

## Appendix B: Initial Interview Guide

1. Can you tell me what your involvement in this maternity waiting home (MWH) programme has been?
2. What do you consider the outcomes of the MWH programme to have been for women who have used it? How about for their families? Their communities?
3. Can you give an example of [the outcome named in the previous question]?
4. Do you think that the outcomes have been the same for all MWH users? In what ways have they been different? Have those differences been specific to a certain group of MWH users (e.g., younger vs. older women, poorer vs. wealthier women, those with other children vs. those with no other children?)
5. We are interested in finding out about how 1) MWH characteristics, 2) health facility characteristics 3) community engagement facilitates or inhibits successful MWH implementation. How, if at all, do you think these elements impact successful MWH implementation? Why is that?
6. Do you think a woman's previous birth experience or level of contact with the healthcare system changes the way in which she thinks about using or uses an MWH? In what ways? Can you provide examples?
7. There is a theory that community engagement influences MWH success or failure, and we think it probably works differently in different places and/or for different communities. One idea is that when communities are involved in the planning, design, operation, program delivery, maintenance, or governance of a MWH, through both paid and voluntary service, then a sense of responsibility and investment in the success of the MWH develops, leading to a well-used, sustainable MWH. Has it worked at all like this in the MWH you are involved in? Why do you think that is?
8. What is it about the way the MWH programme was implemented that made a difference to how it worked?
9. We have seen MWHs work differently in different places. What is it about this location that makes it work [well, less well]?
10. If you could change something about the MWH programme you are involved with, to make it work more effectively, what would you change and why?
11. What else do you think we need to know, to really understand how this MWH programme has worked in this location?

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