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Gender Analysis of Health Attitudes and Behaviors: Focus Group Guides for Female RMNCH Service Users or Non-Users

FGD for Female Service Users

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Locality:	Name of Note-taker:
Sub-county:	Participant category: Female Service Users
County:	Age group (circle): 15-18; 19-24; 25-49
Number of participants: #married:	#pregnant: #small children:

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I. Experience with antenatal care services

1. When you were last pregnant (or for your current pregnancy), how many ante-natal care visits did you attend? Why did you choose to attend this many? (*Probe: Who or what else influenced your decision?*)
2. How did your husband/partner feel about your ante-natal care visits? Did he support you to attend? If so, how?
3. Did your husband/partner attend with you? Why or why not? Did you want him to attend with you? Why or why not?
4. What type of provider did you see for your ANC visit? Was it a male or female?
5. How did the provider treat you? (*Probe: If they say "well" or "bad" or another short answer, ask, "What did they do that made you feel that you were being treated well?"*) Did you feel comfortable and respected? Why or why not?

6. Do you think you would have been treated differently if your husband/partner had been with you? Why or why not? *(If most of the women did go to ANC with their partners, ask, "Do you think you would have been treated differently if you had been alone? Why or why not?")*

II. Experience with labor and delivery services

1. Where did you deliver your last baby? (For those who are pregnant for the first time, ask, "Where do you plan to deliver your baby?") What led you to make this decision? (Probe: Who or what else influenced your decision?)
2. For those who delivered in a facility, who accompanied you? Who decided that that person should accompany you? Was there anyone else you would have liked to accompany you? (Probe: If husbands/partners are not mentioned here, ask, "What about your partner?")
3. How did the provider treat you? (Probe: If they say "well" or "bad" or another short answer, ask, "What did they do that made you feel that you were being treated well?") Did you feel comfortable and respected? Why or why not?
4. Do you think you would have been treated differently if your husband/partner had been with you? Why or why not? *(If most of the women did go with their partners, ask, "Do you think you would have been treated differently if you had been alone? Why or why not?")*
5. Based on your experience, what would tell a friend who is trying to decide whether or not to deliver in the same facility?

III. Experience with FP services

1. As part of your ANC, delivery, or PNC services, did you receive counseling about Family Planning? If yes, what were you told?
2. What are your plans for using or not using family planning in the future? What is the reason for this decision?
3. Who do you discuss Family Planning with? Who makes the final decision about whether or not you should use a method, and the type of method?

IV. Experience with nutrition and WASH

1. Who does the following in your household:
 - water collection for home use
 - cleaning the area in and outside the house
 - livestock living in the home compound
2. What are the challenges for children/girls/women in using latrines and accessing menstrual supplies?
3. Do care givers place toddler boys and toddler girls in different settings for play or while the care giver is conducting household chores? If yes, describe those differences.
4. Who determines the type and amount of food given to the boy child? The girl child? *(Probe, what is father's role? What about grandmother/mother-in-law?)*
5. What makes it harder to feed children with a variety of foods (such as meat, milk, green vegetables, fruit)?

6. What does the husband do to support his wife in breastfeeding or feeding young children? (*probe what is the man's role in feeding infants/young children*)

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3. Did your husband/partner attend with you? Why or why not? Did you want him to attend with you? Why or why not?
 - Facilitator note: If no one in the group attended any ANC visits, ask, "Would you have wanted your husband to attend with you? Why or why not?"
4. What type of provider did you see for your ANC visit? Was it a male or female?
 - Facilitator note: Skip if no one in the group attended any ANC visits.
5. How did the provider treat you? (*Probe: If they say "well" or "bad" or another short answer, ask, "What did they do that made you feel that you were being treated well?"*) Did you feel comfortable and respected? Why or why not?
 - Facilitator note: If no one in the group attended any ANC visits, ask, "How do you think providers treat women during their ANC visits? If they give a one word answer, like, "well" or "bad" probe: What do they do that makes you say this?"

6. Do you think women are treated differently if their partners are with them? Why or why not? (If most of the women did go to ANC with their partners, ask, “Do you think women would be treated differently if they go alone to ANC? Why or why not?”)

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3. For those who did not deliver in a facility, who was with you during delivery? Who decided that that person should be with you? Who would you have liked to be with you? (Probe: If husbands/partners are not mentioned here, ask, “What about your partner?”)
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5. Do you think women are treated differently if their partners are with them? Why or why not?
6. Based on your delivery experience, what would tell a friend who is trying to decide whether or not to deliver in a facility?

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1. Have you ever received any counseling about family planning? If yes, when? What were you told?
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