

Appendix1: Interview guide

Malawian fathers' views and experiences of attending the birth of their child: A qualitative study

Demographic data

Interviewer code _____

Note taker's code _____

Date _____

District _____ Location _____

Time: from _____ to _____

Respondents code:	Age of the last born child
Address/Location	Age of the participant
Ethnicity	Marital status (single) (divorced) (widow) (widower) (co-habiting)
Educational level	Type of marriage (monogamous) (polygamous)
Occupation	Number of children fathered
Partner's parity	Partner's mode of delivery (the labour and childbirth the man attended)

Guiding questions

1. Can you tell me what motivated you to attend your partner's labour and childbirth?

Probe:

- Who motivated you?
- What are the factors that motivated you to attend your partner's labour and childbirth?
- How did you know that you can attend your partner's labour and childbirth?

2. Can you tell me in what aspects of your partner's labour and childbirth care did you participate?

Probe

- Can you tell me how you participated in the aspects of care you have mentioned?
(Make a list of the aspects of care participated in, and mention one by one for the participant to explain how he participated).

3. Can you tell me the experiences you had when you attended your partner's labour and childbirth?

Probe

- Can you tell me more about your positive experiences during labour?
- Can you tell me more about your negative experiences during labour?
- What do you think contributed to the positive experiences you had?
- What do you think contributed to the negative experiences you had?
- Can you tell me how you reacted to the positive experiences you had?
- Can you tell me how you reacted to the negative experiences you had?
- What do you think could be done to enhance the positive experiences?
- What do you think could be done to minimize the negative experiences?