

APPENDIX 1 – QUESTIONNAIRE

Stratum: 1=Formal, 2=Informal, 3=Peri-urban, 4=Rural

Study Number:

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INVESTIGATING FOETAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG WOMEN IN NORTH-WEST PROVINCE

- In completing the questionnaire, please tick the appropriate option or fill in the information or date, as required.
- Please note that throughout the questionnaire, when we talk about “your spouse/partner” we mean the father of your last child (or the partner that you had last time you became pregnant).
- *Before answering the questionnaire, please answer the screening questions (please tick the appropriate option):*
- *Interview is private, no people other than interviewee to be present*

SCREENING QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been pregnant?

Yes

No

IF YES, PLEASE. START WITH SECTION A

IF NO, PLEASE CONTINUE TO QUESTION 2.

2. Have you ever tried to fall pregnant?

Yes

No

IF YES, PLEASE START WITH SECTION A

IF NO, PLEASE STOP HERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

THIS IS THE END OF THE SCREENING QUESTIONS. ACCORDING TO THE RESPONSES YOU GAVE, PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE AND COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INVESTIGATING FOETAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG WOMEN IN NORTH-WEST PROVINCE

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- A1. Age
- A2. Race (for statistical purposes only): a. Black b. White c. Coloured d. Asian
- A3. Compared to other women are you: a. short b. medium c. tall
- A4. Compared to other women are you: a. slim b. medium c. fat
- A5. Do you currently smoke Yes No
- A6. Have you ever smoked Yes No

B. SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

- B1. What was the highest level of education that you finished?

No school Some Primary school

Completed Primary School (5 yrs) Some High School no Matric

High School with Matric (10 yrs) Tertiary eg. University

- B2. Do you work for money or payment at the moment? Yes No

*IF NO, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION B6
IF YES, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH QUESTION B3.*

- B3. Your current working place _____

- B4. Job title _____

- B5. When did you start doing your current job? MM / YYYY

- B6. Is your husband/Partner working for money or payment? Yes No

- B7. What is his job? _____

- B8. Who or where does your husband/partner work for? _____

- B9. What is your current household monthly income after tax (Please tick the correct option)?

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|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Less than R500 | 5 R1,501 – R2,000 | 11 R4,001 – R5,000 |
| 2 R500 – R750 | 6 R2,001 – R2,500 | 12 R5,000 – R7,000 |
| 3 R751 – R1,000 | 7 R2,501 – R3,000 | 13 R7,001 – R10,000 |
| 4 R1,001 – R1,500 | 8 R3,001 – R4,000 | 14 R10,001 & more |

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A1.

A2.

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A6.

B1.

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B9.

C. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

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C1. How many people live in your house?					C1.
C2. What type of dwelling is your house? Formal house (brick) Formal house (wood) Informal house or shack Flat Hostel Other _____					C2.
C3. Do you have water in your house?	Yes	No			C3.
C3.1. If no, where do you get water from? . Communal tap Well River/stream					C3.1.
C3.2. What do you keep/carry water in? New plastic container Re-used plastic container Metal container					C3.2.
C4. Do you have electricity in your house?	Yes	No			C4.
C4.1. What source of energy do you use for cooking? Electricity Gas Paraffin Wood Other _____					C4.1.
C5. Do you work in the garden/field?	Yes	No			C5.
C5.1. Do you use pesticides or insecticides in garden/field?	Yes	No			C5.1.
C5.2. How often do you use pesticides or insecticides in the garden/field? Usually (4x a week) Occasionally (1x a week) Sometimes (1x a month) Never					C5.2.
C5.3. What is the name of pesticide or insecticide you use most often? _____					
*Ask to be shown the pesticide or insecticide container. Note name and active ingredient					
C6. Do you use insecticides inside the house?	Yes	No			C6.
C6.1. If yes, how often do you use insecticides in the house? Usually (4 x a week) Occasionally (1x a week) Sometimes (1 x a month) Seldom (1-3 times a year)					C6.1.

C7. Do you keep any domestic animals? Yes No

C7.1. If yes, what animals do you keep?

Dogs	Cats
Goats	Sheep
Cattle	Pig
Chickens	Rabbits

C8. Do you use pesticides on your animals Yes No

C8.1 Do you ever apply, or help to apply pesticides to your animals? (dipping or spraying)

Yes No

C8.2 If yes, how often do you do this? _____

C9. What do you use on your garden or vegetables to remove the pests? _____

C10. What do you use in your house for the insects? _____

C11. Do you worry about anything in your environment? _____

* Interviewer can suggest examples like factories nearby and dust chemicals strange tastes or smells.

C12. Does anyone in your house smoke? Yes No

C12.1 If yes how many people smoke in the house _____

C12.2 How much do they smoke per day?

1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20+
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*Interviewer tick relevant box

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C8.

C8.1.

C8.2____

C9.

C12.

C12.1

C12.2

REPRODUCTIVE HISTORY I

*The next two questionnaires are for people who have had at least one pregnancy. Please note that a pregnancy does not always end up with the birth of a child (e.g., some pregnancies may finish with a spontaneous or an induced abortion).

D1 When did you start trying to fall pregnant for your first pregnancy? MM/YYYY

Don't know Did not plan

D1.1 Were you using contraceptives before you started trying for a child? Yes No

D1.2 If yes, please specify which of the following you were using: * Name

Intra-uterine device (coil) Oral contraceptive (pill) _____

Spermicidal jelly, cream or foam Condoms

Injectable 3 month Injectable long term _____

Other (please specify: _____) e.g. abstinence,
Rhythm, natural.

*Interviewer – give suggestions like condoms, injection, depravera, Yasmin, OC

D1.3 When did you stop using your contraceptives MM / YYYY

D1.4 How long had you used contraceptives

D 1.5 How often did you have sex

Usually (4x a week) Occasionally(1x a week) Sometimes (1 x a month)

D 1.6 Did you time your sex to your monthly cycle Yes No

D2. Did you become pregnant Yes No

D2.1 When did you fall pregnant MM / YYYY

D3 Did you receive any assistance to fall pregnant Yes No

D3.1 When did you receive this assistance MM / YYYY

D3.2 What treatment did you use _____

- Interviewer eg. fertility pills from the doctor

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D1. _____

D1.1

D1.2

D1.3

D1.4

D1.5 _____

D1.6

D2

D2.1 _____

D3

D3.1 _____

D3.2 _____

D4. Please complete Table 1 for all the children you have ever given birth to.

Please note:

Include all live born children, even the ones who died shortly after birth

Include stillbirths (dead newborns)

Count the multiple births (e.g. twins etc) as one child

Birth assistance 1-doctor, 2-nurse, 3-midwife, 4-family /village doula

Table 1

Child	Date of birth (dd /mm/yyyy)	Birth weight (kg)	Live birth (√)	Still birth (√)	Birth assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

* Please turn over the page if more space is needed.

D5 Have you ever had a miscarriage? Yes No
(Miscarriage=spontaneous abortion, including incomplete miscarriages which then require abortions
But not a termination of pregnancy)?

D 5.1 If yes, please specify how many:

D 5.2 Please specify when you had the miscarriages and what the causes were:

Table 2

Miscarriage	Date (mm/yy)	Cause
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

* Interviewer if causes are unknown state this

D6. Have you ever had a termination of pregnancy (induced abortion)? Yes No

D6.1 If yes, please specify how many.

D6.2 Please specify when you had a termination of pregnancy and why, in:

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D9 See
Table

D9.

D9.1

D9.2 See
Table

D8.
D8.1.

Table 3

Pregnancy	Date (mm/yyyy)	Reason
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

D9. Was your last child born after January 1996?

Yes No

If **Yes** please continue to the next page

If **No** please stop here

REPRODUCTIVE HISTORY II

HISTORY OF YOUR LAST (MOST RECENT) PREGNANCY

- The next set of questions is about the **last time you were pregnant**, about the progress of this last pregnancy and the way the pregnancy ended (e.g., with the birth of a child, with a spontaneous abortion, or an induced abortion?).
- When we talk about “your spouse/partner” we mean the father of your child (or the partner that you had when you became pregnant).
- Please tick the appropriate option or fill in the date, as required.

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E1. Are you currently pregnant	Yes No	
E2. Were you using any contraceptives before you became pregnant with this child?	Yes No	E1.
E2.1 If yes, please specify which of the following you were using: * Name		E2.
Intra-uterine device (coil) Oral contraceptive (pill) _____		E2.1
Spermicidal jelly, cream or foam Condoms		
Injectable 3 month Injectable long term _____		
Other (please specify: _____) eg abstinence, Rhythm, natural.		
E2.2 How long had you used contraceptives _____		
E3 How old were you when you fell pregnant		E2.2 _____
E4. How many times have you been pregnant before the last pregnancy ? (include miscarriages and abortions)		_____
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		E3.
more than ten, how many? _____		E4
E5. How old was/is your previous child when this one was born (years and months)? .		
E6. What was your weight at the beginning of the pregnancy (kg)?	Don't know	E5.
E7. What was your weight at the time of your delivery (kg)?	Don't know	E6.
E8. Was this a planned pregnancy?	Yes No	E7.
E8.1 If yes, when did you start trying to fall pregnant?	<u>MM / YYYY</u>	
E 8.2 When did you fall pregnant?	<u>MM / YYYY</u>	E8
E9. How often did you have sex ?		E8.1 _____
Usually (4x a week) Occasionally(1x a week) Sometimes (1 x a month)		E8.2 _____
E10. Did you time your sex to your monthly cycle	Yes No	_____
		E9.

E11 Did you receive any assistance to fall pregnant

Yes No

E11.1 When did you receive this assistance

MM / YYYY

E11.2 What treatment did you use

- Interviewer eg. fertility pills from the doctor

E12 How old was your spouse/partner when you became pregnant?

E13. Did you work during your last pregnancy?

Yes No

If yes, please answer

If no, please move on to Section D.

E14. How many hours per week did you work on average during the last pregnancy?

E15. How many hours per day were you doing that job?

E16. Did you work in shifts during your last pregnancy?

Yes No

E17. In which month of your pregnancy did you stop working?

E18. Which company did you work at during your last pregnancy?

E19. What was your job description at this company?

E20. On what date did you **start** doing this job at this company?

DD / MM / YYYY

E21. On what date did you **stop** doing this job at this company? (if pregnancy current when will you stop)

DD / MM / YYYY

E22. Table 4 lists various substances/conditions that one may encounter in working places. If you have been exposed to any of them during your last pregnancy, please tick the “Exposed” box and specify the time period of exposure (Start date to End date).

Table 4

Substances/conditions encountered in the workplace	Exposed (√)	Time period of exposure	
		Start (mm/yyyy)	End (mm/yyyy)
Anaesthetic agents (Operating Theatre)			
Antineoplastic agents (Oncology ward)			
Carbon monoxide (Heavy traffic)			
Ethylene oxide (Sterilizing at hospitals)			
Excessive physical activity**			

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table

Excessive psychological stress			
Hypobaric environment (high altitude)			
Ionising radiation			
Lead			
Mercury			
Microwave radiation (not microwave ovens)			
Noise (excessive eg drilling)			
Organic solvents(Disinfectants, factory work)			
Pesticides			
Video display terminals (Computer monitors, TV's more than 4 hours per day)			
Living below electricity pylons/substations			

** This means: Bending for more than 1 hour/day OR Standing for more than 6 hours a day OR Heavy lifting

E23. Did you use insecticides or herbicides (bug or weed killers, flea and tick sprays, collars, powders or shampoos) in your household during your last pregnancy?

Yes No

E 23.1 If yes, please specify what kind of chemicals:

E23.2 How often did you use these during your last pregnancy?

Usually (4 times a week) Sometimes (1 times a month)

Seldom (1-3 times a year)

E24. Did you smoke during your last pregnancy?

Yes No

E24.1 If yes, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?

more than 20 11-20 5-10 1-5

E25. Did your spouse/partner smoke at home during your last pregnancy?

Yes No

E25.1 If yes, how many cigarettes did he smoke per day?

more than 20 11-20 5-10 1-5

E23.

E23.1 _____

E23.2

E24.

E24.1

E25

E25.1

E26. Table 6 lists various types of alcohol.

For each of the drinks, please indicate how much you drank per week during your last pregnancy?

TABLE 6

Drink	Number of drinks per week
Beer (bottle)	
Wine (glass)	
Spirits: whisky, brandy (tot)	
Other (Specify:_____)	

E27. Have you ever been diagnosed with high blood pressure? Yes No

E27.1 If yes, please specify the date of diagnosis: MM / YYYY

E20.1. What treatment did you receive? _____

E28 Did you experience excessive stressing your last pregnancy like a death in your family, divorce or loss of income?

Yes No

E29 Have you ever been diagnosed with diabetes (“sugar”)? Yes No

E29.1 If yes, please specify the date of diagnosis: MM / YYYY

E29.2 What type of diabetes do you have

Insulin dependent Insulin independent

E29.3 What treatment did you receive for the diabetes?

Injectons Tablets None

E30 Have you ever been diagnosed with any disorders of the womb (uterus)? Yes No

Don't know

E30.1 If yes, please specify the Date of diagnosis: MM / YYYY

E30.2 What disorder were you diagnosed with? _____

E31. Have you ever been diagnosed with any hormonal disorders? Yes No

E31.1 If yes, please specify the Date of diagnosis: MM / YYYY

E31.2 What disorder were you diagnosed with? _____

E31.3 What treatment did you receive? _____

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E26. See Table

E27.

E27.1_____

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E29.

E29.1_____

E29.2

E29.3

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E30.1_____

E30.1_____

E31.

E31.1_____

E31.2_____

E31.3_____

E32 Table 7 lists various infections that may occur during pregnancy.

If you had any of these during your last pregnancy, please tick the “Yes/No” box and specify the date of diagnosis (mm/yy) and the month of pregnancy in which you got the infection.

TABLE 7

Infection	Yes/No (√)	Date of diagnosis (MM/YY)	Month of pregnancy
Rubella (German measles)			
Mumps			
Herpes simplex infection			
Varicella (chickenpox)			
Zoster (shingles)			
HIV infection			
Toxoplasmosis (toxoplasma gondii infection)			
Genital Mycoplasma infections			
Syphilis			
Any uterine infection			
High fever (over 41°C)			

E33 Did you receive any antenatal care during your last pregnancy? Yes No

E33.1 If yes, in which month of your last pregnancy did the antenatal care start?

E34 How many weeks were you pregnant for in your last pregnancy?

E35 What was the outcome of your last pregnancy?

Live birth Still birth Miscarriage (spontaneous abortion)

Abortion (voluntary termination of pregnancy)

Other (please specify: _____)

*If the pregnancy outcome was a **live birth** or **stillbirth**, please specify the following:*

E36. Multiple birth (e.g., twins, triplets etc) Yes No

If yes to multiple birth, please specify the following for one child only.

E37. Place of Birth (which medical facility): _____

E38. Province of birth: _____

E39. Date of Birth: DD / MM / YYYY

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E32. See
table 7

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E33.1_____

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E36.

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E38_____

E39_____

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E40.	Gender:	Male Female	E40
E41.	Birth Weight (grams):	g	E41
E42.	With respect to the due date of the baby, which of the following applies:		E42
	☐ The baby was born premature ☐ The baby was born at term ☐ The baby was born after the due date		
E43.	Was the baby born with any malformations (deformity/abnormality)? Yes No		E43
<i>If the pregnancy outcome was a miscarriage, please answer the following questions</i>			
E44.	Date of miscarriage: <u>DD / MM / YYYY</u>		E44 /
E45.	Were you examined by a doctor after the miscarriage? Yes No		E45
E46	If yes to E45, what was the diagnosis (the reason for the miscarriage)?		E46 _____

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Thank you for your time and patience in completing this questionnaire

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask your interviewer.

REPRODUCTIVE HISTORY III

* This page is people who have tried but have had no pregnancy. Please note that a pregnancy does not always end up with the birth of a child (e.g., some pregnancies may finish with a spontaneous or an induced abortion).

D1 When did you start trying to fall pregnant for your first pregnancy? MM/YYYY
Don't know Did not plan

D1.1 Were you using contraceptives before you started trying for a child? Yes No

D1.2 If yes, please specify which of the following you were using: * Name

Intra-uterine device (coil) Oral contraceptive (pill)

Spermicidal jelly, cream or foam Condoms

Injectable 3 month Injectable long term

Other (please specify: _____) e.g.

abstinence,

Rhythm, natural.

*Interviewer – give suggestions like condoms, injection, depravera, Yasmin, OC

D1.3 When did you stop using your contraceptives

MM / YYYY

D1.4 How long had you used contraceptives

D 1.5 How often did you have sex

Usually (4x a week) Occasionally(1x a week) Sometimes (1 x a month)

D 1.6 Did you time your sex to your monthly cycle Yes No

D2 Are you still trying to fall pregnant? Yes No

D2.1 If no, how long did you keep trying to fall pregnant before you gave up?

D2.2 Why did you give up?

D3 Did you seek medical advice Yes No

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D1._____
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D1.2
D1.3
D1.4

D1.4

D1.6
D2
D2.1_____
D3
D4 _____
D5
D6
D7

D4 What was the outcome of the doctors visit?

* Interviewer doctors diagnosis

D5 When you first started trying to fall pregnant, were you a smoker? Yes No

D6 When you first started trying to fall pregnant, was your partner a smoker? Yes
No