PROVIDER INTERVIEW GUIDE

PURPOSE

The Provider Interview Guide assesses the quality of offering the innovation in a service setting by collecting information on a provider's prior training, provider knowledge, and experiences offering the innovation in relation to similar services. When compiled, the results provide information on the quality of services provided during scale-up, such as the percentage of providers correctly offering the innovation in a given district.

HOW IT WAS DEVELOPED AND USED

IRH selected relevant questions from the Measure DHS Service Provision Assessment (SPA) tool and added Standard Days Method® (SDM)-specific questions.

The provider interview was administered twice in most countries: at baseline or midline, and at endline, as part of a full scale facility assessment on SDM (see Facility Assessment Tool). Service delivery sites were randomly selected to allow for later generalization of findings. Interviewers randomly selected a family planning provider to interview. The provider interview is a standalone module that can be administered to providers without also conducting a full-scale facility assessment.

The results provided useful planning information at baseline and midline, identifying geographic areas where service quality was low and required additional attention to supervision and training. One question allowed for assessment of provider bias against SDM, which was shared with the resource team to develop strategies to remedy the situation. Baseline data also allowed for refinement of benchmarking relating to the extent of trained providers and extent of service delivery points offering SDM.

Endline data measured gaps in the quality of services and was used for advocacy purposes.

VALUES

The tool's construction represents the value of quality services (its main aim) but also collects information related to informed choice.

Providers are asked about other methods in addition to SDM, and are asked indirectly about bias towards SDM which could potentially affect informed consent.

LESSONS LEARNED

- It would have been useful to apply the provider interview tool at multiple points during the scale-up process, to gather data on whether service quality was changing during scale-up and to allow sufficient time to act to resolve quality issues.
- Ideally this tool would be applied to samples
 of providers which correspond to
 supervision/managerial areas, so the data
 could be fed back into programs.
- Adding an innovation to existing services
 can mean more work for providers. Some
 providers may not immediately embrace or
 appreciate the value of the innovation.
 Thus, it is important to include one or two
 questions relating to innovation bias, so that
 additional studies can be conducted to
 understand the bases of bias and actions
 can be taken to address the root cause on
 a systems level.
- Look for other studies being conducted that may provide information useful to the scaleup process. Other organizations may conduct SPAs during the scale-up phase, which may eliminate the need for special or additional data collection efforts.

KEY REFERENCES & RESOURCES

Measure DHS | Service Provision Assessment (SPA). http://www.measuredhs.com/What-We-Do/Survey-Types/SPA.cfm

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FAM PROJECT ENDLINE: PROVIDER INTERVIEW						
[NAME OF COUNTRY]						
		IDENTIFICATION				
Health facility visite	d (name)					
HEALTH FACILITY CO	DDE					
REGION						
URBAN/RURAL (URB	AN=1, RURAL=2)					
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SDM SERVICE PROVISION AND TRAINING				
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP	
100	SELECT THE DESIGNATION OF STAFF MEMBER TO BE INTERVIEWED	DOCTOR 1 NURSE 2 NURSE AUXILARY 3 MIDWIFE 4 OTHER 6		
		(SPECIFY)		
101	First, I would like to ask you some questions on family plan and the training you received in the past.	Ining I		
	How long have you been working here at this facility? IF LESS THAN 1 YEAR, ENTER '00'	YEARS		
102	How many years ago did you receiv e your initial family p training?	Dlanning YEARS		
	IF LESS THAN 1 YEAR, ENTER '00'	NEVER TRAINED 7—	104	
103	Did your initial family planning training, whether during or school, cover the following methods:	rafter YES NO		
	a) SDM (Cyclebeads)?	SDM 1 2		
	b) Information on LAM?	LAM 1 2		
	c) Condoms?	CONDOMS 1 2		
	d) injectables?	INJECTABLES 1 2		
	e) Pills?	PILLS 1 2		
	f) IUD \$	IUD 1 2		
	g) Sterilization?	STERILIZATION		
	h) Other?	OTHER 1 2		
		(SPECIFY)		
104	Now, I would like to ask you some questions about the SDM (CycleBeads).			
	Have you heard of the SDM (CycleBeads)?	YES	→ 106	
105	When did you receive your last training on SDM (Cycleb	ea DAYS 1	107	
	IF DAYS CIRCLE 1, AND WRITE NUMBER OF DAYS. IF WEEKS CIRCLE 2 AND WRITE NUMBER OF WEEKS. IF MONTHS CIRCLE 3 AND WRITE NUMBER OF MONTHS.	WEEKS 2	▶ 107	
	IF YEARS CIRCLE 4 AND WRITE NUMBER OF YEARS. IF NEVER TRAINED, CIRCLE 995	MONTHS 3	▶ 107	
		YEARS 4	→ 107	
		NEVER TRAINED		
106	Would you like to be trained in the SDM (Cyclebeads)?	YES		
107	In the last year have you provided SDM in your health fo	aci YES		
108	In the last 3 months have you provided SDM in your hed	Ith YES	▶ 110	
109	Why not?			

110	a) CHECK 105 TRAINING IN SDM UP TO 1 YEAR AGO b) CHECK 107 OFFERING SDM IF a) OR b) IS CHECKED YESGO TO 111	>143
111	Besides the SDM, in the last 3 months have you provided family planning methods to clients?	O YES
112	In the last 3 months have you provided:	YES NO
	a) Condoms?	CONDOMS 1 2
	b) Injectables?	INJECTIBLES 1 2
	c) Pills?	PILLS 1 2
	d) IND §	IUD 1 2
	e) Sterilization?	STERILIZATION
	f) Emergency Contraception?	EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION 1 2
	g) Other?	OTHER 1 2 (SPECIFY)
113	Do you know if SDM is included in the family planning protocol of your health facility?	YES

	SDM (Cyclebeads) CC	DUNSELING	
No	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP
114	I w ould like to ask you some questions on how you counsel w omen on the SDM (Cyclebeads) in this health facility/clinic.		
	Please explain to me how you would teach a woman to use SDM (Cyclebeads). OFFER CYCLEBEADS TO SUPPORT THE EXPLANATION AND ASK THE PROVIDER TO GET MATERIALS NEEDED FOR COUNSELING.		
	MARK 1 (YES) ON THE ITEMS MENTIONED BY THE PROVIDER AND 2 (NO) ON THOSE NOT MENTIONED.)		
	a. CycleBeads represent the menstrual cycle	YES	
	b. On the first day of your period, move the ring to the RED bead	YES	
	c. Mark the first day of your period on your calendar	YES	
	d. Move the ring to the next bead every day	YES	
	e. Alw ays move the ring in the direction of the arrow	YES	
	f. During the white bead days, you can get pregnant g. Abstain from sex or use a condom on white	YES 1 NO 2 YES 1	
	bead days h. During the brown bead days, a pregnancy is not likely	NO	
	i. At the start of your next period, move the ring to the red bead	NO 2 YES 1 NO 2	
	j. If your period starts before the ring is on the dark brown bead, your cycle is too short to use this method	YES	
	k. If your period does not start the day after you put the ring on the last brown bead, your cycle is too long for this method	YES	
15	OBSERVE THE MATERIALS THAT THE PROVIDER USES TO COUNSEL ON SDM (Cyclebeads). CIRCLE ALL MATERIALS USED TO COUNSEL ON SDM	CYCLEBEADS A CALENDAR B INSERT/INSTRUCTIONS C CHECKLIST/JOB AIDS D	
	(Cyclebeads)	FLIPCHART E	
		OTHER X (SPECIFY)	
	w ill ask you more questions about counseling clients on SDM (CycleBoons but I w ill ask them again.	eads). You may have already answered some of these	,
16	What should a w oman do if she does not remember w hether or not she has moved the ring?	CHECK THE DAY SHE HAS MARKED ON HER CALENDAR	
	CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	COUNT HOW MANY DAYS HAVE GONE BY SINCE THE FIRST DAY OF HER PERIOD B	
		MOVE THE RING AS MANY BEADS AS COUNTED DAYS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF HER PERIOD	
		NONE OF THE ABOVE. D DON'T KNOW. Z	
17	What requirements must a woman meet to use SDM (Cyclebeads)?	HER CYCLE IS USUALLY 26 to 32 DAYS LONG	
	CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	HER PERIOD COMES ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	
		HER PERIOD COMES WHEN SHE EXPECTS C THE WOMAN AND HER PARTNER CAN ABSTAIN OR USE A CONDOM ON THE DAYS SHE CAN PREGNANT D	
		NONE OF THE ABOVE	

	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES		Sł	(IP
118	How do you know if a woman's cycle is the right length to use SDM (Cyclebeads)? Anything else? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	HER PERIOD COMES WHEN SHE EXPECTS IT YOU CALCULATED THE NUMBER OF DAYS BETWEEN THE FIRST DAY OF HER LAST PERIOD AND THE DAY SHE EXPECTS HER NE PERIOD TO BE ABOUT A MONTH APART NONE OF THE ABOVE			
119	What would you advise a woman who wants to use SDM (Cyclebeads) but does not know the length of her cycle?	OFFER HER THE METHOD			
	CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED		С		
		ASK HER IF HER PERIODS COME	D E		
		ASK HER IF HER PERIODS COME ABOUT ONCE A MONTH.	F		
		REFER HER TO A HEALTH FACILITY	G X		
		(SPECIFY) DON'T KNOW	z		
120	What do you do if she says that her periods come generally around the date expected every month?	TELL HER TO RETURN WHEN SHE HAS HER PERIOD. TELL HER TO TRACK HER CYCLES. REFER HER TO THE HEALTH FACILITY			
121	If a woman meets the requirements for using SDM (CycleBeads) and remembers the date of her last period, when can she start using SDM (CycleBeads)?	IMMEDIATELY	1 2 8		
122	If a woman meets the requirements for using SDM (CycleBeads) and does NOT remember the date of her last period, when can she start using SDM (CycleBeads)?	IMMEDIATELY	1 - 2 8 -	→	124 124
123	What do you advise her to do in the meantime? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	(SPECIFY)	В		
124	If a woman meets the requirements for using SDM (Cyclebeads), but does not remember the first day of her last period, do you give her a set of CycleBeads?	YES NO	1 2 3 8		

	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP
125	When can a w oman w ho is breastfeeding or postpartum start using SDM (Cyclebeads)? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	WHEN SHE HAS HAD AT LEAST 4 PERIODS SINCE HER BABY WAS BORN	A B C D Z
126	Can a woman who recently used hormonal contraceptives use SDM (CycleBeads)? If RESPONDENT SAYS "YES", ASK "CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT?"	YES	2

NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP
127	When counseling women on family planning, do you tell them about SDM (Cyclebeads) all of the tir most of the time, some of the time, or rarely?	ALL OF THE TIME. 1 = mc MOST OF THE TIME. 2 = SOME OF THE TIME. 3 RARELY. 4	
128	Why do you think you do not tell clients about SDM (Cyclebeads) more often? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	CLIENTS DON'T ASK FOR IT	
129	In general, when you tell clients about SDM (Cyclebed are they interested in learning more about the method		
130	After they learn more about SDM (Cyclebeads), do mo clients decide to use the method?	NO	132
131	Why do you think some clients who express initial interest in the SDM (Cyclebeads), later decide not to adopt/uthe method? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED		
132	Does the SDM (Cyclebeads) have any advantages?	YES	134 134
133	What are they? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED If RESPONDENT SAYS "NATURAL", ASK 'CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU MEAN BY "NATURAL"?'	EASY TO USE. A EFFECTIVE B NO SIDE EFFECTS/HEALTH EFFECTS. C INVOLVES PARINER. D PARTNER LIKES THE METHOD. E NO RESUPPLY. F DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH BREAST- FEEDING. G CONSISTENT WITH RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. H NONE. I OTHER X (SPECIFY)	
134	Does the SDM (Cyclebeads) have any disadvantage	s\$ YES	136 136
135	What are they? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	DIFFICULT TO USE	
136	Did you find any part of providing SDM (Cyclebeads) services difficult?	YES	→ 138

137	What? (IF YES, WRITE 2 MAIN DIFFICULTIES)	
138	Would you use the SDM (Cyclebeads)?	YES
139	Do you think this method is easy to use?	YES
140	Do you think this method is more or less effective than:	MORE LESS SAME DON'T KNOW
	a) Condoms?	CONDOMS 1 2 3 8
	b) Pill?	PILL 1 2 3 8
	c) Injectables?	INJECTABLES 1 2 3 8
141	Now I would like to ask you a few questions on how you record SDM (Cyclebeads) users. Have you ever recorded a SDM (Cyclebeads) user?	YES
142	When do you record a woman as an SDM (Cyclebe user?	
	a) When she received CycleBeads	WHEN SHE RECEIVES CYCLEBEADS
	b) When she is counseled on the SDM (Cyclebeads)	WHEN SHE IS COUNSELED ON SDM (Cyclebeads) 1 2
	c) When she is both counseled and receiv es CycleBeads	WHEN SHE IS BOTH COUNSELED AND RECEIVES CYCLEBEADS
	d) When she returns for a follow-up visit	WHEN SHE RETURNS FOR A FOLLOW-UP VISIT
	e) When she receiv es a calendar	WHEN SHE RECEIVES A CALENDAR

	LAM SERVICE PROVISION AND TRAINING				
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP		
143	Now, I would like to ask you some questions on LAM.				
	Have you heard of LAM?	YES	→ 145		
144	When did you receive your last training on LAM?	DAYS1	→ 146		
	IF DAYS CIRCLE 1, AND WRITE NUMBER OF DAYS. IF WEEKS CIRCLE 2 AND WRITE NUMBER OF WEEKS. IF MONTHS CIRCLE 3 AND WRITE NUMBER OF MONTHS.	WEEKS 2	→ 146		
	IF YEARS CIRCLE 3 AND WRITE NUMBER OF YEARS. IF NEVE TRAINED, CIRCLE 995	MONTHS 3	→ 146		
		YEARS4	→ 146		
		NEVER TRAINED			
145	Would you like to be trained in LAM?	YES 1 NO 2			
146	In the last 3 months have you provided information on LA	M8 YES NO			
		LAM 1 2	if yes, 148		
147	Why have you not been able to provide information on L. to clients?	 AM 			
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	LAM CO	DUNSELING		
NO	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	8	KIP
148	CHECK 146			
	OFFER LAM DOES NOT OFFER			
	LAM LAM		1	77
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149	Next, I w ould like to ask you some questions on how			
	LAM counseling is provided in this health facility/clinic.			
	Do you know if LAM is included in the family planning	YES		
	protocol of your facility?	NO	2	
150	What are the conditions a woman needs to fulfill to			
	use LAM correctly?	SHE HAS NOT HAD HER PERIOD YET	A	
	PROBE: Anything else?	BREASTFEEDING HER BABY		
	CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	BABY IS NOT YET 6 MONTHS OLD		
		METHOD WHEN ANY ONE OF THE CRITERIA IS NO LONGER MET	D	
			_	
		OTHER(SPECIFY)	×	
		DON'T KNOW	z	
151	Do you use any materials to explain LAM to women?	YES	1 2 1	52
		NO	2 -	53
52	What materials do you use?	CLIENT CARD		
	(PROBE: PLEASE SHOW ME THESE MATERIALS)	PROVIDER JOB AID/ MEMORY CARDBROCHURE		
	CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED		x	
		(SPECIFY)	^	
53	What advice do you give women about how to exclusively	BREASTFEED WHENEVER THE CHILD IS		
00	breastfeed?	HUNGRY/THIRSTY	А	
		GIVE YOUR CHILD ONLY BREASTMILK	В	
	PROBE: Explain CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	BREASTFEED EVEN WHEN THE CHILD OR YOU ARE SICK	С	
	OIL OLE / LEE IVIE VITO VED	AVOID USING BOTTLES AND ARTIFICIAL		
		NIPPLES	D	
		OTHER	x	
		(SPECIFY)		
154	Are there benefits to exclusive breastfeeding?	YES	1	
154	Are there benefits to exclusive breastreeding:	NO	2 - 1	56
155	What do you tell women about the benefits of breastfeeding?	BREASTFEEDING IS GOOD FOR THE CHILD'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	_	
	or odoti ooding:	BREASTFEEDING IS GOOD FOR HEALTH OF	^	
	CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED		В	
		BREASTFEEDING PROTECTS CHILDREN AGAINST ILLNESS AND DISEASE		
		BREASTFEEDING PROTECTS AGAINST		
		PREGNANCY BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT MOTHER-CHILD	D	
		BONDINGBONDING	E	
		ECONOMICAL/NO FORMULA TO BUY		
			×	
		(SPECIFY)	_	
		DON'T KNOW	_	

156	What advice do you give women who no longer meet the LAM criteria? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	IMMEDIATELY USE ANOTHER METHOD	
157	What family planning methods are recommended for breastfeeding women? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	FEMALE STERILIZATION. A MALE STERILIZATION. B IUD. C INJECTABLES. D IMPLANTS. E CONDOM. F FEMALE CONDOM. G DIAPHRAGM. H FOAMJELLY I LACTATIONAL AMEN. METHOD. J RHYTHM. K STANDARD DAYS METHOD. L WITHDRAWAL M EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION. N PILL (COMBINED HORMONES). O PILL (PROGESTIN ONLY). P OTHER X	
158	What advice do you give HIV-positive women about breastfeeding? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	BREASTFEED EXCLUSIVELY FOR 3-6 MONTHS	

	LAM COUNSELING AND HMIS				
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP		
159	Do you offer antenatal care? OFFER ANTENATAL DOES NOT OFFER ANTENATAL CARE		163		
160	Do you offer LAM during antenatal care? OFFER LAM DURING ANTENATAL CARE DOES NOT OFFER LAM DURING ANTENATAL CARE		163		
161	When counseling women on family planning during antenatal care, do you tell them about LAM all of the most of the time, some of the time, or rarely?	ALL OF THE TIME. 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1			
162	Why don't you discuss LAM with your clients more ofte during antenatal care? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	DONT THINK LAM IS EFFECTIVE. A ONLY TEMPORARY. B WOMEN DON'T BREASTFEED EXCLUSIVELY. C LAM IS A MATERNAL/CHILD HEALTH ISSUE. D NOT TRAINED TO EXPLAIN LAM. E NO TIME TO EXPLAIN LAM. F OTHER X (SPECIFY)			
163	Do you offer postnatal care? OFFER POSTNATAL DOES NOT OFFER CARE POSTNATAL CARE		169		
164	Do you offer LAM during postnatal care? OFFER LAM DURING POSTNATAL CARE DOES NOT OFFER LAM DURING POSTNATAL CARE		169		
165	When counseling women on tamily planning during postnatal care, do you tell them about LAM all of the most of the time, some of the time, or rarely?	ALL OF THE TIME			
166	Why don't you discuss LAM with your clients more offe during postnatal care? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	DON'T THINK LAM IS EFFECTIVE			
167	When you tell clients about LAM, are they usually inte in learning more about the method?	res YES. 1 - 2 NO. 2 SOME ARE, SOME ARE NOT. 3 DON'T KNOW. 8 -			
168	Why do you think some women don't want to use LAN	A? LACK OF INFORMATION			
169	Does LAM have any advantages¥	YES. 1 NO 2 - DON'I KNOW 8 -	→1/1 →1/1		

170	W. J. W. O.	NATURAL ALO SIDE EFFECTS		
170	What are they?	NATURAL/NO SIDE EFFECTS		
	CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	EFFECTIVE		
		GOOD FOR BABY/MOTHER'S HEALTH D		
		GOOD FOR MOTHER-BABY BONDING E ECONOMICAL/ NO FORMULA TO BUY F		
		OTHER X		
		(SPECIFY)		
171	Does LAM have any disadvantages?	YES1		
		NO		
172	What are they?	NOT OFFERED A DIFFICULT TO BREASTFEED EXCLUSIVELY. B		
	CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	NOT EFFECTIVE C		
		TEMPORARY		
		OTHER X		
		(SPECIFY)		
173	Have you tound any part ot providing LAM services o			
		NO 2 → 175		
174	What?			
	(WKITE 2 MAIN DIFFICULTIES)			
175	Now, I would like to end the interview with a few que	·		
	how you record LAM users. Hav e you ev er recorded a LAM user?	YES		
176	When do you record a woman as a LAM user?			
	READ THE OPTIONS BELOW AND CIRCLE YES/NO.			
	a) When she states she breastfeeds for birth spacing	Y N WHEN SHE STATES SHE BREASTFEEDS		
	a,	FOR BIRTH SPACING		
	b) When her menstrual period has not returned	WHEN HER MENSTRUAL PERIOD HAS		
	·	NOT RETURNED		
	c) When she is fully or nearly fully breastfeeding	WHEN SHE IS FULLY OR NEARLY FULLY		
		BREASTFEEDING		
	d) When her child is less than 6 months old	WHEN HER CHILD IS LESS THAN 6		
		MONTHS OLD 1 2		
	e) When she states she is breastfeeding	WHEN SHE STATES SHE IS		
		BREASTFEEDING		
	f) When she has been counseled on LAM	WHEN SHE HAS BEEN COUNSELED		
		ON LAM 1 2		
	g) When she has been counseled on LAM and received WHEN SHE HAS BEEN COUNSELED			
	a client card/brochure	ON LAM AND RECEIVED A CLIENT CARD/ BROCHURE 1 2		
	h) When she says she is using LAM	WHEN SHE SAYS SHE IS USING LAM 1 2		
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	i) Other	OTHER 6 (\$PECIFY)		
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