

Organization: PSI

Project: Transform/ PHARE: CDI

QUALITATIVE

1. *When you think of yourself and other women in your community, what does it mean to be “successful” as an individual? [Probe: are there objects you associate with success? Relationships? Abilities?]*
 - a. Do you have control over whether you achieve this idea of success? Why/ why not?
 - b. Do you think women in general have control over their future success or happiness?
 - c. Do you think your partner would agree with how we are talking about success? Why/ why not? What about your parents?
 - d. Do you think women are more or less independent in their choices today? Is this a good thing? Does it ever lead to difficulties?

2. *Is having a “successful family” different than being successful as an individual?*
 - a. Do you think that this idea of a “successful family” is the same everywhere in CDI? How is it different elsewhere?

3. *Do you feel responsible for the “success” or happiness of others?*
 - a. Do you ever feel like you have to do something for your family or your community that you don't really want to do?
 - b. What are your obligations as a member of your family? What are your obligations to your community?

4. *Let's talk about couples. What is important in a relationship? (Probe: Are emotions important? Stability? Financial support? Looks? Loyalty? Family approval?)*
 - a. What constitutes 'commitment' in a relationship?
 - b. Is marriage important for 'commitment'? Why do some couples choose not to officially marry?
 - c. Do you think that men and women have different expectations in relationships?
 - d. Is there an age that is too young for couples to marry? To start dating? To have sex? To have their first child?
 - e. Are there benefits to having only a few children, or of having many children? Why do couples desire different family sizes?

5. *When is it a good time to become pregnant in a relationship? Is it ever scandalous to become pregnant in a relationship? Why? (Probe: Ask for stories they have seen or experienced. Sex before marriage? Relationships that don't last? Couple too young?)*
 - a. Is this common? (Probe: What are the biggest challenges that you have seen people deal with if they become pregnant? What are the taboos?)
 - b. How do other people react to these challenges? Is the family involved?
 - c. Do you think women have to be married to have a child? [Probe: Are there consequences if a woman has a child without being married?]

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1. *In general, what is the ideal gap in age between children?*

- 00. less than one year
- 01. 1 year
- 02. 2 years
- 03. 3 years
- 04. 4 years
- 05. 5+ years
- 99. Not sure/ it depends

2. *Do you think it's acceptable for couples to try and limit the number of children they have?*

- 01. Yes
- 02. No

3. *We have spoken to a number of women about their personal lives and family planning. Here are some of their comments. Please rate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree or are neutral?*

- 1. I think it's normal for unmarried couples to have sex
- 2. Becoming a mother is the most important accomplishment in a woman's life
- 3. I worry that others will judge me for the number of children that I have

4. ***[if in a couple] In your couple, how important are the following to you in your relationship?***

5. *Which would you chose as most important to you? (chose 3)*

6. *Which do you think your partner would chose as most important? (chose 3)*

- 01. The feeling of love
- 02. Sex
- 03. Honesty in communications
- 04. Shared interests
- 05. Physical attraction
- 06. Approval of others (parents, friends, community)
- 07. Fidelity
- 08. Providing financial support
- 09. Having children
- 10. Being a good parent

7. *For a young woman today, what age is "too young" for her to become a mother?*

- 00. Record age: _____
- 99. Don't know/ it depends