

INTERVIEW GUIDE

I invite you to participate in the study that is being conducted by MUREREREHE Julienne, a lecturer at University of Rwanda in school of Dentistry and who is also doing a PhD (Doctor of philosophy) in Community Dentistry at University of Witwatersrand/ South Africa. The study is about your experience in living with common oral diseases (teeth cavities and gum diseases). Specifically, we want to explore your perceptions on causes and effects of your common oral diseases. Before we start, I would like to remind you that there are no right or wrong answers in this discussion. We are interested in knowing what you think, feel and your experience. Please feel free and be frank to share your point of view. It is very important that we hear your opinion.

(Participants will be encouraged to expand on their replies and probed further by asking: ‘Tell me more.; how do you feel...)

- 1. Tell me your experience of living with oral diseases. Tell me more**
- 2. What can you tell me about the condition of your teeth, gums and mouth? ‘Tell me more...**
- 3. How does your oral diseases affect your general health and wellbeing?**
- 4. What do you think are the causes of your oral diseases?**

Probe for:

- Education, occupation, income, lifestyles, economic status, traditional, practices, beliefs, customs)
- Use of oral health services factors
- Behaviors factors (Oral hygiene practice, diet habit, smoking, drinking alcohol)

- 5. Tell me about any other health condition that you think is associated with your gum problems or your teeth cavities?**

-Probe for HIV-related factors and other Chronic diseases like hypertension, diabetes)