

**Interview Guide for Ministry of Health Central/Departmental Levels,  
Municipal Officials, & Other Stakeholders**

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_ National \_\_\_\_ Department

**Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us today. We are interested in learning more about how maternity waiting homes have developed in [country] and how they are functioning. Let me start with a few questions:

- 1) Are maternity waiting homes included in the government strategic planning process? Yes / No / Don't Know
  - a. Can you identify where this is documented for us? May we get a copy?
  - b. How has the government operationalized this strategy?
  
- 2) Is there funding associated with MWHs in the ministry of health budget/department health team budget?
  - a. If yes, how much? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What is the money allocated to support? (e.g. Construction/maintenance/other?)
  - c. What was the total budget allocated to support the construction of and maintenance of Maternity Waiting Homes? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / Don't Know
  - d. How many maternity waiting homes was that for? \_\_\_\_\_ / Don't Know
  - e. Is there any way – other than monetarily - you are supporting MWHs?
  
- 3) Can you tell us how the whole idea for maternity waiting homes came to this area?
  
- 4) Is there a particular model for MWHs that is endorsed or supported by the government?
  - a. Where has the support for building and maintaining the MWHs come from?
  - b. Has this support changed over time?
  
- 5) What do you think is the value of a maternity waiting home?
  
- 6) Do you have any established indicators/data/metrics that you collect from the MWHs?
  
- 7) What type of on-going monitoring and evaluation of MWHs by the government occurs once they have been established?

- 8) What have been some of the particular challenges associated with maternity waiting homes?
- 9) Can you tell us about any specific strategies that maternity waiting homes have used to increase facility delivery or improve outcomes?
- 10) Do you think there are things that MHWs could do better to increase facility delivery or improve outcomes?
- 11) Can you tell us about any lessons learned in the process of implementing maternity waiting homes?
- 12) Can you tell us your perception of the role of MHWs as part of the national MNCH strategy? (*Probe: how committed do you think the government is to MHWs?*)
- 13) Can you tell us your perception of the role of MWHs as part of the services of the Municipal government?