

Semi- structured guide for focus group discussions.

TITLE: Factors Affecting the Utilization of Modern Family Planning Services among Adolescent Girls and Young Women (15 - 24 Years) in Oyam District, Northern Uganda.

Interview guide with young women and adolescent girls aged 15-24years (married or not married).

Research question: What are the factors affecting the utilization of modern family planning services among adolescent girls and young women (15 - 24 years) in Oyam district, Northern Uganda?

We would like to thank you all for accepting to take part in this discussion. Our discussion will focus on modern family planning services utilization.

Specifically, we would like to get to know the factors affecting the utilization of modern family planning services use here in Oyam District.

Whatever you tell us will be confidential. This means that we won't share your responses to anyone else and we will ensure that any information we include in the report does not identify you as interviewees. Maintaining confidentiality is a requirement of group participation and we ask that you do not share what is discussed with those outside of the group or among each other after the end of the focus group discussion. Please feel free to share with us your opinions, thoughts, views and beliefs on modern family planning services.

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. In your own opinion, what is family planning all about?
 - a. Would you talk about the methods of family planning you know of or you have ever heard of?

- b. Of the family planning methods that you have talked about, which ones are the modern family planning methods?
 - c. What do you think are the importances of using modern family planning services?
- 3. In your community, do you have access to modern family planning services?
 - a. Where do the people in your community receive modern family planning services from?
 - b. Do you know of anybody who wanted to receive modern family planning services in your community but was unable to access the care that she needed? Why did that occur?
- 4. How would you rate the quality of modern family planning services in your community.
 - a. Are the modern family planning methods available at all times and you can get it any time you need one?
 - b. How is the provider- client relationship?
- 5. What are your thoughts about using modern family planning services?
- 6. In your opinion, what do you think are the reasons for non-usage of modern family planning services in your community?
 - a. You can give some examples of incidences that happened in your community and discouraged the use of modern family planning services.
 - b. Is there any belief in your community which discourages the use of modern family planning services?
- 7. Do you know of any opposition or anything that is against the use of modern family planning services in your community? You can elaborate with examples.
 - a. What does your religion say about the use of modern family planning services?
 - b. Is the use of modern family planning services acceptable in your culture and tradition?
 - c. Do the men in your community encourage their wives to use modern family planning services. If not, what do they say about the use of modern family planning services?
- 8. Which health concerns related to modern family planning services use have you ever experienced?
 - a. Is there anyone here who would be willing to share a story about her personal experience with modern family planning services use?

9. Does anyone have anything or any concerns that they would like us to talk about before we close the discussion?

Thank you very much for your time.