

## **Focus Group Guide for Community Members**

Community Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of community member and number of attendees:

- Chief \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Leader \_\_\_\_\_
- Women of reproductive age \_\_\_\_\_
- TBA/TMs \_\_\_\_\_
- Women currently staying at MWHs \_\_\_\_\_
- Male partners \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us today. We are interested in learning more about maternity waiting homes in Liberia and how they are working here.

- 1) Do you know if community members contribute to supporting the ongoing costs of maternity waiting homes here? Yes / No / Don't know
  - a. Can you tell me more about that? (probe: what type of support, how much, how does it work)
- 2) Are community members involved in the governance of MWHs? Yes / No / Don't know
  - a. Can you tell me more about that? (probe: how are maternity waiting homes governed? how are community members involved? How many community members? How are they selected? Etc.)
- 3) Do you have a formal role in the governance of the Maternity Waiting Home? Yes / No If yes, what is your role?
- 4) Were you involved in the design, construction, or maintenance of the MWH in your community? Yes / No
  - a. Can you tell me more about that? (probe: who was involved in the design and construction of the MWH? Who is involved in the maintenance?)
- 5) Do you think the maternity waiting home affects how you or others in the community think about the health facility?
- 6) What do you think is good about having a Maternity Waiting Home in the community?
- 7) (If female), did you use a MWH for your last delivery? Yes / No
  - a. May I ask, why / why not?
  - b. If Yes: Who decided, you should stay at the MWH? Why?
  - c. What did you bring with you?
- 8) How did you first hear about the Maternity Waiting Home?

- 9) How has awareness of the MWH spread in this community? (probe: Do you think most people know about it? Why / why not?)
- 10) What do you think is the ideal amount of time for women to stay at a maternity waiting home before delivery and after delivery?
- 11) What are things you think that MWHs are doing well?
- 12) What are things you think that MWHs could do better?
- 13) What are things that you think might prevent women from using MWHs?
- 14) Finally, are there ways that you and your community support the MWH?