

APPENDIX 3: BOTSWANA KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW

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1	OCCUPATION/POSITION
2	What do you think are the key obstacles towards controlling the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Botswana?
3	<p>What do you think are the most significant barriers to HIV testing in Botswana?</p> <p>a) To what extent is HIV/AIDS stigma a barrier?</p> <p>b) In what ways do the barriers to testing differ for men and women?</p> <p>c) Which groups are hardest to reach with regard to testing? (e.g., related to age, gender, sexuality, region, socio-economic status, education, mental illness)</p> <p>d) Is access to testing still a problem in some regions in Botswana?</p> <p>e) Is gender violence related to testing a significant problem? Please elaborate.</p> <p>f) What are some of the community-based programs and policies that aim to mobilize people for testing?</p> <p>g) What are your recommendations for decreasing these barriers to testing for both men and women?</p>
4	<p>What are your thoughts about the new policy of routine testing in Botswana?</p> <p>a) Is the implementation of this policy widespread? Can you tell us more about how it is being implemented?</p> <p>b) Do most patients still receive pre- and post-test counseling when they are tested as part of routine testing?</p> <p>c) In your opinion, what have been some of the positive impacts of this policy? - Has it decreased barriers to testing for both men and women? - Has it led to a decrease in HIV/AIDS related stigma?</p> <p>d) Has this policy had any negative impacts? If so, please elaborate. - Is it perceived as coercive by some patients? Is it always truly voluntary? - Are the test results divulged to anyone other than the patient? - Is there an increase in violence against women related to testing?</p> <p>e) What are your recommendations on how to improve routine testing?</p>
5	<p>What type of stigma and discrimination do PLWAs experience at home, at work, at schools and elsewhere in their communities?</p> <p>a) What policies/laws are in place to protect the rights of PLWAs?</p> <p>b) Do you think HIV-related stigma and discrimination differ for men and women? If so, how? Is violence towards HIV-positive women a big problem?</p> <p>c) What programs are in place to address HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination in Botswana at both the community and national levels?</p> <p>d) What else do you think could/should be done to decrease the stigma surrounding HIV in Botswana?</p>
6	<p>What are the key barriers to HAART utilization among HIV-positive men and women in Botswana?</p> <p>a) Do you think there are many HIV-positive people in Botswana who are eligible for treatment and are not receiving it? If so, what structural, social and cultural barriers do you think are preventing people from initiating HAART? Are</p>

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	<p>treatment delays at the BNTP a big problem?</p> <p>b) Do barriers to ARV treatment differ for men and women? If so, how?</p> <p>c) What do you think could be done to minimize these barriers to initiating HAART?</p> <p>d) Once people have initiated HAART, are treatment discontinuation and/or treatment non-adherence significant problems? If so, please elaborate.</p>
7	<p>What do you think are some of the factors that make <u>women</u> particularly vulnerable to HIV in this country?</p> <p>a) What role does rape/physical abuse of women play in the Botswana AIDS epidemic?</p> <p>b) To what extent does women's unequal status to men under customary law contribute to the spread of HIV in Botswana?</p> <p>c) What type of programs are in place at the community and national level to address the factors that make women vulnerable to HIV, and to empower women?</p> <p>d) What are your recommendations for helping to decrease women's vulnerability to HIV?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Other domains to probe:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -negotiating power in sexual relationships -barriers or facilitators to ending or leaving abusive situations -need to prove fertility before marriage -intergenerational sex -exchanging sex for money or other resources -access to resources/dependence on someone else/family or partner to provide
8	<p>What do you think are some of the factors that make <u>men</u> particularly vulnerable to HIV infection in this country?</p> <p>a) Do you think cultural expectations for men contribute to risky sexual behaviors and play a role in the transmission of HIV in Botswana?</p> <p>b) Is alcohol use (and alcohol use associated with sex) common among men? To what extent does alcohol use contribute to HIV transmission?</p> <p>c) What are some of the barriers to using condoms for men?</p> <p>d) Are there programs in place that target men specifically, and that mobilize men to get involved in AIDS prevention and screening efforts? If so, please describe.</p> <p>e) What are your recommendations for how we can encourage men to get involved in AIDS prevention efforts, and to take the steps necessary to prevent HIV infection?</p>
9	<p>In your opinion, to what extent do positive test results lead to changes in people's sexual behavior in terms of number of partners and condom use?</p> <p>a) Does this differ for men and women? Please elaborate.</p> <p>b) What type of HIV prevention education do HIV-positive individuals receive at testing sites, clinics and hospitals?</p>
10	<p>What role are traditional healers playing in the HIV/AIDS epidemic?</p>

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	<p>a) Have they been enlisted significantly in programs to encourage HIV/AIDS prevention, testing and treatment?</p> <p>b) Do you think their role in addressing this epidemic has been mostly positive or negative? Please elaborate.</p> <p>c) What can be done to increase the involvement of traditional healers in HIV/AIDS prevention and education programs?</p>
11	<p>Please tell me more about other organizations that are working on advocacy for PLWAs or around HIV/AIDS Prevention.</p> <p>a) Do you think these groups are having significant impact on controlling the HIV/AIDS epidemic?</p> <p>b) What are your recommendations for strengthening community mobilization for PLWAs?</p>
12	<p>Are there other people who you suggest we contact for further information on these issues? Can we contact you with further questions?</p>