Introductory Script (follows full verbal consenting process):

Read verbatim: ["Hello. My name is ________________________. Thank you for agreeing to an interview today. We are interested to hear about your experiences with HIV testing and care for young people, specifically young males.

I want to remind you that the information you share is confidential. What you say will not be connected back to you. While the information gathered during this interview will be combined with other interviews and shared with the donors and the Ministry of Health; no one will know who said it, when it was said or where it was said. There are no ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ answers. We are interested in what you think and your experiences. Please feel free to ask me any questions if something is unclear.”]

Part 1 - General information
Establishing rapport and interview context...

a) Please tell me your role (and if applicable rank) within the health facility?
b) How long have you worked in this facility?
c) Based on your experience, what do you feel are the major factors affecting the uptake of HIV testing and care among young males in this facility?
[Probes]
• Overcrowding / infrastructure
• Equipment and other tools to diagnose and treat HIV-infected and HIV-exposed youth
• Stock-outs of ARVs
• Stigma
• Poverty
• Availability / shortages of health workers
• Access / timely / quality health care
• Depression / Psychological issues

Part 2 - Experiences of health care providers with HIV testing and care
I would now like to ask some questions about your experience with HIV testing and care among young people, specifically males.
a) Can you describe the benefits of a HIVST vending machine from your own perspective?
[Probes]
• Perceived timeliness / efficiency of testing and result reporting
• Perceived timeliness of ART initiation for HIV-infected youth
• Acceptability of HIV testing using this platform
• Attitudes of parent/guardians towards the vending machine
b) How would such a machine impact your work?
c) How do you think the parent/guardians would react to their child using a HIVST from a vending machine?
d) Do you think this machine would have any unexpected effects including decreasing or increasing pressure on the health facility to provide ART, HIV testing and counselling and/or other HIV services?
• Please describe
e) What operational issues would need to be addressed to make such a machine possible/available in many areas?
f) Are there any issues related to this project that I haven’t asked about that you would like to raise?