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# **BASICS HEALTHY TIMING AND SPACING OF PREGNANCY TOOLKIT**

## **USAID MISSION INTERVIEW GUIDE**



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## USAID Mission Interview Guide

### Introduction

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. My colleagues and I are here on behalf of MOH and USAID/BASICS (USAID/TAIS), to conduct a joint evaluation on healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy activities. USAID/BASICS, in collaboration with the MOH/MCH and child health partners has championed the integration of healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy within child health programs at national, district and health facility levels. This work has been done through advocacy, strengthening child health policies in HTSP, capacity building of health care providers, program implementation, supervision and monitoring of HTSP in selected districts. We are now trying to assess how successful we have been at this work, and some areas for improvement in the future.

We would like to learn more of how the Mission perceives the integration the integration of child spacing into child health programs and the way forward. The information you provide us is very important and valuable, and will help to inform the Ministry of Health, policy makers and other key stakeholders in family planning.

Please respond to the following questions to the best of your knowledge and understanding of HTSP and family planning services at the Mission, and we do appreciate your time and responses.

Name of Mission:	Date of Interview:...../...../.....
Name of Interviewee:	Designation of Interviewee:
Country:	Name of Interviewer:
Region	Designation:

1. Where does birth spacing/family planning fall in your list of programming priorities?	
2. What proportion of your funds goes to support birth spacing and family planning programs in the country?	
3. Compared to last 2 years, has the funding for child spacing and family planning programs been increasing or decreasing over time, or has remained the same? Please explain	
4. In how many districts or facilities do you support the implementation of child spacing and family planning activities in 2009 compared to 2007?	

<p>a. Has there been any change? If yes, what was responsible for that change?</p> <p>b. What are your plans following the change?</p>	
<p>5. Regarding advocacy on child spacing and family planning?</p> <p>A. Did USAID/Timor Leste participate in or conduct any advocacy/mobilization/socialization meetings on child spacing and family planning in the last 2 years?</p> <p>a. If yes, please tell us what actually took place? (E.g. the date, rough estimate of number of participants and the target audience)</p> <p>b. Was there any thing from the meeting you found useful or influenced policy for child spacing and FP programs? Please explain</p>	
<p>B. In conducting advocacy/mobilization/socialization meeting what worked well or did not work well during the sessions?(E.g. what did people like or ask the most questions about) Please explain.</p>	
<p>6. In the area of Partnership and Collaboration in child spacing and family planning:</p> <p>a. Apart from TAIS, which partners does the Mission work with in child spacing and family planning between 2007 and 2009?</p> <p>b. In which areas of child spacing and family planning was the support focused on?</p> <p>c. Where there any advantages or disadvantages working with these partners?</p> <p>d. Where there any lessons learned by this collaboration?</p> <p>e. In what ways has this partnership influenced the way USAID/Timor Leste takes decision regarding child spacing and family planning programs in the country?</p>	
<p>2. Where there any child health policies changed or modified as a result of this experience? Please explain.</p>	
<p>7. What are some of the strategies being used to promote</p>	

<p>child spacing and family planning within the Mission? Please explain</p> <p>a. Are there any plans by the Mission to further expand child spacing and family planning programs in the country? Please explain</p>	
<p>8. What have you or the Mission observed as the benefit(s) integrating child spacing in your programs?</p> <p>a. Are there any challenges or disadvantages in this process?</p>	
<p>9. In your view what has been the most important successes of TAIS work in child spacing integration within child health programs?</p>	
<p>10. From the partners, what are the best models you have seen used to successfully integrate child spacing and family planning into health programs?</p>	

**Others**

1. What other information would you like to share with us regarding your experience in implementing child spacing and family planning services within your programs at USAID/Timor Leste?
  
2. What are the challenges you experience supporting birth spacing and family planning programs? Please explain.
  
3. What are the lessons learned and best practices that you could recommend to others implementing birth spacing and family planning services?
  
4. What do you see as the best way forward integrating and implementing child spacing and family planning services in your programs. Please explain.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME