MTN-020 In-depth Interview (IDI) Topic Guide

INSTRUCTIONS for the Interviewer: How to use the IDI Guide

- 1. There are two levels of questions:
 - <u>Primary interview questions:</u> appear in **bold** text. They address the topics that you as the interviewer must ask and discuss with participants. The questions are suggestions for getting the discussion going. You are not required to read them verbatim, but they are written to ensure some consistency across IDIs. You may adapt the questions and/or ask them in a different order, depending on how the interview develops. However you will have to ensure that by the end of the interview, all the topics and key themes have been covered.
 - <u>Probing topics:</u> are indicated with a bullet. If you find that the participant provides little information in response to the primary question, these probing topics may be used to encourage further discussion. You are not required to cover every topic listed. So, depending on what has already been discussed, and the IDI context, you may ask these probes or not.
- 2. Instructions/suggestions to interviewer are in italics and [brackets].

3. Words found in (parentheses) are meant to provide wording options to interviewers to fit various situations. For example, they often provide a present or past tense verb. In these instances, the present tense verb should be used when the participant being interviewed is continuing with the study, whereas the past tense verb should be used with those participants who are exiting or have finished participating in the study.

- 4. The IDI guide is divided into two columns.
 - <u>The left-hand column</u> contains the research questions and probes to be used during the first IDI with serial IDI participants or during an IDI with participants who are discontinuing the product early.
 - <u>The right-hand column</u> contains the research questions and probes to be used during the repeated IDIs with serial IDI participants. Prior to conducting these IDIs, the interviewer should review notes, the debriefing report, and/or interview transcript from the participant's previous interview(s) in order to help form appropriate probes. The focus of these questions should be on changes or new issues since the previous interview.
- 5. The IDI guide is not meant to be used to take notes. Rather, you should use the separate notes form, where you will also insert your initials, the participant's PTID, as well as the date, start and end time of the interview.

Before starting the IDI, ensure the participant has provided written informed consent.

[Start Recorder and Read Introduction]: Erinnya Iyange nze______.Webale nnyo nate olwokukkirizakwo okubeera mu kukubaganya ebirowoozo kunno.Nindirira okuwulira ebirowoozobyo ku bibuuzo byengenda okukubuuza.Mwattu manya nti tewali bidibwaamu bituufu oba bikyamu era ngatwaniriza buli kirowoozo ku mitwe gyetugenda okukubaganyaako,n'olwekyo beera wa ddembe okugabana ebirowoozobyo,endowoozayo ne byoteesa nga tolina kutya .Singa mu kiseera kyokukubaganya ebirowoozo, wabeerawo ensonga oba okwemulugunya nga wandyagadde okubyogeraako, beera waddembe okubireeta by'ogerweko nebwemba nga sabibuuzizaako. Singa obeera nebibuuzo ku nsonga ezimu mu kiseera kyokubuzibwa,nja kubiwandiika era mbiddemu amangu ddala nga ebibuuzo biwedde.Bwemba nga sisobola kuddamu bibuuzo bino,nsobola okukuwereza eri omuntu omulala ayinza okukuyamba.Nga tetunaba kutandika, oyinza okukakasa akakwata amaloboozi nti wawadde dda okukirizzakwo mu buwandiike okwetaba mu kukubaganya ebirowoozo kunno? (Wait for oral confirmation to begin)

Nga bwenakugambye mu kusooka,ekigendererwa ekikulu eky'okukubaganya ebirowoozo kunno kwekwongera okutegeera by'oyiseemu nga wetaba mu kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE.Njagala okukujjukiza nti byonna byetukubaganayaako wano bigya kukumibwa nga byakyaama era nga tetugya kugabana bikukwatako ng'omuntu oba byoddamu n'omuntu omulala ali wabweru w'okunoonyereza.

Serial IDI Visit 1/Early Product Discontinuers	Repeat Serial IDI Visit(s)
Motivations to Join/Stay in Study and HIV Risk Perception	
Okusooka, tugenda okwogera ku kuyingira mu kunoonyer	
mukenenya	
1. Lwaki wayingira mu kunoonyereza?	1. Lwaki weyongedde okwetaba mu kunoonyereza?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
 Services or benefits received while in the trial 	• Services or benefits received for participating in trial
Aspects of her personal life	Aspects of participant's personal life
• Aspects of the community/the place where she lives	• Aspects of the community/the place where the
	participant lives
2. Mbuulira ku by'oyiseemu ku kubeerakwo mu	2. Mbuulira ku by'oyiseemu ku kubeerakwo mu
kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE.	kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE.
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
Likes and dislikes and reasons	• Experiences during study visits or at the clinic,
 Experiences during study visits or at the clinic, 	including site specific participant engagement activities
including site specific participant engagement activities	 Effects of continued study participation on daily life for
 Effects of study on daily life for participant, partner(s), 	participant, partner(s) and others
and others	 Changes in relationship with male partner(s), including
 Changes in relationship with male partner(s), including 	decision-making ability and communication around
decision-making ability and communication around	HIV prevention
HIV prevention	
3. Nga <u>to</u> nayingira mu kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE,	
okufuna akawuka ka mukenenya wali okyeralikirira	
kyenkana wa? Lwaki?	
Possible probing topics:	
Reasons for level of worry	
 How HIV worries influences decision to join ASPIRE 	
 How HIV worries influences uptake of the ring 	
 Ng'omaze okuyingira mu kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE, 	3. Okuva lwewayingira mu kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE,
okweralikirirakwo ku by'okufuna akawuka	okweralikirira kwo ku by'okufuna akawuka
k'amukenenya kwakyuka kutya?	k'amukenenya kwakyuka kutya?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
 Influence of behavior changes (if any), including 	 Influence of behavior changes, including changes in
changes in sexual partners/practices,	sexual partners/practices, alcohol/substance use, or
alcohol/substance use, or other risk behaviors	other risk behaviors
 Influence of study procedures (e.g. HIV testing, 	 Influence of study procedures (e.g. HIV testing,
counseling)	counseling)
 Influence of wearing the ring, including perceptions 	 Influence of wearing the ring, including perceptions
about protection and belief of whether its active or	about protection and belief of whether its active or
placebo	placebo
placebo	placebo

Use Experiences: Acceptability & Adherence	
Kakati, tugenda kwongera okwogera ku by'oyiseemu ng'o	okozesa akaweta mu kunoonyereza kuno
[Provide body map materials/drawing and explain	·
activity. Use the visual and questions to discuss the	
questions below.]	
5. Nga tukozesa ekifananyi kino, nnyonnyola engeri	
gy'olowoozaamu akaweta gyekakolamu?	
Possible probing topics:	
 Ring location while inside the body 	
 How ring protects against HIV 	
Concept of placebo ring	
6. Mwattu nnyonyola engeri akaweta	4. Mwattu nnyonyola engeri akaweta
gy'ekawulikikamu nga kali munda mu mubiri gwo?	gy'ekawulikikamu nga kali munda mu mubiri gwo?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
 Feeling upon initial insertion and once inside 	Feeling upon most recent insertion and once inside
• Situations when she is more or less aware of the ring	• Situations when she is more or less aware of the ring
 Other effects of the ring in her body 	 Other effects of the ring in her body
7. Kiki ky'olowooza ku kaweta?	5. Kiki ky'olowooza ku kaweta?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
• Likes and dislikes about physical attributes, such as	• Opinions about physical attributes, such as color,
color, texture, and size	texture, and size
 Likes and dislikes about how it is used 	• Any other likes and dislikes about physical attributes
	 Likes and dislikes about how it is used
8. Mu kulowoozakwo, (okola oba wali okola) bulungi	6. Olowooza (okola oba wali okola) bulungi kyenkana
kyenkana wa mukukozesa akaweta mungeri	wa mukukozesa akaweta mungeri
(gy'olina/gyewalina) okukakoseza?	(gy'olina/gyewalina) okukakoseza?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
How she perceives she is supposed to use the ring	• Perception of how she is supposed to be using the ring
Ease/difficulty wearing the ring continuously between	• Ease/difficulty wearing the ring continuously between
visits	visits
How and with whom did she make decisions around	 How and with whom did she make decisions around
ring use (e.g. male partner, family members, other	use (e.g. male partner, family members, other
participants)	participants)
 Influence of feedback from staff regarding how her 	 Influence of feedback from staff regarding how her
ring looks, site level adherence performance, or other	ring looked, site level adherence performance, or other
support offered on ring use	support offered on ring use
9. Mbuulira ku mirundi gyonna lwewagyamu akaweta	7. Mbuulira ku mirundi gyonna lwewagyamu akaweta
oba lwekavaamu kokka ekitundu oba okuviirayo	oba lwekavaamu kokka ekitundu oba okuviirayo
ddala konna.	ddala konna.
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
 Timing and circumstances when ring came out or was removed 	 Timing and circumstances when ring came out or was removed
 Instances of partner removing ring 	 Instances of partner removing the ring
 Position of her body when ring came out 	 Position of her body when ring came out
What did she do about it	What did she do about it
 [If re-inserted outside of the clinic]was ring cleaned and how 	 [If re-inserted outside of the clinic] was ring cleaned and how
• Removal reported to the clinic, why or why not.	• Removal reported to the clinic, why or why not

10. Mbuuliraayo ku kaseera lwewafuna	8. Mbuuliraayo ku kaseera lwewafuna
okukalubirizibwa n'akaweta.	okukalubirizibwa n'akaweta.
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
 Physical, personal (e.g. with your partner), or 	 Physical, personal (e.g. with your partner), or
emotional challenge	emotional challenge
 Any challenges related to alcohol/other substance use 	 Any challenges related to alcohol/other substance use
 Timing and circumstances of challenge 	 Timing and circumstances of challenge
 If and how challenge was resolved 	 If and how challenge was resolved
11. Akaweta (kakosa/kaakosa)katya obulamu bwo mu	9. Akaweta (kakosa/kaakosa)katya obulamu bwo mu
by'okwegatta?	by'okwegatta?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
Ring removals before or during sex	 Ring removals before or during sex
 Awareness of the ring during sex for you and partner 	
 Positive or negative physical or emotional changes with sex 	 Positive or negative physical or emotional changes with sex
Changes in sexual practices, sexual partners,	Changes in sexual practices, sexual partners,
frequency, or reasons for having sex, etc.	frequency, or reasons for having sex, etc.
12. Okwetabakwo mu kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE	10. Okwetabakwo mu kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE
(kukyusiza kutya/kwakyusa kutya) enkozesaayo	(kukyusiza kutya/kwakyusa kutya) enkozesaayo
ey'enkola y'okwegema okuzaala?	ey'enkola y'okwegema okuzaala?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
Changes in contraceptive methods used	 Reasons for changes, if any
Reasons for changes, if any	Perceived influence of contraceptives on menses and
• Perceived influence of contraceptives on menses and	fertility
fertility	
13. Okwetabakwo mu kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE	11. Okwetabakwo mu kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE
(kukyusiza kutya/kwakyusa kutya) enkozesa yo	(kukyusiza kutya/kwakyusa kutya) enkozesa yo
ey'akapiira ka kalimpitawa?	ey'akapiira ka kalimpitawa?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
Changes in patterns of condom use, including ability	Changes in patterns of condom use, including ability
to negotiate their use with partners	to negotiate their use with partners
 Reasons for changes, if any 	 Reasons for changes, if any
	• Feelings about using the ring with condoms (currently
	and in the future, if effective)
14. Biki by'oyiseemu ng'okozesa akaweta ng'oli mu nsonga?	12. Biki by'oyiseemu ng'okozesa akaweta ng'oli mu nsonga?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
 Perceived effect of ring on menses and/or fertility 	 Perceived effect of ring on menses and/or fertility
 Changes in menstrual practices, reasons for the 	 Impacts of the ring on menstrual practices and
changes	feelings about the changes in practices, if any
 Changes Changes in menstrual symptoms or cycle, feelings 	 Changes in menstrual symptoms or cycle, feelings
about these changes	about these changes.
 Ring removal or expulsion during menses 	 Ring removal or expulsion during menses
 Preference for use/non-use of ring during menses 	 Ring removal of expulsion during menses Preference for use/non-use of ring during menses

 15. Osobola okunyonyola ebintu byonna byewakolanga eri obukyala bwo nga tonaba kuyingira mu kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE? Possible probing topics: Types of practices: cleansing , application or insertion of products/substances Timing of practices: frequency (i.e. daily, weekly, etc.), before or after sex, before or after menstruation Reasons for practices Changes in practices due to study/ring use or other reasons 	 13. Osobola okunyonyola ebintu byonna by'okola kati eri obukyala bwo? <u>Possible probing topics:</u> Reasons for changes or lack of changes in vaginal practices – changes due to study/ring use or other reasons
 16. [Only ask of participants discontinuing product early] Ogerageranya otya akaweta n'ebintu ebirala ebikozesebwa oba ebiyinza okukozesebwa okuziyiza akawuka ka mukenenya? [Refer to "Product formulation for HIV prevention" visual discussion tool.] Disclosure and Partners 	14. [Only ask at IDI conducted upon study exit visit] Ogerageranya otya akaweta n'ebintu ebirala ebikozesebwa oba ebiyinza okukozesebwa okuziyiza akawuka ka mukenenya? [Refer to "Product formulation for HIV prevention" visual discussion tool.]
 Kakati njagala okwongera okwogera ku muganzi/baganzi be 17. Ani gwobuliddeko ku kukozesa kwo okwa kaweta? <i>Possible probing topics:</i> Discussions with other study participants in the clinic, outside the clinic, and at ASPIRE events about ring adherence Discussions with other people about ring use: primary sex partner, other partners, family members, friends, anyone else Reasons for disclosure and nondisclosure How people found out in cases of nondisclosure, what was said, reactions and attitudes to study and ring, and the participant's feelings about the disclosure Influence of discussions on ring use or study participation 	 n'abantu abalala abakukwatako ennyo 15. Ani gwobuliddeko ku kukozesa kwo okwa kaweta? <u>Possible probing topics:</u> Discussions with other study participants in the clinic, outside the clinic, and at ASPIRE events about ring adherence Discussions with other people about ring use Who was told, what was discussed, reactions and attitudes to study and ring, and participant's feelings about disclosure Reasons for disclosure and nondisclosure Influence of discussions on ring use or study participation
 18. Kiki muganzi wo/baganzi bo (kyalowooza/kyebalowooza) ku kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE okutwalira awamu? Possible probing topics: Partner's level of interest and involvement in the study including his level of participation in any ASPIRE events or visits to the clinic for any referrals or treatment Reaction of different partners, if multiple partners Concerns about contraceptive use requirement, if known 	 16. Kiki muganzi wo/baganzi bo (kyalowooza/kyebalowooza) ku kunoonyereza kwa ASPIRE okutwalira awamu? Possible probing topics: Confirm if partner(s) is/are same or different from last discussion Change since initial disclosure/reaction Partner's level of interest and involvement in the study, including his level of participation in any ASPIRE events or visits to the clinic for any referrals or treatment Reaction of different partners, if multiple partners Concerns about contraceptive use requirement, if known

19. Kiki muganziwo (kyalowooza/kyeyalowooza) ku kaweta?	17. Kiki muganziwo (kyalowooza/kyeyalowooza) ku kaweta?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
 Partner's likes, dislikes, concerns/worries for himself, 	 Partner's likes, dislikes, concerns/worries for himself,
	for the participant, or for the relationship
for the participant, or for the relationship	 Role of "female-initiated" nature of the ring in his
Role of "female-initiated" nature of the ring in his	opinions
opinions	 Role of ring in introducing/aggravating any challenges
 Role of ring in introducing/aggravating any challenges in the relationship 	in the relationship
 Partner's level of involvement in decision to use the 	Partner's level of involvement in decision to use the
	ring
ring	• Partner's role in supporting or discouraging use
His role in supporting or discouraging use	Impact on his sexual experience/the sexual
Conflicts and resolution around ring use	relationship
 Impact on his sexual experience/the sexual 	If multiple partners, opinion of other partners
relationship	
If multiple partners, opinion of other partners	
20. Kiki ky'olowooza ku kukozesa akaweta nga muganzi	18. Biki by'oyiseemu ng'okozesa akaweta nga
wo tomubulidde?	tobuulidde muganzi wo?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
How important is it to involve male partners in	New experiences since last IDI
decisions to use the ring	Reasons for not telling partner, including role of fear around possible reactions (violence
What has been her experience? Beacans for talling or not talling a partner, including	around negative reactions/violence
Reasons for telling or not telling a partner, including role of four around populive reactions (violence	Partner's reactions, if any Changes in animize of how important is it to important
role of fear around negative reactions/violence	Changes in opinion of how important is it to involve male partners in desiring to use the ring
Partner's reactions to ring use without telling him Suggestions for angaging man	male partners in decisions to use the ring
Suggestions for engaging men.	Suggestions for engaging men
Recommendations and Feasibility of Future Use Tunatera okutuuka ku nkomerero y'okukubaganya ebirov	vooro. Ngo totunomoliziza, nandvogoddo okusiima obyo
by'osemba n'ebirowoozo okutuyamba mu mirimu gyebuj	
21. Kiki kyetuyinza (okukola/kyetwandikoze)	19. Kiki kyetuyinza (okukola/kyetwandikoze)
okulongoosa ku by'oyiseemu mu kwetaba mu kunoonyereza?	okulongoosa ku by'oyiseemu mu kwetaba mu kunoonyereza?
Possible probing topics:	Possible probing topics:
 Participant and partner engagement activities 	 Participant and partner engagement activities
 Study visits, study procedures, clinic 	 Study visits, study procedures, clinic
 Interaction with staff, counseling sessions 	 Interaction with staff, counseling sessions
 Reducing interference with daily life (e.g. due to clinic 	 Reducing interference with daily life (e.g. due to clinic
visits or other requirements)	visits or other requirements)
 Ideas to avoid fatigue with study participation, in 	 Ideas to avoid fatigue with study participation, in
general/keep participation fresh	general/keep participation fresh
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 22. [Only ask of participants discontinuing product early] Kiki kyetwandikoze okulongoosa ku by'oyiseemu ng'okozesa akaweta? <u>Possible probing topics:</u> Couple counselling to aid with ring use disclosure Changes in design of ring: physical characteristics Insertion, removal method, frequency of ring raphasement 	 20. [Only ask at IDI conducted upon study exit visit] Kiki kyetwandikoze okulongoosa ku by'oyiseemu ng'okozesa akaweta? <u>Possible probing topics:</u> Couple counselling to aid with ring use disclosure Changes in design of ring: physical characteristics Insertion, removal method, frequency of ring replacement
 replacement Feelings about single- or multi- purpose rings (i.e. HIV prevention only or HIV prevention and contraception), including related concerns about future fertility Instructional materials, or how the instructions were provided 	 replacement Feelings about single- or multi-purpose rings (i.e. HIV prevention only or HIV prevention and contraception), including related concerns about future fertility Instructional materials, or how the instructions were provided
 23. [Only ask of participants discontinuing product early for reasons other than seroconversion] Singa akaweta kasangibwa nga kaziyiza akawuka ka mukenenya, olowooza onokakozesa mu kuziyiza akawuka ka mukenenya? <u>Possible probing topics:</u> Interest in participating in a follow-up study where everybody is given an active ring (containing dapivirine) Ability to use and interest in using the ring Issues around access, storage, disposal, discreetness concerns about short term vs. long term use on fertility/health or hygiene Comfort using the ring while taking alcohol or drugs Impact of community, partners or others individuals' feelings about the ring Study Product Discontinuation [Only for participants discontinuation with the reason okukozesa akaweta. Nga tetuna okwogera ku kyewayitamu ekyo 	
 24. Osobola okumbulira kiki ekyabaawo? <u>Possible probing topics:</u> Timing and circumstances of stopping ring use (including Aspects of participant's personal life/circumstances contevents (travel/relocation, work, marriage etc.) or her rel Any other factors contributing to these circumstances Feelings about ring discontinuation 25. [For HIV sero-convertors only] Singa tokirinaako buzib by'akawuka ka mukenenyakiki mukolowoozakwo ekeesible probing topics: Discuss any particular time or event where participant the Discuss any recent changes in personal life, behaviors or Potential source of infection Perceived role of study participation on risk of HIV Perceived effects (beneficial and toxic) of the ring Perceptions that participant received active or placebor 	tributing to product discontinuation, such as major life ationship with her current partner ou, njagala kwongera okwogera ku mbeera yo ku cyakuletera okufuna akawuka ka mukeneya? hinks she may have gotten HIV • circumstances

Wrap-up	
26. Twogedde ku bintu bingi olwaleero. Nga	22. Twogedde ku bintu bingi olwaleero. Nga
tetunamaliriza, nandyagadde okumanya oba olinayo	tetunamaliriza, nandyagadde okumanya oba olinayo
ekibuuzo oba olinayo eky'okwongerezaako ku	ekibuuzo oba olinayo eky'okwongerezaako ku
byoyiseemu mu ASPIRE oba ku byetukubaganyizaako	byoyiseemu mu ASPIRE oba ku byetukubaganyizaako
ebirowoozo olwaleero?	ebirowoozo olwaleero?

Kati tutuuse ku nkomerero y'okukubaganya ebirowoozo,webale okutwaala obudde okwogera nange leero ate n'okugabana ku ndowoozayo.Tusiima nnyo okukiriza kwo okwetabamu ate n'okukubaganya ebirowoozo kubyoyiseemu naffe.

[Interviewer should answer any unanswered questions, and provide references as needed or clarify any misconceptions at this time.]