**FORM 1C. Focus Group Discussion Guide: Health workers and community health workers**

# Socio-demographic and interview information

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# Theme 1: Identification and care of small and early babies

1. Are babies usually weighed in a facility? What about at home? How long after birth are they usually weighed?
2. How accurate do you think the weight is?
3. What are the main reasons babies are not weighed for facility deliveries? For home deliveries?
4. Under what weight a baby would be considered small?
5. What problems can babies born too early have? What about small babies?
6. What do you think is the best care for an early baby in the facility? What about for a small baby? **Probe:** Feeding, warmth?
7. What care is actually provided in facilities? **Probe:** Feeding, warmth?
8. What are the challenges in providing care for small or early babies?

**Theme 2: Experience with and reaction to KMC**

1. Have you ever heard of keeping a small or early baby close to mother’s body with the skin of the baby in contact with that of the mother? **Probe:** Where? What did you hear? Do you know what this is called?
2. Do you know how it is done? For how long? Where?
3. Is it easy to do it?
4. What do you think are the benefits of keeping a baby like this in the facility? What do you think are the problems for the baby, mother, health worker?
5. We want to give this practice a name that people will easily understand, what would you call this? What about ‘LOCAL TERM?’.
6. Is this practice promoted in this area? **If yes:** have there been any challenges? What are the most important lessons that have be learned about promoting this practice?
7. Do you think HW/CHWs have the required expertise/experience and logistics to implement this practice in this area? **Probe:** Training, space, equipment, time, supervision, administrative support etc.
8. This practice should be started at a health facility and continued at home. How do you think we can be ensured that this practice continues at home?

**Theme 3: Site specific questions on discharge and referral (HWs)**

1. When the babies are usually discharged after birth? Is the policy the same for small or early babies? How well is this policy followed?
2. For what reasons would a newborn be referred to a higher facility? What is the process? How well does the referral system work?

**Theme 4: Site specific questions on identification and referral (CHWs)**

1. How do CHWs know a baby has been delivered? On which day do they usually find out?
2. Do most women receive home visits after deliver within X days? What are the main reasons families may not receive a visit?
3. For what reasons would a newborn be referred to a facility? What is the referral process? How well does the referral system work?

**Theme 5: Site specific questions related to optimizing the planned interventions**

**To be added (site specific)!!**

1. How long have you been an HEW here and tell us your impressions about newborn/preterm/LWB Babies?
2. What is the weekly schedule for your work and any task you do for Preterm/LWB babies?
3. What has been keeping you busy?
4. WHY some MOTHERS DONOT LIKE/practice KMC and why others do? Why some do littlie?
5. Any cultural/traditional healthcare practices you know for preterm/LWB babies in Sidama Zone? (Probe: on its barrier/enabling situation!
6. What happens after return home for KMC mothers

**Theme 6. Recommendations and suggestions to expand KMC services at community and health facility levels**

1. What mechanisms we can use you think we can bring home born premature/LBW babies to KMC hospitals?
2. How do you think that HEWs/HDAs improve homebirth reports to facilities/HMIS
3. How do you think we can improve the practice of weighing babies at Health post level, and HCs?
4. What are the possible mechanisms which by we can learn to increase baby weighing/ **baby births registration**/birth identification /speed of referral systems in the health systems (community level)...HDAs, HEWs. ?
5. What incentive can we put in place for families to report home births?
6. How do you think we can increase motivation of HAD or HEW to do home visit and record birth weight?