

MODULE 5: PROTOCOL 1F - CONCEPTIONS OF AND RESPONSES TO CHILD MALNUTRITION, ILLNESS AND DEATH

Respondents:

Educated woman with children
Richer uneducated woman with children
Poorer uneducated woman
Traditional birth attendant
Women health worker at health post

Ask for the local terms distinguishing different ages of baby/toddler/child.

RESPONDENT 1

Q1. Open-ended question

Get into a discussion about all the problems that women face in producing and raising children.

Q2. Guided discussion

Ask whether there is a good time in the year for babies to be born and about the effects of seasonality. Also ask about differences between 'good' harvest years and 'bad' harvest years.

Q3. Describe what happens when a woman discovers she is pregnant.

Q4. Are all pregnancies wanted? If not are there ways of getting rid of unwanted pregnancies?

Q5. What happens when women miscarry?

Q6. What do women do if they are not getting pregnant when they wish to?

Q7. How many women are there in the community who have never been pregnant?

Q8. What has happened to them? Describe a case.

Q9. Describe the food which women should eat during pregnancy? Is this different from what women should eat generally? If so describe the differences.

Q10. Are there other special things that a women who is pregnant should do?

Q11. When should she stop working before birth and start working after birth.

Q12. In a good year are there pregnant women who cannot eat the food that they should eat? Roughly what proportion?

Q13. In a bad year are there pregnant women who cannot eat the food that they should eat? Roughly what proportion?

Q14. What effects does this have on the health of the woman?

Q15. Does it have effects on the health of the baby?

Q16. Why are some babies born thin, weak and/or ill?

Q17. Why are some babies born dead?

Q18. How do you know if a baby is likely to grow up to be a strong child and adult?

Q19. How many babies do most women have in their lifetimes?

Q20. On average how many of these survive to be children?

Q21. Do men usually prefer baby boys to baby girls? If so what do they do to show this?

Q22. Do women prefer baby boys to baby girls? If so what do they do to show this?

Q23. When babies are born what are they given to eat?

Q24. Describe what food babies should be fed [*in the first month of life? ... use local categories*]?

Q25. Describe what food babies should be fed up to 6 months old? [*use local categories*]

Q26. Describe what food babies should be fed from 6 months to 1 year? [*use local categories*]

Q27. Describe what food babies should be fed from 1 to 2 years? [*use local categories*]

Q28. In a good year are there babies in the community who cannot eat the food that they should eat? Roughly what proportion?

Q29. In a bad year are there babies who cannot eat the food that they should eat? Roughly what proportion?

Q30. What problems do women have with breast-feeding. Why? and what do they do to try to solve them?

Q31. What happens to babies who cannot get enough to eat?

Q32. What are the main illnesses that babies suffer from?

Q33. When a baby is sick what do the family do to try to cure the illness?

- Q34.** What are the main reasons why babies die?
- Q35.** Are babies of poor people more likely to fall sick and die? If so why?
- Q36.** At what age are babies named properly?
- Q37.** What happens when a baby dies? Where are they buried?
- Q38.** Have you heard of child ‘malnutrition’?
- Q39.** What kinds of food do children [*use local term that applies to those who have stopped being babies*] need in order not to suffer from malnutrition
- Q40.** How do you know if a child is not getting enough to eat? What are the signs in the child?
- Q41.** During the 1980s were there babies/children in the community who died because they did not get enough to eat? Roughly when and how many?
- Q42.** During the 1980s were there babies/children who died from epidemics of illness? Roughly when and how many?
- Q43.** During the 1990s were there babies/children in the community who died because they did not get enough to eat? Roughly when and how many?
- Q44.** During the 1990s were there babies/children who died from epidemics of illness? Roughly when and how many?
- Q45.** Why did some babies/children die and some survive?
- Q46.** In the last three years have any babies/children died because they did not get enough to eat?
- Q47.** In the last three years have any babies/children died from epidemics of illness? What illness? Roughly when and how many?

Add any questions that have occurred to you as a result of your experience in the site or the interview.