

## Focus Group Guide for Community Members

**Community Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Maternity Waiting Home:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Nearest Health Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Focus Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Type of Community Member:</b>	<b>Number of Attendees:</b>
● Community Leaders	_____
● Women of reproductive age	_____
● TBA//Parteras	_____
● Community Health Volunteers/Brigadistas	_____
● 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 [country], and how they are working.

- 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
  - a. If yes, what is your role?
  
- 4) Were you involved in the design, construction, or maintenance of the Maternity Waiting Home 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) Did you use a MWH for your last delivery? Yes / No
  - If yes:
    - a. May I ask, why / why not?
    - b. 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 factors do you think influence a mother's choice to utilize the MWHs?
- 12) What factors do you think influence a mother's choice to not utilize the MWHs?
- 13) What are things you think that MWHs are doing well?
- 14) What are things you think that MWHs could do better?
- 15) What are things that you think might prevent people from using MWHs?
- 16) Finally, are there ways that you and your community support the MWH?