**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 |
| * **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 |
| * **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 |
| * **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 |
| * **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 |