**Additional file 2: Ethical considerations throughout the interview process**

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| **Ethical considerations**  |
| * **Trust and repeated contact with participating women**
* Regular meetings face to face or by phone happened prior to the interview to introduce and to get familiar with the interviewer
* Preferable time, place and language were carefully checked
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| * **Being properly informed**
* Time was given to (re)think the women’s participation by sending the information brochures prior to the interview
* The interviewer checked again after some time if the women were still willing to participate
* To ensure that the women were properly informed, oral explanation of the full information brochure was necessary
* Additional questions were clarified in an easy pace
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| * **Confidentiality & Consent**
* Written informed consent was obtained together with some demographic information
* Agreement was asked for digitally recording
* Identifiable information was treated with confidentiality and only the research team had access to the recordings and interview transcripts
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| * **The presence of interpreters**
* Interpreters orally translated the information brochure and consent form
* An additional consent form was signed by interpreters with the statement that (s)he ensured confidentiality and that the woman fully understood the translation of the information brochure and consent form
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| * **Sensitivity to the women's needs & awareness of bias**
* Being sensitive to the women's needs of taking a break during the interviews *(e.g. due to the care of children, urgent household tasks)* was crucial
* Awareness of possible bias (e.g. risk of missing out, privacy and confidentiality issues) was necessary when other people (family members, friends) entered the interview setting
* The interviewer regularly checked for (non-)verbal signs if the women felt uncomfortable or wanted to stop the interview
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