

Study: High fertility conceptions and barriers to contraceptive use among mothers of Southern Pakistan: a qualitative study

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Interview Guide

Sociodemographic Characteristics of Informant

Age_____ Gender_____

Occupation_____ Literacy level_____

Household Income_____ Area/District_____

Date_____

Time on interview began_____ Time when interview ended_____

Name of the interviewer_____ Name of facilitator_____

Introduction

In this study, we explore the perceptions and practices of rural mothers about fertility and reproductive health and further examine the lack of preference for contraception and birth spacing in Southern Pakistan. This research finds:

- 1) the personal circumstances of mothers facing gender inequity experiences, especially those related to fertility**
- 2) examine how intra-household politics and the practice of early marriage deny female agency, and construct exploitative ideologies regarding gender, feeding, and reproduction as ethical and moral barometers.**

Below are the questions the present study principally attempts to respond to in this article.

Questionnaire

What major social and cultural constructs of high fertility and low contraception exist at the local level? [Probe]

Does your household have access to the health team, vaccinator, LHW, LHV, etc.? [Probe]

Mothers' perception about birth spacing and contraception? [Probe]

What do you know about contraception; is it good or bad for females? [Probe]

Did you ever experience birth spacing? [Probe]

Which methods are preferable? [Probe]

In-laws' Perception about Contraception? [Probe]

What is the opinion of mother-in-law, or husband about contraception? [Probe]

Did your in-laws like contraception or not? [Probe]

How many children do you like in your household? Is the number important? Why more? [Probe]

What is the ratio, and reason for the birth gap? [Probe]

Are you bound to deliver more babies? [Probe]

Do you think more children can be useful for income generation? [Probe]

What restricts you from using birth control? [Probe]

Would you like to tell me something else that you think is important? [Probe]

What are other things that we could not ask and that are important to tell us?

Final Note: Thank you very much for your participation, cooperation, and answers to questions. Please add anything that was not asked about.