

Additional file 5. Appendix S4 Perceived gains/facilitators and perceived losses/barriers

	Perceived gains/facilitators	Perceived losses/barriers
Individual factors	Better health outcomes	No perceived benefits
	Negative experience with home-birth	Positive experience with home-birth
	High awareness of existence MWH	Low awareness of existence MWH
	Better monitoring by health workers	Individual preference for natural birth
	Health education	Fear of operation
	Free lodging	Negative experience facility-birth or other aspects of the health system
	Easier access to health care	Uncertainty about how and when to use MWH
	Sharing experiences with other women	
	Easier to plan work, earlier recognition of complications	
	Resting place, being away from domestic responsibilities	
Interpersonal factors and family commitments	Male partner supports MWH use	Male partner prohibits MWH use
	Mother-in-law or other family members support MWH use	Lack of support from family members
	Support from family members	Domestic responsibilities, no one to take over the care for other children/household
	Others can take over the care for children/household	Fear of adultery during absence
	Community is positive about MWH, support women to go	Community is negative about MWH or women that use them
Financial and geographical accessibility	Fine for home-birth	Additional cost for birth in adjacent health facility is too high
	Willingness to pay for MWH	Cost of living at MWH is too high
		Work and income become negatively affected
		Transportation difficulties household to MWH
		Transportation difficulties MWH to adjacent health facility
		MWH too far from household
MWH's characteristics	Basic facilities are satisfactory: availability of electricity,	Basic facilities are unsatisfactory: lack of electricity, sanitary facilities, cooking facilities and mosquito nets

	sanitary facilities, cooking utensils	
	Feeling secure and safe	Poor state and low capacity
	Daily activities available	Lack of programming
	Facility for companions	No option for bringing companions
	Food and clean water is provided and satisfactory	Food and clean water insecurity
QOC	Quality of MWH is satisfactory	Quality of MWH is unsatisfactory
	Quality of care in adjacent or referral health facility is satisfactory	Quality of care in adjacent or referral health facility is unsatisfactory
	Respectful care by health workers	Disrespectful treatment by health workers
	Integration of cultural aspects, e.g. traditional birth practices or assistance by TBA	Culturally inappropriate care, e.g. male health workers, prohibition traditional birth practices
Organization and advocacy	Advocacy by TBAs, community leaders, community workers, SMAGs in community	TBA not willing to refer women to MWH
	Advocacy by health workers in facilities and ANC clinics	Financial deficits, funding not sustainable
	Word-of-mouth promotion of former users	Lack of standardized guidelines
	Increased governmental support	Lack of governmental support
	Incorporation of trained TBAs	Increased workload for health workers
	Active involvement of the community	
	Financial contribution of community	