

Title of the manuscript:

Community perception of barriers and facilitators to institutional delivery care-seeking behavior in North West Ethiopia: a qualitative study

Code-book (*Supplementary document 1*)

| Theme | Sub-theme | Code | Code definitions |
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| Barrier to institutional delivery | Pregnancy and child birth is normal life event and women's business | Pregnancy is not risk | The respondents reported that the community/they/ is not fear about the risk of pregnancy |
| | | Pregnancy and child Birth is the concern of women | The respondents reported that the community/they/ considers pregnancy and child birth is for women ,male has not any concern |
| | | Pregnancy is normal life | The respondents reported that the community/they/ is thinking pregnancy as a normal life |
| | | Child birth is normal life event | The respondents reported that the community/they/ is child birth as a normal life |
| | Preference of home delivery with TBAs care | Home delivery | The respondents reported that the community/they/ prefers delivery at home rather than health institutions ire-regardless of the reason |
| | | Assisted by TBA | The respondents reported that the community/they/ birth at home assisted by TBA |
| | Family and cultural influence | Place of delivery decide by women | The respondents reported that mostly the place of delivery in the community decided by the women |
| | | Place of delivery decide by family members | The respondents reported that mostly the place of delivery in the community decided by any family members other than the women |
| | | Cultural practice at home for labor | The respondents reported that the community including the women gives emphasis for the cultural practices at home during labor. |
| | | Home based activity(home management) | The respondents reported that the community including the women highly burdened by home care activity like feeding the children, oxen, cows, hens.... |
| | Fear of bad behavior of healthcare workers | No respecting by the health workers | The respondents reported that the health care workers at health facility wherever is it showing disrespectful activity for women or their family |
| | | Insulting | The respondents reported that the healthcare workers at health facility insulting the women or any relatives at health facility |
| | | Being ignorant for greetings | No good well coming approach at health facility including the administration staffs at health facility |
| | | Less caring behavior | No appropriate caring for the women as well as their families |
| | | Bad facial expression | The facial expression of the health care workers and administrative staffs seems to angry |
| | Lack of resource | Shortage of transport fee | No enough money for transportation of the women and their families |
| | | Lack of waiting home | No enough waiting home at health facility for the |

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| | | Lack of food at health facility | No enough food at health facility for the women as well as their families |
| | | Lack of money | No e money at the hands of women, searching from husbands... |
| Facilitators to institutional delivery | Free maternal services | Presence of Ambulance | There is ambulance services for pregnant women transportation |
| | | Presence of waiting home | There is enough waiting home at health facility to stay until labor |
| | | Free maternity services | All services relating to the pregnancy is free of fee (drug, examination, diagnosis...). |
| | Perceived experience of safe child birth at health facility | No-bleeding at health facility | Birth at health facility is safe and no worried about the bleeding; it can be easily managed by the health worker. |
| | | Clean and hygienic service at health facility | Birth at health facility is hygienic and clean, no contamination, every equipment is safe and free from sharing. |
| | | Less pain labour at health facility | Labour is much less at health facility, no massage as local.. |
| | | Birth at health facility is safe for the baby and women | The women and the baby would be safe if the birth is at health facility with the help of health workers. |
| | | All services at health facility is free | Every services at health facility is free from any cost, no fee for pregnancy and child birth related services |
| | Women's HDA linkage with HEW | Follow-up of pregnant women | Following the status of pregnant women with in the specified working village |
| | | Women HDA discussion | Conducting periodical discussion about the status of the pregnant women with HEW and them selves |
| | | Surveillance of pregnant women | Active surveillance of new pregnant women with in the catchment villages |
| | | Commitment of HDA | Serving the community by taking a sense of ownership |
| | | Broad base | Able to standing alone without any incentives to do the capacity building and mobilization of the large community |
| | | Communication | Making a smart interpersonal communication with the large community |