

Let's Chat Project, Malawi 1999

The Role of Informal Conversations on Fertility and AIDS Behavior in Malawi

Guidelines

STARTING:

- Name and why you're here: to talk more about some of the things we talked about last year
- What going to talk about
- That will you will record—o.k.?
- Confidential

FAMILY SIZE

- Get them to compare their own family and the family of their parents
- What people in the village say about people who have many children, like 8 or more?
- What people in the village say about people who have only a few, like 3- 4?
- Last conversation about whether it is good idea to have many children.
- Last conversation about whether it is a good idea to have fewer children

When chatting about past conversations, always find out:

- What did each person say?
- Who was each person?
- When?
- Where?
- Anybody else there?

Find out if talked with an elderly relative about your family size?

- Ask about the conversation
- If no conversation, find out why not

Find out if respondent talked with spouse about the number of children they should have.

- Ask about the conversation
- If no talk with spouse, find out why not

FAMILY PLANNING

Find out if respondent knows or has heard about someone who uses family planning
- Find out about the conversation

Find out if they can remember the first time they heard about modern family planning.
- Find out how they heard about it. If it was in a conversation, ask about the conversation. If it was from the radio, find out if they talked to anyone about it then.

Find out if they can remember the first person they knew who used modern methods of family planning.

- Find out how they learned about this, and ask about the conversation

- Last conversation about family planning

- Find out if respondent knows or has heard about someone who uses/used family planning secretly, ask about the conversation

- Find out if respondent has talked with spouse about family planning

- For users of FP, find out how the decision to use family planning was arrived at

- For non users find out if they considered using and how they decided not to use

- Find out what people say about traditional methods? Modern methods?

AIDS

- Find out what people say about how to avoid getting AIDS

Find out what people say about how one can tell who might be infected and who is not
- last conversation about this

- Find out if respondent has talked with spouse about AIDS and what was the conversation.

- Find out if respondent has talked with someone who is worried about getting AIDS from a spouse

NETWORK PARTNERS

Family Planning: Find out why they chose these people to talk with about family planning

AIDS: Find out why they chose these people to talk with about AIDS

If names in family planning and AIDS were different, ask why they talk with different people about these things.