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**BIRTH TO TWENTY BARA SITE: 18TH YEAR
CORE QUESTIONNAIRE (BIOLOGICAL MOTHER)**

DATE: Day Month Year

BTT ID NUMBER:

BONE STUDY ID NUMBER:

To identify who is the respondent

1) Are you the biological mother of the BTT child? YES NO

If YES, go to CORE Questionnaire One

2) If **you are NOT the biological mother.**

What is your relationship to the Bt 20 child? For example, are you the child's Aunt, paternal Grandmother Etc.

Relationship to the child	Please tick ONE option only if OTHER, specify
1. Biological father	
2. Aunt	
3. Grandmother	
4. Grandfather	
5. Stepfather	
6. Stepmother	
7. Uncle	
8. Other	Specify:

3) Would you consider yourself the primary caregiver of the Bt20 child (*meaning that you bear financial responsibility decision making and provide food and shelter*)?

YES NO

4) If **YES**, how long have you been the primary caregiver?

YEARS

5) If **NO**, who is the primary caregiver?

6) How long has this person been the primary caregiver?

IF BIOLOGICAL MOTHER —————→ GO TO CORE QUESTIONNAIRE ONE,
HEALTH ACCESS AND MIGRATION QUESTIONNAIRE

IF BIOLOGICAL FATHER —————→ GO TO CORE QUESTIONNAIRE TWO AND
MIGRATION QUESTIONNAIRE

IF PRIMARY CAREGIVER —————→ GO TO CORE QUESTIONNAIRE THREE, HEALTH
ACCESS AND MIGRATION QUESTIONNAIRE

IF CAREGIVER/ OTHER RESPONDENT BUT NOT PRIMARY CAREGIVER **TERMINATE** THE
INTERVIEW

(The participant must sign or initial)

CONSENT	YES	NO
Core Questionnaire		
Health Access Questionnaire		
Migration Questionnaire		

INFORMED CONSENT

I agree to myself being a participant in the Birth to Twenty study.

The goals and methods of Birth to Twenty are clear to me.

I understand that the study will involve interviews. All the details and purposes of this study have been explained to me. I understand that I have the right to refuse to participate in the study.

I agree to participation in the study on the condition that:

1. I can withdraw from the study at any time voluntarily and that no adverse consequences will follow on withdrawal from the study.
2. I have the right not to answer any or all questions posed in the interviews and not to participate in any or all of the procedures / assessments.
3. The University of the Witwatersrand Human Ethics committee has approved the study protocol and procedures.
4. All results will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.
5. Only group results, and not my or my adolescent's individual results, will be published in scientific journals and in the media.
6. The Bt20 scientific team are committed to treating participants with respect and privacy through interviews conducted in private and follow-up counselling available on request.
7. I will receive a referral note to a health service if any result is out of the normal range or a problem is detected in the course of the study.

PARTICIPANT (Caregiver)

Printed Name	Signature / Mark or Thumbprint	Date and Time
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RESEARCH ASSISTANT:

Printed Name	Signature	Date and Time
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QUESTIONNAIRE ONE (BIOLOGICAL MOTHER)

SECTION 1: Information about the biological mother

- 1) What is your **current** highest level of education (either last standard passed or tertiary qualification completed)?: (Tick option that applies)

Level of education	Respondents level of education
1. No Education	
2. Grade 1-2	
3. Std (1-3) /Grade (3-5)	
4. Std (4-5) /Grade (6-7)	
5. Std (6-7) /Grade (8-9)	
6. Std (8) /Grade (10)	
7. Std (9) /Grade (11)	
8. Matric /Grade (12)	
9. Post Matric qualification	
10. Diploma	
11. Degree	
12. Honours Degree	
13. Masters	
14. PhD	

- 2) Which of these categories best describe your **current** marital status?

(Indicate who the participant is involved with by ticking partner or Biological father)

MARITAL STATUS	TICK	Person involved	
		Partner	B. Father
1. Single, no relationship			<i>go to question 5</i>
2. Not married, not cohabiting, but have casual partner/s.			<i>go to question 3</i>
3. Not married but cohabiting.			<i>go to question 3</i>
4. Married- partner present			<i>go to question 6</i>
5. Married- partner absent			<i>go to question 6</i>
6. Separated (if married)			<i>go to question 5</i>
7. Divorced			<i>go to question 5</i>
8. Widowed			<i>go to question 5</i>

Future relationships: This section is to be answered by participants who are not married but in a relationship or cohabiting.

- 3) How likely are you to marry your current partner (circle one)?
- a. Very likely *go to Question 6*
 - b. Likely *go to Question 6*
 - c. Not sure *go to Question 4*
 - d. Unlikely *go to Question 4*
 - e. Very unlikely *go to Question 4*
 - f. Prefer not to disclose *go to question 6*
- 4) Can you tell me the reasons that make you think it's unlikely (not sure) to marry your current partner (Circle one)?
- a. Problems in the relationship
 - b. Mothers (your) Parents don't approve
 - c. Partners Parents don't approve
 - d. He cant afford dowry (lobola)
 - e. Other (specify below)

- 5) How likely is it that you will ever (marry/remarry) in the future?
- a. Very likely
 - b. Likely
 - c. Not sure
 - d. Unlikely
 - e. Very unlikely
 - f. Prefer not to disclose

Relationships and support since the birth of the BTT Child

- 6) Thinking back, which of these categories best described your marital status when you got pregnant with the BTT child?

MARITAL STATUS	TICK	Person involved	
		Partner	B. Father
1. Single, no relationship			
2. Not married, not cohabiting, but have casual partner/s			
3. Not married but cohabiting.			
4. Married- partner present			
5. Married- partner absent			
6. Separated (if married)			
7. Divorced			
8. Widowed			

- 7) Were you living with a partner when you had the BTT child in 1990?

YES	NO
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- 8) Have you lived with the Biological father of the BTT child since the birth of the BTT child in 1990?

YES	NO
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→ *If NO, Go to Q11*

- 9) If YES, When did you **START** living with the Biological father of the BTT child?

(Date people moved together not date they got married)

Month:	Year:
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- 10) When did you **STOP** living with the biological father of the BTT child?

Month:	Year:	1. Never stopped
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11) Have you lived with someone in a relationship that lasted more than a month in the past 18 years?

YES	NO
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 → *If NO, Go to Q13*

12) How many times since the birth of the BTT child in 1990 have you started living with someone in a relationship that lasted more than one month (***including the biological father and current partner***)?
(Breaking up and restarting with same partner is regarded as one time.)

1. Don't remember	9. Refused	Number:
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- 13) Can you tell me about the relationships you had after the birth of the BTT child in 1990.
(Fill in the table with the dates (months and years) when you started living with partner and when you stopped. Please distinguish whether the person in the relationship was the biological father of the BTT child or another partner(write names of the partners) and show who the Main bread winner in the household was? You should also indicate by YES and NO if they financially supported or in contact with the BTT child).

(If she doesn't remember some of the relationships, should write the ones she remembers)

Fill in the table with the times you lived with Partner/s.				START		STOP(if never Stopped Indicate by Year 2021)		SUPPORT BTT CHILD		Main Bread Winner in Household(relation to the Btt20 Child).e.g. Aunt	
Distinguish who the partner is by Writing the partners or fathers names				Month	Year	Month	Year	Financially (Yes/No)	Contact (Yes/No)		
	Name		Name								
Partner 1		Father									
Partner 2		Father									
Partner 3		Father									
Partner 4		Father									
Partner 5		Father									
Partner 6		Father									
Partner 7		Father									
Partner 8		Father									
Partner 9		Father									

(NB: Number of partners must correspond with the number in Question 12)

14)

CONTACT	YES	NO
A) i) Was the biological father of the BTT child in contact with you during pregnancy?		
ii) Was the biological father of the BTT child in contact with you during the first year after the BTT child was born?		
iii) Is the biological father still in contact with the child?		

FINANCIAL SUPPORT	YES	NO
B) i) Was the biological father of the BTT child financially supporting you during pregnancy?		
ii) Was the biological father of the BTT child financially supporting you during the first year after the BTT child was born?		
iii) Is the biological father still financially supporting the child?		

If Contact and financial Support has not stopped, go to Question 16

15) If contact or financial support has stopped, indicate when they stopped? (Tick one)

	Contact	Financial support
1. Infancy		
2. Preschool		
3. Primary school		
4. High school		
5. Other: specify		

If Not Married and not cohabiting, Go to Question 19

If married, divorced or widowed, Go to Question 16

This section will be answered by participants who are MARRIED or COHABITING

Marriage (Partnering/ Relationships)

16) Which of the following describes your living circumstances? (*tick one box*).

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Married and living with spouse..... | ☐ |
| 2. Married but spouse is in institution (e.g., sick, in jail)..... | ☐ |
| 3. Married, but living with spouse less than half the time
Owing to work/ other commitments..... | ☐ |
| 4. Widow/widower with partner..... | ☐ |
| 5. Widow/widower without partner..... | ☐ |
| 6. Separated (if married) with a partner..... | ☐ |
| 7. Separated (if married) without a partner..... | ☐ |
| 8. Divorced, with a partner..... | ☐ |
| 9. Divorced, without a partner..... | ☐ |
| 10. Other, specify | |

17) How many times have you been legally married (include your current/last marriage)

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Once | ☐ |
| 2. Twice | ☐ |
| 3. Three times | ☐ |
| 4. Four or more times | ☐ |

18) Marriage

		Present or Most recent marriage	First marriage If married more than once	Second Marriage If married more than twice	Third marriage If married more Than 3 times
A) In what month and year Were you married		Year: Mon:	Year: Mon:	Year: Mon:	Year: Mon:
b) Some people live together before marrying, did you and your (husband) live together before marrying		YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
c) (If Yes to b) How long did you leave together before marrying?		Years: or Mon:	Years: or Mon:	Years: or Mon:	Years: or Mon:
d) Are you or were you married to the Biological father of the BTT child?		YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
If Respondent is still in her first marriage go to Question 19					
e) (For previous marriages) How did the marriage end?	1. Still married				
	2. Separated				
	3. Divorced				
	4. Widowed				
f) [If Widowed] In what year did this occur?	Year				
g) [If separated/ divorced] in what Year did you finally separate?	Year				
h) [If divorced] in what year was your divorced finalised	Year				
i) Whose decision was it to finally separate?	1. Mostly Mine				
	2. Mostly Partners				
	3. Joint				

19) How many children does the biological father have with other women other than you?

1. None	2. Don't know	Number:
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20) How many children does the biological father have with you?

1. Number of children	
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21) How old were you when you had your first child (first live birth)?

Years:

22) Were you living with the Biological father before the birth of the Bt 20 child?

YES	NO
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23) What was your marital status 6 months before the Bt 20 child was born?

Marital status	Please tick
1. Single, no relationship	
2. Not married, not cohabiting, but have casual partner/s	
3. Not married but cohabiting.	
4. Married- partner present	
5. Married- partner absent	
6. Separated (if married)	
7. Divorced	
8. Widow	

24) What was your marital status six months after the Btt child was born in 1990?

Marital status	Please tick
1. Single, no relationship	
2. Not married, not cohabiting, but have casual partner/s	
3. Not married but cohabiting.	
4. Married- partner present	
5. Married- partner absent	
6. Separated (if married)	
7. Divorced	
8. Widow	

25) Looking at the given categories below, have any of these changes in marital status happened to you since the birth of the BTT child in 1990? (**Please tick YES or NO and enter year and month**)

<i>Status change</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>
1. Got married				
2. Got separated (if married)				
3. Got Divorced				
4. Got back together with spouse				
5. Was widowed				
6. No change				
6. Other , Specify				

26) Indicate your Marriage relationship over time.

(N.B: Fill out 2008 from Question 2 and 1990 from question 6: Please indicate in the table the marital status of the participant in the past 18 years. Use “P” for partner and “F” for Biological Father to indicate who the mother was involved with)

Year/age of BTT child	MARITAL STATUS								Involvement			
	Single, no relationship	Not married, not cohabiting, but have casual partner/s	Not Married but cohabiting	Married- partner present	Married- partner absent	Widow/ widower	Separated (if married)	Divorced	Biological father		Not Biological father	
									Contact	Financial support	Contact	Financial support
									Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N
1990/0												
1991/1												
1992/2												
1993/3												
1994/4												
1995/5												
1996/6												
1997/7												
1998/8												
1999/9												
2000/10												
2001/11												
2002/12												
2003/13												
2004/14												
2005/15												
2006/16												
2007/17												
2008/18												

27) Is the BTT child currently staying with you in the same household?

YES	NO
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28) When is the last night the child stayed in the household?

1. Yesterday
2. Few days ago
3. A week ago
4. A month ago
5. More than a month ago
6. Not applicable

29) Has the child not lived with you at any point during these ages?

Response	NO	YES	If YES, with whom	For how long?
0 to 2 years				
3 to 5 years				
6 to 11 years				
12 to 18years				

30) Who has been the **Main** bread winner in the household where the BTT 20 child was staying in these years?

Year/Age of Btt 20 child	1. Mother	2. Father	3. Grandmother	4. Grandfather	5. Aunt	6. Uncle	7. Sibling	8. partner	9. Other
1990/0									
1991/1									
1992/2									
1993/3									
1994/4									
1995/5									
1996/6									
1997/7									
1998/8									
1999/9									
2000/10									
2001/11									
2002/12									
2003/13									
2004/14									
2005/15									
2006/16									
2007/17									
2008/18									

31) How frequent has been the contact between the biological father and BTT child in these years?

Age of the Bt 20 child	1.Daily	2.Weekly	3.Monthly	4.Once a year	5.Father in household	6. None	7.Other
0 to 2 years							
3 to 5 years							
6 to 11 years							
12 to 17 years							

32) If the Biological father is no longer in contact with the BTT child, why is this so? **(if the father is deceased indicate the year of death and date of last contact)**

33) Are you currently employed (include self-employment)?

YES	NO
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34) If YES, what is your current Occupation (including informal work)?

35) If NO, are you currently looking for employment?

YES	NO
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36) What is your partners Occupation?

37) If NOT employed, is he looking for employment?

YES	NO
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38) List all your children and their ages, sex, completed level of education and the names of their father/s (mark with an asterisk (*) the BTT child's name).

Children's names	Relationship to BTT20 child	Name of the father	Age	Sex	Level of education
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					

39) Who has contributed financially the **MOST** to the rearing of the BTT child since birth?

Relationship to mother	AGE OF THE BT20 CHILD			
	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-11 years	12-18 years
1. Mother				
2. Father				
3. Grandmother				
4. Grandfather				
5. Aunt				
6. Uncle				
7. sibling				
8. Partner				
7. Other (specify)				

40) Do you consider the biological father the main father figure in BTT child's life?

YES	NO
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41) (If Yes skip the Question) If NO, who would you consider to have been the most significant father figure in the BTT child's life?

Relationship to the child	Tick one
1 Grandfather	
2.Uncle	
3.Partner/step father	
4.Father in law	
5. Nobody	
6. Other	Specify:

42) How much responsibility does the father figure or father take in the following?

	NO Responsibility	Some Responsibility	All the Responsibility
1. Providing money, housing, clothes,			
2. Visiting the child			
3. Knowing where the child is at all times			
4. Knowing child's friends			
5. Know what the child watches on TV			
6. Playing together			
7. Working on a project together or help with homework			
8.Listening to child			
9. Discussing daily activities, experiences, Concerns, and family issues with child			
10. Teaching difference between right and Wrong			
11. Reinforcing values and behaviour			
12. Setting rules/limits, punishing and Rewarding the child			
13. Hitting, slapping and yelling at a child			

- 43) Who has been responsible for making sure that the child is disciplined (by which I mean setting boundaries, reprimanding or communicating with the child rather than physical discipline) in these years?

Please tick more than one

Relationship to Btt child	AGE OF THE BTT CHILD			
	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-11 years	12-18 years
1. Mother				
2. Father				
3. Grandmother				
4. Grandfather				
5. Aunt				
6. Uncle				
7. sibling				
8. Partner				
9. Nobody				
10. Other (specify)				

44)

(NB: you can tick more than one option)

Decision maker (relationship to Bt20)	A) Who is the main decision maker for child in the current household?	B) Who assists and monitors the child's school work most often in the current household?	C) Who does the child talk to and confides in about worries or problems in the current household?
1. Mother			
2. Father			
3. Grandmother			
4. Grandfather			
5. Aunt			
6. Uncle			
7. sibling			
8. Partner			
7. Both parents			
8. Nobody			
9. Other	Specify:		

SECTION 2: SUPPORT (SINGLE MOTHER)

45) Do you consider yourself as a single mother?

YES	NO
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46) Can you elaborate, why do you consider yourself a single mother (not a single mother)?

(The participant has to elaborate why she thinks she is a single mother and why she doesn't think she is a single mother)

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47) Who mainly assists you with co-raising the BTT child?

Relationship to the child	Please tick and specify other
1. Mother	
2. Father	
3. Grandmother	
4. Grandfather	
5. Aunt	
6. Uncle	
7. sibling	
8.Partner	
10. Other specify	

48) Who do you talk to about problems you have with your children? (Rank 1-5, top five, e.g. 1 is most important)

Person you talk to	Rank 1 to 5 starting with most important
1.Relative	
2.Co-worker	
3. Neighbour	
4.Friend	
5. Partner/husband	
6. Community resource	
7.Employer/supervisor	
8.Family doctor/specialist	
9.Social worker	
10.Psychologist	
11.Psychiatrist	
12.Lawyer	
13.Police	
14.Spiritual advisor	
15.Store owner	
16 Teacher	
17. No one	
18. Child's mothers Parents	
19. Other:	Specify:

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

REFERRAL LOG SHEET

BTT / Bone study ID	
Surname	
Name	
Contact number	
Date	
Referral case	
Research assistant	

Office use

Case dispatched to Clinical Cohort Service?	Yes	No
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Notes: