norms and beliefs

» What does being a man/woman mean in your community? When does a girl become a woman and a boy a man?
» When and why do people get married?
» When can and should a couple have children? Are there views regarding the timing and number of children? (Probe on the possible influence of polygamy regarding the desired number of children)
» Are there times when one can say that pregnancy is not desirable? Is abortion acceptable in your community? To you?
» What can a couple do to space their children? (Both health service related and community habits/ beliefs/ rituals)
» According to you, what is a family?
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» What will a family do when the wife is pregnant? (Both health service and not health services related, timing of looking for ANC, other assistance) What influences people’s choices? What do you think about these influences?

If in union:
» Do you think that young people should be able to get information on sexuality and reproductive issues? How and from whom do young people obtain this information? Are there any taboos related to sexual and reproductive health?

If not in union:
» How and from whom do you obtain information on sexuality and reproductive issues? Are you using/allowed to use contraceptives? Are there any taboos related to sexual and reproductive health?

Decision making
» In your family, how are decisions regarding reproductive health made (what happens in case of child spacing, pregnancy, childbirth)? Why? What is the role of the wife, the husband, and other family or community members?
» In your family, how and by whom are decisions being made regarding seeking care from services (public and private health care providers, for example child spacing, antenatal care or delivery services)? Why? What is the role of the wife, the husband, and other family or community members?
» What do you think about the roles of these people in decision making? (Should it stay like this, should it change and why?)
» Why do you think some people don’t go to the health facility for ANC or delivery services? Probe around: costs, customs, TBAs.

Preferences and expectations
» What are your expectations regarding reproductive health services? Probe around:
  - Place? (Facility/community)
  - Price?
  - Who should be targeted?
  - Staff attitude?
  - Services available
  - Commodities available
  - Etc.

Current health services
» What are your experiences with the reproductive health services that are currently offered in your area? (Good/bad experience, why?)
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» Based on your experiences, will you visit the health centre next time, or would you recommend others to go there?
» Can everybody in the community equally access reproductive health services? (physical access, financial access, are certain groups left out? If yes, who are these groups?)
» Do the current reproductive health services sufficiently take into account the preferences of the community? Why or why not? Could you give examples?
» Do the current reproductive health services take into account the wishes of the community? Why or why not? Examples?
» What should be changed in the current reproductive health services to improve their use?
» What else could be done to address some of the problems of pregnant women and young mothers in the community?

Community-based reproductive health services

If in union having child(ren):

» Did you ever deliver a baby with help of a TBA? Why did you or why did you not? (What is the advantage of delivering in a facility and what is the advantage of delivering with a TBA? Probe around: TBAs’ ability in case of emergency situations, TBAs’ link with traditions and cultural practices)

If not having child (ren):

» In your community, are pregnant women delivering with TBAs? Why do they choose a TBA above facility services? (What is the advantage of delivering in a facility and what is the advantage of delivering with a TBA? Probe around: TBAs’ ability in case of emergency situations, TBAs’ link with traditions and cultural practices)
» What makes a woman a TBA? (Probe around received training, position within the community)
» Which services are offered by TBAs? How do they earn for their living?
» Do midwives ever conduct home deliveries? Do midwives work together with TBAs? How does that go?
» Are there any other community health workers where pregnant women and young mother can get help? (Home Health Promoters? Others? Who are they? Which services do they offer and what is your opinion about their services?)
Topic Guide: Semi Structured Interview with Adolescents

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Number of children
In School or Not in School
Religion
Name of village
Catchment area
Use of health services in past 3 months (Y/N)
Kind of health services used in past 3 months

Topics to be covered with adolescent girls/young women

Norms and beliefs

» What in your view defines health, good health?
» How would you define a healthy (young) man, a healthy (young) woman?
» What is important in your/young women’s lives? Does this differ from what is important in other, older or married women’s lives? Reasons why this is important (probe).
» What does being a woman mean to you? To young people generally in your circle? When does a girl become a woman and a boy a man?
» What do girls think is expected of them? Probe by:
  • By boys? By families? By society?

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- Probe on: What they think of these expectations? How do they navigate these expectations? What strategies do they use to get what they want? To subvert social expectations and norms which they do not agree with?

» Who decides whom a girl can have sexual relations with? Should parents, society have a say in this?
  - Probe into factors influencing, or reasons behind, girls having sex with boys or older men.
  - Probe into - Are girls ever forced to have sexual relations? Are there situations where it is OK for a man to insist on having sex?

» What does it mean for a girl to get pregnant?
» What does becoming a mother mean to you? To young people in your community? Do young people think differently from the older folks?
» Do girls in your circle want to become pregnant?
  - Probe into views on the decision to become pregnant - whether there is a decision at all, what shapes this decision?
  - Probe into why this is the case.

» How do others (probe about other boys, girls, family, society) view a situation where a girl is pregnant? (Probe about – is she congratulated/appreciated/ reprimanded/ looked down upon)
» Probe into – what they think are effects of pregnancy on adolescent girls (psychological, material, social, including social position and status, effects and also relational effects with the young mother, family, child)
» Probe about – views on this new responsibility, fears, stresses, worries, aspirations, for themselves, for their child (as partners, as mothers or would be mothers)
» Probe about - the ways young mothers/pregnant girls talk about their responsibilities, fears, stresses, worries, aspirations for themselves, for their child;
» What can one do to avoid getting pregnant? (Both health service related and in terms of community practices/ beliefs/ rituals) What do young people do to avoid pregnancy? (Views on importance of protection, Types of protection, Double protection etc)
» Are young women using/ able to use contraceptives? Are there any taboos related to sexual and reproductive health when it comes to young people buying or getting contraceptives?
  - What method do young women in your circle prefer to use?
  - Are male partners also using condoms?

» What will a family do when a girl in the family gets pregnant? Or a boy in the family impregnates a girl? (Both socially and in terms of health services related eg timing of
looking for ANC, other assistance) What influences people's choices? What do you think about these influences?

» Is abortion acceptable amongst young people in your community? To you? Do young people think differently from the older folks?

Views about health services

» Are you, and young people generally, able to get information on sexuality and reproductive issues? How and from whom do you obtain this information?

» Do you think that young people should be able to get information on sexuality and reproductive issues? How and from whom do you, and youth in your circle, prefer to obtain this information?

» Should information and knowledge about sex, sexuality and reproduction be given in schools? From when on?

» Where do you go when you need healthcare? Do you have somewhere to turn to when you need services related to sexual and reproductive health? Where do young people go? Probes around: access (physical, social), costs, customs.

» How do adolescents view available SRH services? Whether they use these, and what facilitates or hinder access to these services?

Preferences and expectations

» What are your and young people's expectations regarding sexual and reproductive health services? Probe around adolescents' expectations regarding:
  • Place (Facility/ community)
  • Price
  • Who should be targeted?
  • Staff attitude?
  • Services available
  • Commodities available.

Topics to be covered with adolescent boys/young men

Norms and beliefs

» What in your view defines health, good health?

» How would you define a healthy (young) man, a healthy (young) woman?

» What is important in your/young men's lives? Does this differ from what is important in other men's lives/women's lives? Reasons why this is important (probe).

» What in your view makes a boy a man?
  • Probe to - Unpack and understand what boys understand as socially normative and expected of them.
  • Probe into the types of social and cultural events that influence sexual behaviours (marriages, dance, ceremonies)
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- Probe into - norms and values around sexual relationships (perceptions about self, girls and sexual relationships).
- Probe into - What role socio-economic factors play in young boys' sexual behaviours (poverty, unemployment, literacy, urbanization, changes in family dynamics, etc.)
- Probe to - Understand to what extent does heterosexual boys' masculinity ideology shapes their sexual decision making, and how they treat female sexual partners.
- Probe to - see if the new heterosexual relations are primary spaces for demonstrating manhood and proving masculinity), use of condoms, risk taking (and enquire if there other spheres where they can prove this).
- Probe to - enquire into how boys understand what is normatively expected of them (injunctive norms).
- Probe to - explore how boys distinguish this from what they see around them (subjective norms). Disentangle where possible by society and adult men, and peers.

» Do you agree with how society expects you/young men to behave and to do? If the answer indicates struggles (with accepting the expectations, or with the contradiction between injunctive and subjective norms), then probe.
  - What sanctions do you worry about if you happen to not confirm to these norms (sanctions from peers, family, society)? Are the consequences substantive?
  - What strategies do young men resort to, to subvert and bypass norms which they do not agree with?

» What does it mean for a boy to get a girl pregnant? How do others (probe about other boys, girls, family, society) view a situation where a boy gets a girl pregnant?
  - Probe into - their (or if possible of someone they know's) experiences dealing with pregnancy (socially, culturally and emotionally,)...what happens when your girl told you she is pregnant?

» Do boys in your circle want to become fathers? To make girls pregnant?
  - Probe into views on the decision to become a father - whether there is a decision at all, what shapes this decision? Why do boys want to father at such young age?

» Probe into - what kind of effects adolescent fatherhood has on the boys (psychological, material, social including social position and status, effects and also relational effects with the young mother, family, child);
» How do you/young men look at your/their pregnant mates (as partners, as wives, as just some girl you are stuck with because she got pregnant etc.);
  - Probing to - chart the ways young fathers talk about their responsibilities, fears, stresses, worries, aspirations, for themselves, for their child (as partners, as would be fathers)
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» What can one do to avoid getting pregnant? (Both health service related and community habits/ beliefs/ rituals) What do young people do to avoid pregnancy? (Views on importance of protection, Types of protection, Double protection etc)

» Are young people using/ able to use contraceptives? Are there any taboos related to sexual and reproductive health when it comes to young people accessing contraceptives?

» What will a family do when a girl in the family gets pregnant? Or a boy in the family impregnates a girl? (Both socially and in terms of health services related eg timing of looking for ANC, other assistance) What influences people’s choices? What do you think about these influences?

» Is abortion acceptable amongst young people in your community? To you? Do young people think differently from the older folks?

About health services

» Are you, and young people generally, able to get information on sexuality and reproductive issues? How and from whom do you obtain this information?

» Do you think that young people should be able to get information on sexuality and reproductive issues? How and from whom do you, and youth in your circle, prefer to obtain this information?

» Where do you go when you need healthcare? Do you have somewhere to turn to when you need services related to sexual and reproductive health? Where do young people go? Probe around: access (physical, social), costs, customs.

Preferences and expectations

» What are your and young people’s expectations regarding sexual and reproductive health services? Probe around adolescents’ expectations regarding:
  • Place (Facility/ community)
  • Price
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**Topic Guide: SSI Traditional Leaders**

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**Norms and beliefs**

» According to you, what should a family look like? (When should a couple start a family, is there a preference regarding number of children?)

» What can a family do to space their children? (Both health service related and community habits/ beliefs/ rituals)

» What will a family do when the wife is pregnant? (Both health service and not health services related)

» What are the traditional beliefs related to sexual and reproductive health? Are there any taboos? If yes, can you give an example?

» Do men and women think different about issues around sexuality and reproductive health? Why?

» How does religion influence people’s choices? What do you think about that? Probe: do clergymen have influence on people’s sexual and reproductive health choices? Is this influence different for young/ old people, men/women?
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» Do you think that young people should be able to get information on sexuality and reproductive issues? How and from whom do young people obtain this information?

Decision making
» In your area, who in the household/community is making decisions regarding reproductive health (what happens with child spacing, pregnancy, childbirth)? Why? What is the role of the wife, the husband, and other family or community members?
» In your area, how and by whom are decisions being made regarding seeking care from services (public and private health care providers, for example child spacing, antenatal care or delivery services)? Why? What is the role of the wife, the husband, and other family or community members?
» What do you think about the roles of these people in decision making? (Should it stay like this, should it change and why?)
» Why do you think some people don’t go to the health facility for reproductive health issues?
» What is your role in the community regarding choices of people and health seeking behavior related to reproductive health?

Preferences and expectations
» What are your expectations regarding reproductive health services? Probe around:
  • Place? (Facility/community)
  • Price?
  • Who should be targeted?
  • Staff attitude?
  • Services available
  • Commodities available
  • Etc.

Current health services
» What are your experiences with the reproductive health services that are currently offered in your area? (Good/bad experience, why?)
» Can everybody in the community equally access reproductive health services? (Physical access, financial access, are certain groups left out and if yes, who are these groups?)
» Do the current reproductive health services sufficiently take into account the preferences of the community? Why or why not? Could you give examples?
» Do the current reproductive health services sufficiently take into account the norms, preferences and beliefs of the community? Why or why not? Could you give examples?
» What should be changed in the current reproductive health services to improve their use?
» What else could be done to address some of the problems related to reproductive health in the community?
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Community-based reproductive health services

» In your community, are pregnant women delivering with TBAs? Why do they choose a TBA above facility services? (What is the advantage of delivering in a facility and what is the advantage of delivering with a TBA? Probe around: TBAs’ ability in case of emergency situations, TBAs’ link with traditions and cultural practices)

» What makes a woman a TBA? (Probe around received training, position within the community)

» Which services are offered by TBAs? How do they earn for their living?

» Do midwives ever conduct home deliveries? Do midwives work together with TBAs? How does that go?

» Are there any other community health workers where pregnant women and young mother can get help? (Home Health Promoters? Others? Who are they? Which services do they offer and what is your opinion about their services?)
Topic Guide: Semi Structured Interviews with Health personnel

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Norms and beliefs

» In this area, what do you think and believe regarding sexual and reproductive health?
  » Ideal family composition (including size)
  » What to do in case of pregnancy
  » Where to deliver
  » Sexuality education for youth

» Are there any differences between male and female? What do you think about that?

» How does religion influence people’s choices? What do you think about that? Probe: do clergymen have influence of people’s sexual and reproductive health choices? Is this influence different for young/old people, men/women?

» Are there any traditional practices and taboos that could hinder reproductive health of people in this area?
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Decison making
» How and by whom are decisions being made regarding reproductive health and the use of services? Why? What is the role of the wife, the husband, and other family or community members?
» What do you think about the roles of these people in decision making? (Should it stay like this, should it change (and if yes: how) and why?)
» Why do you think some people don’t go to the health facility for reproductive health issues? Probe around: costs, customs, TBAs.

Community-based reproductive health services
» In your community, are pregnant women delivering with TBAs? Why do they choose a TBA above facility services? (What is the advantage of delivering in a facility and what is the advantage of delivering with a TBA? Probe around: TBAs’ ability in case of emergency situations, TBAs’ link with traditions and cultural practices)
» What makes a woman a TBA? (Probe around received training, position within the community)
» Which services are offered by TBAs? How do they earn for their living?
» Do midwives ever conduct home deliveries? Do midwives work together with TBAs? How does that go?
» Are there any other community health workers where pregnant women and young mother can get help? (If yes: who are they? Which services do they offer and what is your opinion about their services? If no: do you think community-based health workers are needed in the delivery of SRH services?)

Current health services
» Question about the quality of the reproductive health services in this area? (Availability of staff, training of staff, infrastructure, commodities etc.)
» Can everybody in the community equally access reproductive health services? (physical access, financial access, are certain groups left out and if yes, who are these groups?)
» Do the current reproductive health services sufficiently take into account the preferences of the community? Why or why not? Could you give examples?
» Do the current reproductive health services sufficiently take into account the norms, customs and beliefs of the community? Why or why not? Could you give examples?
» How does facility management get to know the preferences and the opinion of the community on the services delivered? (Community meetings? Suggestion box? Other?)
» What should be changed in the current reproductive health services to improve their use?
» What else could be done to address some of the problems related to reproductive health in the community?
Topic Guide: Semi Structured Interview with State/County level SRH Services Managers

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SRH priorities and service delivery

» What are the most important SRH services delivered in this state? (From community-based up till BEmOC and CEmOC)
» On which policies are these services based?
» Who is delivering these services (Government, NGOs; Most important cadres of health workers)
» Where are these services delivered? (Types of facilities)
» What is your role in the delivery of these SRH services?
» Which measures are taken to ensure quality reproductive health services? (Guidelines, professional development etc.)

Community-based reproductive health services

» What roles do TBAs have regarding SRH? Do you promote links between facilities and TBAs? What goes well and what does not go well regarding TBAs in the community?
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Constraints and recommendations

» What are the biggest constraints in service delivery? (Infrastructure, human resources, commodities, finance)
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Topic Guide: Semi Structured Interview with NGO Representatives

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