

MTN-025 Qualitative Operational Guidance #1: Additional IDI probing

This operational guidance document applies to sites participating in the HOPE Qualitative Component only. The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance on probing in the DIDI and SID11 guides for participant’s willingness to use the ring while pregnant. This will be used to inform future studies on ring use in pregnant women.

1) Guidance on probing for willingness to use the ring while pregnant.

One possible reason women may decline participation in HOPE is because of pregnancy intentions. To inform future studies on use of the ring for HIV prevention in pregnant women, we want to know whether women are choosing not to participate because they are worried about using the ring while pregnant or whether they are simply not participating due to and awareness of protocol requirements (i.e. contraception requirements). We ask that you aim to explore this topic with participants in your remaining decliner IDIs (DIDI) and first serial IDIs (SID11).

Although we are not making formal changes to these guides at this time, there are logical places where interviewers could probe a bit about willingness to use the ring during pregnancy.

Below are examples of questions where probing about willingness to use the ring while pregnant might be appropriate and some sample probes. Note that interviewers should feel free to explore this topic at any time during the IDI where it fits naturally.

Guide	Questions
DIDI	<p>12. If the ring becomes widely available in the future, what would make you interested in using the ring for HIV prevention? <i>Possible probe: If the ring that becomes available in the future could be worn while pregnant, how would that impact your interest in using the ring?</i></p> <p>15. What are your plans for having children in the near future? (e.g. wanting to have a baby immediately versus later, currently pregnant or breastfeeding) <i>Possible probe: In the future, if you could use the ring while you were pregnant, what would you think about that? Would you use the ring while pregnant? Why/why not?</i></p>
SID11	<p>20. What are your plans for having children in the near future? (e.g. wanting to have a baby immediately versus later, currently pregnant or breastfeeding) <i>Possible probe: In the future, if you could use the ring while you were pregnant, what would you think about that? Would you use the ring while pregnant? Why/why not?</i></p>

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