**Needs Assessment - Women in the community**

About this tool: The assessment is a way to validate assumptions made during the programme design. It is also an opportunity to learn more about the area, from the women who live there, and anything which may influence the implementation of the programme.

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| **G0** | State |  |
| **G1** | *(Enter lower administrative unit)* |  |
| **G2** | Ward |  |
| **G3** | Branch |  |
| **G4** | Date |  |
| **G5** | Interviewer |  |

* Ideally gather 10 women in the community (make sure all ages are represented, however, make sure replies refer to the present situation and not how it was 5 or 10 years ago). **No men should be part of this group.**
* Please briefly introduce the programme and its objectives, including the concept and the purpose of your interview.
* Do not limit yourself to the questions in this questionnaire. If a new question is asked, please enter it as a sub-item (if the question is originated from a former question in the questionnaire) or a new item at the bottom of the questionnaire.
* Please inform the interviewee/s that you may follow up on some of their answers via telephone later. Agree on the person who should be contacted for follow up.
* Please ask if it’s ok to take pictures (of vehicles, motor-parks, health posts if present).

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| **General** | | |
| **W1** | Total number of women taking part in the interview |  |
| **W2** | Age category: how many of you are 12 years old or below? *Raise hands* |  |
| **W3** | Age category: how many of you are between 13 and 25 years old?  *Raise hands* |  |
| **W4** | Do you have children?  How many children do you have?  *Please record number of children per mother* |  |
| **W5** | Age category: how many of you are between 26 and 35 years old?  *Raise hands* |  |
| **W6** | Do you have children?  How many children do you have?  *Please record number of children per mother* |  |
| **W7** | Age category: how many of you are between 35 and 49 years old?  *Raise hands* |  |
| **W8** | Do you have children?  How many children do you have?  *Please record number of children per mother* |  |
| **W9** | How many of you are 50 years old and beyond? |  |
| **W10** | Do you have grandchildren?  How many grandchildren do you have?  *Please record number of grandchildren per grandmother* |  |
| **W11** | Is there among you anyone who is currently pregnant?  What is your age?  When are you expected to deliver your baby? |  |
| **Health seeking behaviours during pregnancy** | | |
| **W12** | How many of you have delivered at the health facility, at least once?  And more than once? |  |
| **W13** | If you are/were pregnant now, would you go and deliver at a health facility? |  |
| **W14** | If yes, why? |  |
| **W15** | If no, why not?  *Please check the following and unpack answers: Transport? Time? Cost? Lack of trust in the system? Cultural reasons?* |  |
| **W16** | If you did/would not deliver at the health facility, who would assist you during delivery? |  |
| **W17** | **If they replied Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA)**, how many TBAs are here in your community? |  |
| **W18** | How do you contact the TBA when in need? |  |
| **W19** | Would you only contact the TBA when in labour or for other reasons too?  If for other reasons, please specify what these reasons are. |  |
| **Emergency** | | |
| **W20** | In case of a pregnancy related emergency, or an emergency for your newborn, would you go to a health facility?  If yes, why? |  |
| **W21** | If no, why not?  *Please check the following and unpack answers: Transport? Time? Cost? Lack of trust in the system? Cultural reasons?* |  |
| **W22** | How far is the closest health facility that you would use? |  |
| **W23** | What type of health facility is it?  *Try to understand the type of facility: Health post, primary health clinic, PHC offering BEOC, general hospital, etc* |  |
| **W24** | If you were to go to the health facility for an emergency, how would you travel there?  *Please check the following: walk, ox cart, motorbike, tricycle (KEKE NAPEP), car, or other (specify)* |  |
| **W25** | If she would go with transport (not walking), how and who would organise transport for you? |  |
| **W26** | Would you want someone to accompany you on the transport? |  |
| **W27** | If yes, who?  *Please check: partner, mother in law, TBA, friend, etc* |  |
| **W28** | How much does it cost you to travel to the health facility normally, **without** emergency?  Is the price different if you/your child are in an emergency? |  |
| **W29** | How would you pay for the transport costs? |  |
| **W30** | Do you save money for emergencies? |  |
| **W31** | If you were pregnant, would you consider make sure you have available some money in order to deliver at health facility?  **If no**, why not? |  |
| **W32** | Have you ever been referred to the general hospital? |  |
| **W33** | Who referred you?  *(doctor, nurse, TBA?)* |  |
| **W34** | Where did they refer you from? |  |
| **W35** | How did you go there?  *Please check the following: walk, ox cart, motorbike, tricycle (KEKE NAPEP), ca, or other (specify)* |  |
| **W36** | If she went with transport (not walking), how and who organised your transport? |  |
| **W37** | How long did it take before the transport came? |  |
| **W38** | What type of transport was it? |  |
| **W39** | Who paid for it? |  |
| **W40** | Did someone accompany you in the journey? |  |
| **W41** | If yes, who?  *Please check: partner, mother in law, TBA, friend, health worker* |  |
| **Transport** | | |
| **W42** | What type of transport is available in your village?  *List all that apply and if possible with number of vehicles/transport. Consider water vehicles too.* |  |
| **W43** | Which one of them would you utilise for a journey to the hospital in case of emergency? |  |
| **W44** | How would you arrange the journey? |  |
| **W45** | Do you have a mobile phone?  **If no**, is there a mobile phone in your household? |  |
| **W46** | **If no**, can you access a mobile phone easily? |  |
| **W47** | Can you get transport at night in an emergency (what type)? |  |
| **W48** | Are there any security concerns travelling at night (in an emergency)? |  |
| **ETS** | | |
| **W49** | What is your opinion of the ETS scheme? |  |
| **W50** | Would there be any impediments for you to use ETS?  *Cultural, security, etc* |  |
| **END OF QUESTIONNAIRE. THANK YOU!** | | |

**Extra notes:**