

A study to explore child care and feeding practises among working women in the informal work sector

Focus group discussion guide for men

We are trying to understand what men who work alongside women in the informal sector, or who are family members of working women, or (in the case of home-based workers) who are residents of the local community think about the need, importance and ability of working women to care for infants including and, in particular, breast-feeding.

1. What do you think is the role of women in the informal work environment?

Probe: is the role of women different from that of men? Do women have a role? Are there any areas where women should not work?

2. Tell me your views about women working within the informal work environment after they have had a baby?

Probe: is this acceptable?

3. How should babies and young children be cared for while the mother is working?

4. How do you feel about babies being cared for in the workplace?

Probe: How do you feel when you see mothers caring for babies in the work environment? How should mothers feed their babies while they are working? Describe the challenges that mothers may face in bringing a child to the workplace.

5. Describe any situation where you have seen a mother caring for a child in the workplace and how you feel about that?

6. How would you feel if you saw a mother breastfeeding her baby in the work environment?

- 7. What could be done to make it easier for informally working women to care properly for their infant while working?**