

## Validation of a Screening Tool Used to Identify Children Living with HIV in High Volume Outpatient Departments in Malawi

Interview Guide for Caregiver Exit Interviews

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 Enrollment date:   /   /   (dd-mm-yy) Site ID:   Interviewer ID:  

#### Demographic Information

<b>1.</b>	<b>Gender:</b>  (Parent/ Caregiver)	What is your gender?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male  <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>2.</b>	<b>Age:</b>  (Parent/ Caregiver)	What is your age?	_____ years
<b>3.</b>	<b>Gender:</b>  (Child)	What is the child's gender?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male  <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>4.</b>	<b>Age:</b>  (Child)	What is the child's age?	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4  <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9  <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14

**Earlier, a healthcare worker asked you questions to assess your child's need for an HIV test. We would like to understand how you felt about that experience. Please feel free to respond based on your experience to the following questions. I will take notes to record your responses.**

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**Acceptability of Screening Tool****1. For the screening tool, please describe any questions that were difficult for you or your child to answer.**

(Probe: What made them difficult to understand? What questions, if any, made you uncomfortable? Tell me about any question you could not answer.)

**2. What challenges do you see asking the screening questions to the following groups:**

(Probe: The 4 screening questions included: Death of one or both parents? Poor health in last 3 months? Skin condition? Previous hospitalization?)

- **Biological parents?**
  
- **Non-biological caregivers?**
  
- **Parents/Caregivers of children aged 2–9?**
  
- **Parents/Caregivers of children 10–13?**

**3. How did the screening tool influence your decision to test your child for HIV today?**

(Probes: What is the benefit or challenge to knowing your child's HIV status?)

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**4. Please describe how you felt about how you were treated by the healthcare worker who asked you the screening questions.** (Probe: Please share anything you liked or disliked.)

**Feasibility of Screening Tool**

**5. What do you think are benefits of using the screening tool for clients?**

(Probe: How do you see this tool affecting the quality of care clients receive?)

**6. What do you think are challenges of using the screening tool for clients?**

(Probe: How did receiving the screening affect the rest of your visit? How did your visit change?)

**7. What do you think about healthcare workers using these questions to identify children and adolescents who need to be tested for HIV?**

(Probe: What recommendations do you have to improve the use of this screening tool?)

**8. What changes would you suggest to how the questions are asked?**

(Probe: How could we improve the screening process to identify children and adolescents with HIV?)

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**This completes our interview. Thank you for your time.**