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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE HEADS OF MATERNITY UNITS

Page 1: ABOUT THIS STUDY

1. Participant Number (Leave the space blank, to be completed by the data collection team)

1.a./...../2019

Dates need to be in the format 'DD/MM/YYYY', for example 27/03/1980.



(dd/mm/yyyy)

Male partners' attendance at childbirth in Rwandan health facilities: current practice, service level factors, and health providers' views.

Dear Participant,

You are invited to participate in our study titled 'Male partners' attendance at childbirth in Rwandan health facilities: current practice, service level factors, and health providers' views'.

As you will have read in the Participant Information Sheet provided to you, your participation in this study will contribute to obtaining preliminary data on perceptions and attitudes regarding the acceptability and feasibility of male partners' attendance at childbirth in Rwandan health facilities. Your participation will provide data about the extent to which maternity staff in Rwandan health facilities facilitate male partners' attendance at labour and/or birth. It is expected that information from this study may inform policy on male partners' attendance at childbirth if it is the woman's choice. It may also inform interventions targeting barriers to women's choice of birth companion.

Once again, we thank you for taking time to complete this questionnaire.

Consent to participate in the study

You are not required to sign a separate consent form. You will confirm your voluntary participation in the study by ticking **Yes** or **No** below. Once you agree to participate in the study, the return of completed questionnaires will be taken as consent.

2. I am interested to participate in this study.

Yes No

3. If you opted to participate in the study, do you feel comfortable to read and answer all questions in this questionnaire in English language ?

Yes No

If the answer is no, do not continue to the next stage of this survey. Thank you for taking your time to participate in our study.

This questionnaire comprises four sections:

In section 1, you are asked to provide some background information of your health facility.

Section 2 asks you about the current practice of male partners' attendance at childbirth in their health facilities.

Section 3 comprises items about factors determining whether or not health facilities facilitate male partners to attend labour and/or birth.

Section 4 comprises items about health facilities' readiness to facilitate male partners' attendance at childbirth.

4. Section 1 asks you about some contextual information about your health facility.

	Public	Private
1. Please tick from the two types of health facilities which one corresponds to your health facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Health Centre	District Hospital	Referral Hospital	Private (clinic, polyclinic or hospital)
2. Your facility is registered in the Ministry of Health as a:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.a.i.

	General medical doctor (s)	Obstetrician (s)	Registered Midwife (ves)	Registered Nurse (s)	Anaesthetist (s)	Paediatrician(s)
3. Number of staff working in the maternity unit per each set of professional.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Number of beds in the labour room	Number of beds in the delivery room
4. What is the bed capacity of your maternity ward? (Please report the number of the bed capacity in the labour and delivery wards)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Number of births

5. On average, how many births are conducted here per day?

Page 2: Section 2 - Health facilities' current practice of facilitating male partners' attendance at labour and/or birth

5. In this section, you are asked to report your health facility's current practice regarding birth companions, particularly male partners' attendance at childbirth. The first seven questions (Q1.1.1 to 1.1.7) are about birth companions in general. The next nine questions ask you to report about your health facility's practice of male partners' attendance at labour and/or birth (Q1.1.8 up to 1.1.16).

	Yes	No
Q1.1.1. Does your health facility allow women to have birth companions of their choice during childbirth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.1.2. Does your health facility request the woman's consent before permitting a companion of her choice to attend childbirth ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Number of companions allowed
Q1.1.3. How many birth companions does your facility allow to be with the woman during childbirth?	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Husband/partner	Female relative (s)	Female friend	Any other person the woman chooses (please specify):
Q1.1.4. Who does your health facility allow to stay with the woman throughout childbirth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Yes	No

Q1.1.5. Does your health facility have any document such as a policy or protocol on birth companions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.1.6. If the document is available, does the maternity service have a copy of it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.1.7. Does this document provide clear guidance on male partners' attendance at childbirth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Yes	No
Q1.1.8. If it is the woman's choice, does your health facility currently allow male partners to attend labour?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.1.9. If it is the woman's choice, does your health facility currently allow male partners to attend the delivery of the baby?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the answer to **Q1.1.8** and **Q1.1.9** is no, please go to section two (1.2.1).

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	Only during visiting hours	During labour only	During birth only	During labour and birth	Other (please specify):.....
Q1.1.10. When does your health facility permit male partners to enter the maternity ward to be with the woman?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	The male partner is obliged to be present at labour and delivery once he arrives at the health facility	Only when the birth is expected to be normal	If there is a likelihood that the woman will develop complications	Only when the woman is to be transferred to another facility	Caesarean Section	Other, please specify:..... ...
Q1.1.11. Under what condition do you permit male partners to attend childbirth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Yes	No
Q1.1.12. When the male partner is allowed to attend the childbirth, do you provide him with information about labour support?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.1.13. Is the male partner asked to leave the room for routine procedures during labour such as examination of the abdomen and vaginal examination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.1.14. Does your health facility inform the male partner on what to expect during his stay in the delivery room?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.1.15. Does your health facility organise specific antenatal classes to prepare male partners to provide support during childbirth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.1.16. Does your health facility have any form of recording how many male partners attend childbirth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q1.1.17. Does your health facility provide maternity staff with educational resources related to male partners' attendance at childbirth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.1.18. Does your health facility collaborate with any external organisations to train maternity staff about male partners' attendance at childbirth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Page 3: Section 3 -Factors determining whether or not health facilities encourage male partners' attendance at labour and/or birth

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	1.Strongly disagree	2.Disagree	3.Neither agree nor disagree	4.Agree	5.Strongly agree
Q1.2.1. Maternity staff at this facility are not aware of the woman's right to have a birth companion of her choice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.2. Maternity staff at this facility may worry that male partners would criticize the care provided to the woman during childbirth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.3. Our labour rooms do not offer sufficient privacy to enable male partners to attend labour.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.4. Our delivery rooms do not offer sufficient privacy to enable male partners to attend the delivery of the baby.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.5. The high workload of our maternity staff does not enable them to facilitate male partners to attend childbirth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.6. Maternity staff at this facility fear that allowing male partners to attend childbirth may spread infection to the woman and the baby.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q1.2.7. Maternity staff in this facility have limited training on facilitating male partners' attendance at childbirth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.8. Our facility lacks amenities such as toilets and beds for male partners who may wish to stay overnight with their wives/partners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.9. Our facility does not encourage male partners' presence at childbirth because they may become aggressive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.10. Staff at our facility are worried about male partners' attendance because they fear being reported for mistreatment to an authority such the Ministry of Health.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.11. Our health facility does not encourage male partners' attendance at childbirth because our focus of care is the woman and the baby.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.12. Male partners' presence at childbirth distracts maternity staff from attending to the mother during childbirth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.2.13. Our health facility does not encourage male partners' attendance at childbirth because we consider birth companionship to be a female role.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q1.2.14. Our health facility does not encourage male partners to attend childbirth because men are not culturally expected to be present at childbirth.



Page 4: Section 4 -Health facilities' readiness to facilitate male partners' attendance at childbirth

7. This section asks you to report on your health facility's readiness to facilitate male partners' attendance at childbirth.

	Yes	No	Do not know
Q1.3.1. Our health facility has started to encourage male partners' attendance at childbirth if it is the woman's choice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered yes to **Q1.3.1**, only answer **Q1.3.2**, **Q1.3.3**, **Q1.3.4** and **Q1.3.5**.

If the answer to **Q1.3.1** is **no** or **does not know**, answer all questions from **Q1.3.6** to **Q1.3.11**.

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	Yes	No	Do not know
Q1.3.2. Allowing male partners' attendance at childbirth is one of our facility's core values.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.3.3. There is a high demand for male involvement in childbirth from couples attending this facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.3.4. We face challenges in encouraging male partners to attend childbirth in our facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.3.5. Managers of our health facility are committed to sustaining male partners' attendance at childbirth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.3.6. Our health facility is considering encouraging male partners to attend childbirth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.3.7. We believe that allowing male partners to attend childbirth will change men's perceptions of childbirth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.3.8. We believe that implementing male partners' attendance at childbirth will enable our health facility to involve men in other safe motherhood programmes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q1.3.9. Introducing male partners' attendance at childbirth will require our facility to organise specific antenatal classes for them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.3.10. Our health facility is ready to put in place guidelines to facilitate male partners' attendance at childbirth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1.3.11. There is a plan for our health facility to make more staff available to enable our maternity unit to facilitate male partners' attendance at childbirth if it is the woman's choice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Thank for the time you provided to us in completing this questionnaire.
