

**Interview Guide and sociodemographic characteristics (Health professionals - community level)**

Date of Interview:		Place of Interview:		Urban:	
Start time:		End time:		Rural:	
Name of Interviewer:		File name/Interview code:		:	
Position of health professional		:			

**Introduction**

- Thank participant for participation and time
- Outline aim of study
- Interview duration approximately 60 minutes
- Ask for open questions/concerns
- Emphasise that participant can choose not to answer any question(s) which makes them feel uncomfortable
- Emphasise that you will ask a question, will listen, not interrupt until participant has finished talking

**Theme: Experiences working with LBW infants and families in the community**

**Invitation to narrate:** Caring for sick and small babies can be rewarding but at the same time also very challenging. I am interested in your experiences. Can you tell me how it is for you to provide care for LBW infants here in this community?

- Typical tasks in the care of LBW infants
- Challenges/stressors in the care of LBW infants & their families
- Parent/family member involvement (family centred care)
- Health professionals/Stakeholder involvement
- Needs/wishes from health professional

**Theme: Referral system**

**Invitation to narrate:** When LBW infants come home, they may fall sick or need routine follow up care.. Can you tell me how you get to know that you have a LBW infant (from the HMH) in your community?

- Function of referral system/referral letter
- People involved in discharge process
- Guidelines/standards (local, international)
- Network/collaboration with Hohoe Municipal hospital (higher level facility)
- Opinion, what challenges parents/caregivers of LBW face after discharge

## Theme: Facilitators/Barriers

**Invitation to narrate:** How is it to work as a nurse/ midwife in this community? What works well, where is improvement needed?

- Staff shortage, Supplies, resource allocation
- Coping technics
- Needs
- Expectations from authorities/policies
- Basic/further education/in-service training
- Recommendations for improvements

## Probing Questions

- That is interesting, can you please tell me more about it?
- If you recall, could you tell me how you learned to handle this xxx
- Would you tell me how you define it, so I have it in your words?
- When you were discussing..... can you tell me how that made you feel?"
- You mentioned earlier that..... can you explore that in a little more detail?"
- You stated that.....can you explain what you meant by that?"
- You said that.....how did that affect you?"

## Theme: At the end of the interview

- Is there something you like to share which I have not ask you about/we have not discussed so far?
- Is there something you like to ask me?
  
- Thank respondent for his/her time, willingness to participate and sharing his/her knowledge
- Ask respondent if he/she is willing, if required, to be interviewed again at a later stage of the research
  - Yes     No
  
- Ask participants if he/she is interested in the results
  - Yes     No

Socio demographics				
Health Professional				
<b>Age of health professional:</b> (thick appropriate box)	<b>years</b>	<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Female</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Male</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Number of years of working:</b> (Total years of working)	<b>years</b>	<b>Number of years working in this position/ward:</b>	<b>years</b>	
<b>Numbers of years working in HMH</b> (specify place/years)		<b>Previous work experiences</b>		
<b>Educational background</b> (specify)		<b>Year/Place of education</b> (specify)		
<b>Further education</b> (e.g special paediatric/neonatal care)		<b>Year/place of education:</b>		