





# Sierra Leone Barrier Analysis Survey on Fish and Pumpkin



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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

Helen Keller International HKI

mother, infant, and young child nutrition MIYCN

SBC social and behavior change

Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally SPRING

WASH water, sanitation, and hygiene

#### **Executive Summary**

SPRING, in collaboration with staff from HKI Sierra Leone, conducted four Barrier Analysis (BA) surveys in fifteen communities across three chiefdoms in Tonkolili District, Sierra Leone to identify behavioral determinants of consuming fish and pumpkin by pregnant women and children 6-23 months old. The BA was intended to inform social and behavior change communication (SBCC) efforts promoting dietary diversity. The BA team used the CORE Group's *Barrier Analysis Facilitator*'s *Guide*<sup>1</sup> using survey questionnaires to identify differences between Doers (those who engage in the targeted practice) and Non-doers (those who do not) on a set of key behavioral determinants.<sup>2</sup>

While pumpkin is widely consumed during the rainy season while plentiful, Non-doers reported low consumption during the dry season when it is scarce. Lack of availability, high price, and poor access to preferred quality of pumpkin were reported much more frequently by Non-doers than by Doers. Low perceived action efficacy of feeding a child pumpkin is an important barrier as Doers were 2.7 times more likely than Non-doers to say that giving a child pumpkin to eat prevents malnutrition. Non-doers were 4.7 times more likely to say that feeding a child pumpkin can cause rashes (Perceived negative consequences).

Among pregnant women, Non-doers were more likely than Doers to report eating pumpkin "only when it is plentiful". Barriers included poor availability, high cost, and the perception that it is difficult to store pumpkins. Doers were 3.2 times more likely to list good taste/texture of pumpkin as an advantage (Positive consequence). Non-doers were more likely to say that pumpkin was not always available in their village during the dry season (p < 0.005). One-third of Doers grew their own pumpkin rather than purchasing it. Non-doers were more likely to purchase whole pumpkins (possibly limiting the frequency of purchase) while many Doers purchase pumpkin in small slices. Doers were 8.5 times more likely to say that health workers approved of pumpkin consumption while pregnant (Perceived social norms) (p < 0.005).

Although fish is widely consumed daily in sauce, the amount consumed per person is low. Low availability and affordability, and limited access to the varieties desired were the biggest barriers to daily and year-round consumption of a beneficial quantity of fish. Another barrier is poor access to safe, quality (smoked/frozen) fish. Fish is sold many days or even weeks old with maggots being seen on occasion. Perceived action efficacy also plays a role as Doers were 4.8 times more likely to say that fish consumption prevents malnutrition in children and 3.9 times more likely to say that it prevents anemia in pregnant women.

These results informed the development of SBCC materials to promote dietary diversity and also speak to the importance of improving access to affordable, good quality fish and pumpkin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Davis Jr., Thomas P., (2004). Barrier Analysis Facilitator's Guide: A Tool for Improving Behavior Change Communication in Child Survival and Community Development Programs, Washington, D.C.: Food for the Hungry <a href="http://www.coregroup.org/resources/52-barrier-analysis">http://www.coregroup.org/resources/52-barrier-analysis</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Taken from: Kittle, Bonnie. 2013. A Practical Guide to Conducting a Barrier Analysis. New York, NY: Helen Keller International. http://www.fsnnetwork.org/practical-guide-conducting-barrier-analysis

#### Introduction

The Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) project and Helen Keller International (HKI) in Sierra Leone embarked on an eight-month learning project in Sierra Leone to investigate how to 1) improve feeding practices of pregnant women and infants and 2) increase household access to nutrientrich foods for year round diverse diets. The strategic objective of the learning agenda is to improve collaboration, learning, and adaptation related to social and behavior change (SBC) approaches for maternal, infant, and young child nutrition (MIYCN), and nutrition-sensitive agricultural practices. The overarching goal of the effort is to contribute to improving dietary diversity among households with pregnant and lactating women and children 6-23 months old, specifically in the target area of Tonkolili district, Sierra Leone. The types of foods that can improve dietary diversity in this context are many. In order to provide focus and sufficient depth of analysis the study selected two commodities fish and pumpkin based on nutrients needed during the "first 1,000 days."

### Objectives

The barrier analysis survey aimed to investigate and identify behavioral determinants associated with the consumption of fish and pumpkins using the CORE Group's Barrier Analysis Facilitator's Guide. In addition, it aimed to capture current issues, including cultural practices, associated with year-round access to and utilization of these two nutrient-rich foods in order to improve dietary diversity of the first 1,000 days among households in select communities.

#### Methodology

The survey was conducted in 15 selected communities in the three chiefdoms in Tonkolili district: Kafe Simiria, Kholifa Rowalla, and Tane. The survey used purposive sampling to yield a mixture of size and access to roads, markets, and health facilities and was also based partly on ease of access by the survey teams. Three teams of two interviewers and a supervisor each conducted the survey of doers and non-doers with mothers/caregivers of children 6-23 months (referred to as Teams A, B, and C). The remaining team with three interviewers and one supervisor conducted the survey for doers and non-Doers targeting pregnant women (referred to as Team D) within the same communities surveyed by Teams A, B, and C. Mothers/caregivers of children aged 6-23 months old were interviewed regarding feeding both fish and pumpkin to the child and pregnant women were interviewed regarding their own consumption of fish and pumpkin during pregnancy. All teams administered the behavior questionnaire on fish for a total of three days, and then administered the behavior questionnaire on pumpkin for a total of three days. Teams A, B, and C interviewed approximately 5 doers and 5 non-doers of behavior per day who were caregivers/mothers of children ages 6-23 months, for a total of 10 interviews of doers and non-doers a day per team. Approximately 21 pregnant women were interviewed each day by Team D.

All responses were collected as hard copies and double checked by supervisors in the field, and later coded for analysis. Comparison was made for responses provided by "doers" (people that actually "do" the desired behavior according to criteria outlined per questionnaire) versus "non-doers."

#### **Questionnaire Development**

HKI staff in consultation with SPRING technical advisors developed the questionnaires in English for both pregnant women and children from 6-23 months of age for both fish and pumpkin. The survey questionnaires were designed to identify differences between doers and non-doers on a set of key behavioral determinants, as listed in Figure 1.<sup>3</sup> Reviews of the questionnaire were conducted prior to and as part of training. The questionnaires were pretested on different groups of respondents to ascertain the flow of the questions, criteria for categorizing doer versus non-doer, and the suitability of a "prompting" word/phrase in Krio, Limba, and/or Themne, the most commonly spoken local languages. On the basis of the pretest results, questionnaires were modified and finalized for data collection prior to the survey. Of note, over the first half day of fieldwork no women were found who did not eat fish every day, so the questionnaire was modified in the field to relax the criteria for a non-doer, allowing the team to classify a woman as a doer or a non-doer according to the quantity of fish consumed.<sup>4</sup>

Figure 1. Important Determinants That Influence Behavior

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1. Perceived self-efficacy/skills	6. Cues for action/reminders		
2. Perceived social norms	7. Perceived susceptibility/risk		
3. Perceived positive consequences	8. Perceived severity		
4. Perceived negative consequences	9. Perceived action efficacy		
5. Access	10. Perceived divine will		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Determinants taken from: Kittle, Bonnie. 2013. A Practical Guide to Conducting a Barrier Analysis. New York: Helen Keller International. http://www.fsnnetwork.org/practical-guide-conducting-barrier-analysis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Results from the first half day were excluded from the analysis.

#### **Training of Interviewers**

HKI conducted a three-day training for hired interviewers (Figure 1). The nine hired interviewers (three women and six men) were recruited based on their ability to speak Krio and Themne, read and write in English, and their previous work experience on surveys and assessments. Training topics included determinants of behaviour, doer versus non-doer, good interview techniques, and familiarity with the questionnaires (both for pregnant women and for caregivers/mothers of children aged 6–23 months). Interviewers practiced administering the questionnaires first through role play and then pretesting in the field, and provided feedback

Training included all survey materials, including hard copy of questionnaires. Materials were pretested through simulation exercises and tools were then finalized and printed.

#### **Selection of Households**

The first house visited in each community was randomly selected according to the following steps:

- 1. The approximate geographic center of the community was identified.
- 2. A random direction was chosen from the center using the spin-the-pen technique.
- 3. All houses from the center to the edge of the area were counted and assigned a number.
- 4. A random number table was used to select a number (between one and the total houses counted). The house assigned the corresponding number was the first visited.
- 5. The next house to be visited was to the immediate left of the previous house visited.

#### Selection of Eligible Child and Pregnant Women in the Survey

At each house, all eligible households (those eating from the same cooking pot) were identified and the participants selected randomly as follows:

- The enumerator asked the head of the household or a caregiver how many caregivers/mothers with children between 6–23 months were present in the household.
- The names of all eligible children were recorded on pieces of paper, and someone in the household was asked to draw one piece of paper to select the child.



Figure 2. Training of Interviewers in Makeni

- 3. If the mother/caregiver of the selected child was available, the enumerator sought consent and proceeded to interview her.
- 4. If the mother/caregiver was not available or not willing to be surveyed, the enumerator recorded it and moved to the next eligible mother/caregiver.
- 5. The enumerator continued according to these steps, moving on to the next house to the left until they had interviewed five caregivers/mothers of children aged 6–23 months per day.

#### Estimating a Child's Age

The enumerators confirmed a child's age by referring to its immunization/yellow card or other written document with the child's date of birth. When households did not have any reliable document, surveyors were required to estimate age of child using a pre-agreed local calendar of events.

#### Selection of Pregnant Women at the Health Facility

The nearest health facility for each community was selected for interviewing the pregnant women and continued at households through random selection until the daily quota was met. Pregnant women were randomly selected using the table of random numbers.

#### Data Cleaning, Entry, and Analyses

All the questionnaires were brought to national level for data verification. Data were entered and coded before analysis. Data was cleaned; double checked against the hard copies, and then analyzed. Statistical significance between doers/non-doers was tested by chi tests at p < 0.05 significance level.

#### **Ethical Clearance**

HKI applied to the Office of the Sierra Leone Ethics and Scientific Review Committee at the Ministry of Health and Sanitation for ethical approval to conduct this study. Ethical clearance was granted following a review of the statement of purpose, components of research, design and procedures of research, and curricula vitae of implementation team members. Throughout the study, ethical standards were maintained with all respondents granting consent prior to participation and all data being anonymized.

#### Results

A total of 96 mothers/caregivers were interviewed for the behavior of fish consumption (49 doers and 47 nondoers) and 101 (48 goers and 51 non-doers) for pumpkin consumption by children 6-23 months old (Table 2). Sixty pregnant women were interviewed on behavior associated with pumpkin consumption (33 doers and 27 non-doers) and 42 for fish consumption (17 doers and 25 non-doers). All the significant differences between doers and non-doers are reported at p < 0.05 unless stated otherwise. A full list of significant responses to questions/prompts will be found in Annexes 1-4.

**Table 1. Criteria for Doers versus Non-Doers** 

Fish consumption, children, aged 6–23 months			
Doer	Non-doer		
Child fed fish at least 2–3 times a week	Child fed fish once a week or less frequently		
Fish consumption pregnant women			
Doer	Non-doer		
Pregnant woman with approximately one hand palm of fish per person in her household yesterday (rough estimate from graphic on questionnaire)	Pregnant woman with less than one hand palm of fish per person in her household yesterday (rough estimate from graphic on questionnaire)		
Pumpkin consumption, children aged 6–23 months			
Doer	Non-doer		
Child fed pumpkin in past month	Child not fed pumpkin in past month		
Pumpkin consumption, pregnant women			
Doer	Non-doer		
Pregnant woman who has eaten pumpkin in past month	Pregnant woman who has not eaten pumpkin in past month		

#### Fish Consumption in Children 6–23 Months Old

While conducting the surveys, it took much longer to find non-doers than doers, categorizing a doer as having a child fed fish more than once a week, and a non-doer once a week or less frequently. While various factors make it "very difficult" to give children fish every day, the most significant factor was economic barriers, as vocalized by non-doers, including high cost and money problems. The responses from mothers/caregivers highlighted differences of perceived consequences as key determinants. Doers were 4.8 times more likely to include health benefits as an advantage of fish consumption for their children than non-doers: "Child grow strong /smart/faster rate/ good baby/fit/healthy/active/grows well /fresh/good looking /weight." Doers were also 3.9 times more likely to vocalize an advantage of fish to be "prevent sickness anemia/ diarrhea/malnutrition" than non-doers. As illustrated in Figure 3, just over one-third of non-doers believe fish is critical to preventing malnutrition.

100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Doers Non-Doers ■ A. Very likely ■ B. Some what likely C. Not likely D. Don't know

Figure 3. How Likely Is It That Your Child Will Become Malnourished if You Do Not Give Your Child Fish to Eat Every Day?

A commonly perceived negative consequence was the poor quality of fish (smoked / re-smoked, frozen / thawed / refrozen),  $^{5}$  with both doers and non-doers listing worms as the most common disadvantage. Probing self-efficacy, doers were 8.1 times more likely to report quality of fish availability as good and not problematic (p < 0.005), while non-doers reported that good quality fish was available, but expensive.

Excluding worms, the majority of doers reported "No disadvantages" of their child consuming fish (p < 0.005), while non-doers shared a variety of reasons, including issues with bones, frequent stooling, vomiting, and fever. Interestingly, non-doers were 9.8 times more likely to state "witchcraft" as a disadvantage than doers, while both non-doers and doers had heard from traditional elders that a child could become a "thief" as a negative consequence of eating fish. Overall, the majority of mothers/caregivers reported not knowing any cultural taboos against children eating fish when directly asked (p = 0.607). Responses across doers and non-doers related to perceived social norms were significantly different regarding "no-one disapproves of them giving fish to their child" and regarding "their mothers disapprove of them giving fish to their child."

Lastly, non-doers are 3.5 times more likely than doers to respond that it is "very difficult" to remember to give fish daily to children.

#### Fish Consumption by Pregnant Women

Among pregnant women surveyed, all reported year-round access to and daily consumption of fish, although in limited amounts, and all understood the importance and health benefits of consuming fish. Moreover, all women responded that they did not know anyone who disapproves of them eating fish. Over 90 percent of both doers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> SPRING. 2016. *Barriers and Facilitators to Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture Focusing on Fish and Pumpkin Value Chain in Tonkolili*. Arlington, VA: Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) project.

and non-doers also responded "Yes" when asked if eating fish every day while pregnant is good in the sight of God ("Perception of divine will").

A major determinant of fish consumption was perceived access and self-efficacy, with 24 percent of non-doers responding it is "Very difficult" to get enough fish to eat every day, and no doers providing this response.

All respondents except one doer (who responded "Don't know") believed anemia to be a "Very bad/severe" problem, with the majority of both doers and non-doers believing that fish consumption prevents anemia (p = 0.573). Interestingly, doers were divided over perceived susceptibility to anemia, with "Very likely" and "Not likely at all" each receiving 41 percent of the responses (see Figure 4). Nevertheless, doers were 12.9 times more likely to respond that anemia would affect the development of their baby, stating "Poor child development/important for baby/ important to be healthy when pregnant" (p < 0.005). A limited number of both doers and non-doers understood that anemia could lead to a difficult delivery or put a baby at risk (p = 0.208).

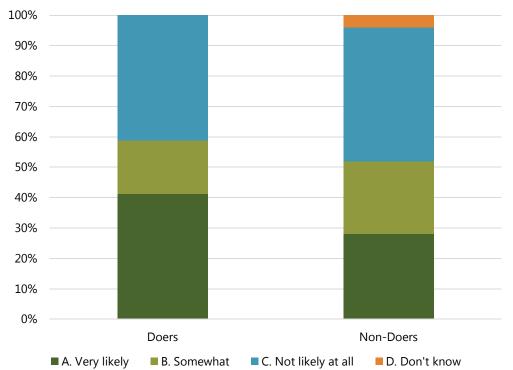


Figure 4. How Likely Is It That You Will Become Anemic if You Do Not Eat Fish Every Day while Pregnant?

#### Pumpkin Consumption in Children 6–23 Months Old

At the time of the survey, mothers and caregivers reported that pumpkin was scarce, as it was the peak of the dry season. However, a limited number of households currently had pumpkins in their possession or a source for purchasing pumpkins. Significant differences in frequency of consumption between doers and non-doers were observed for both time periods explored. Doers all said that they normally fed their child pumpkin either monthly or more frequently. By contrast, almost all non-doers reported that they only fed their child pumpkin when it is plentiful/during the rainy season or that they never fed their child pumpkin shown in Table 3. Moreover, during the season when pumpkin is plentiful doers fed their children pumpkin much more frequently than did non-doers. The frequency of consumption of pumpkin by children aged 6–23 months is much lower than consumption by pregnant women, even when pumpkin is plentiful, suggesting that mothers may be unaware of the value of pumpkin as a complementary food for young children. Comparing Tables 2 and 3, consumption of pumpkin by

children aged 6–23 months is much lower than consumption by pregnant women, even when pumpkin is plentiful, further suggesting the value of pumpkin as complementary food for young children is not well known.

Table 2. Frequency Child Is Fed Pumpkin in the Past Month versus When It Is Plentiful

Responses	Doers	Non-Doers		
Normally during this month of the year how often do you include pumpkin in what you feed your child?*				
At least once a month	100%	8%		
Only when it is plentiful or in the rainy season	0%	63%		
Never	0%	30%		
Normally, how often do you feed your child pumpkin when it is plentiful?				
At least once a week	73%	36%		
Once every two weeks or once a month	27%	40%		
Never	0%	25%		

<sup>\*</sup>These questions were asked both of doers and non-doers.

Table 3. Frequency with which Pregnant Woman Has Consumed Pumpkin in the Past Month versus When It Is Plentiful

Responses	Doers	Non-Doers		
Normally during this month of the year how often do you eat pumpkin?*				
At least once a month	94%	19%		
Only when plentiful	6%	78%		
Never	0%	4%		
How often do you eat pumpkin when it is plentiful?*				
At least once a week	63%	53%		
Once or twice a month	36%	45%		
Never	0%	4%		

<sup>\*</sup> These questions were asked both of doers and non-doers.

Issues of availability and access were reported as the limiting factor of consumption, with few differences between doers and non-doers. When asked about ease of feeding their child pumpkin once a month, the majority of both doers and non-doers report providing pumpkin to be "Very difficult" or "Somewhat difficult." Probed answers centered on money problems, difficulty in finding pumpkin during the dry season, unsuitable soil, being difficult to plant, and poor yields (grasshoppers). Moreover, storing pumpkins was identified as a challenging factor for most respondents; issues included spoilage, lack of a storage facility, rats, maggots, flies, and other bush animals. When pumpkins are plentiful they are traded between households and brought to villages by petty traders. At the time of the survey, pumpkins were harder to find outside the large markets or "lumas" in Magburaka and Matotoka. Mothers/caregivers reported that the price of pumpkins increases in the dry season compared to the rainy season (harvest).

Perceived social norms<sup>6</sup> were not observed as influencing consumption, with the majority of both doers and non-doers feeling that "No one/nobody" disapproves of them giving pumpkin to their child (p = 0.817). In addition, the percentage of doers versus non-doers who believe God approves of them giving pumpkin to their child was statistically significant.

Another significant difference between doers and non-doers was the perceived action efficacy of feeding a child pumpkin, as illustrated in Figure 5 Doers are 2.7 times more likely than non-doers to believe that giving a child pumpkin to eat every month will prevent the child from becoming malnourished. Repeated responses volunteered from non-doers include "Other foods provide the same goodness," "Child is not sick without pumpkin," or simply "Child has never tried pumpkin." When asked which other foods provide the same "goodness" or nutrients as pumpkin, the most common responses from all respondents included banana/plantains, papaya, rice, green leaves, beans, fish, and egg. (See Annex 1).

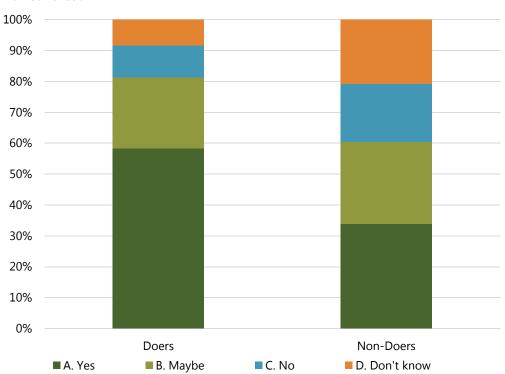


Figure 5. Do You Believe That Giving Your Child Pumpkin to Eat Every Month Will Prevent Your Child from Becoming Malnourished?

Non-doers were 4.7 times more likely than doers to list "rashes/scratches the body or skin" as a disadvantage. Furthermore, doers were more aware of the benefits of pumpkin than non-doers, with perceived advantages including "heals rashes" and "freshens skin," along with "prevents constipation" and "encourages normal stooling," and "clears the stomach" and "clears stomach sicknesses."

#### **Pumpkin Consumption by Pregnant Women**

Over three-quarters of non-doers reported only eating pumpkin "when it is plentiful," compared with 6 percent of doers (p < 0.005), as illustrated in Table 3. During the season when pumpkin is plentiful both doers and non-doers consumed pumpkin with essentially the same frequency.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The perception that people important to an individual think that he /she should or should not do the behavior

Interestingly, doers were 3.2 times more likely than non-doers to list the good taste/good feeling of pumpkin as an advantage.

The most significant distinction between doers and non-doers was access. The majority of both doers and non-doers vocalized issues of availability at time of survey. When probed regarding perceived access, most non-doers reported pumpkin was not always available in their village or was unavailable unless they traveled to the *lumas* (markets) at Magburaka or Matotoka (p < 0.005). One-third of doers stated that they did not purchase pumpkin, but rather relied on growing their own pumpkin, which no non-doers reported. Non-doers were 3.7 more likely to than doers to answer it is "very difficult" to get enough pumpkin for them to eat it every month, identifying "limited availability/seasonal access" as the major restriction (p < 0.005). In addition, non-doers were more likely to purchase whole pumpkins (possibly limiting the frequency of purchase) while many doers reported purchasing small pieces/slices of pumpkin (Figure 6).

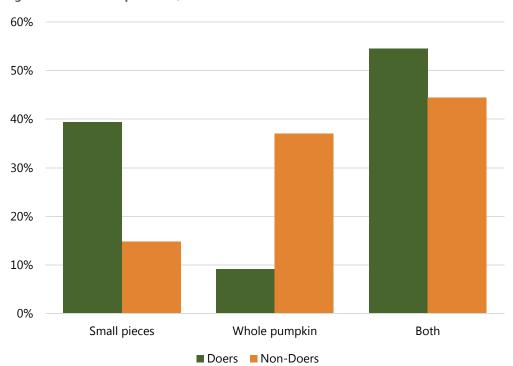
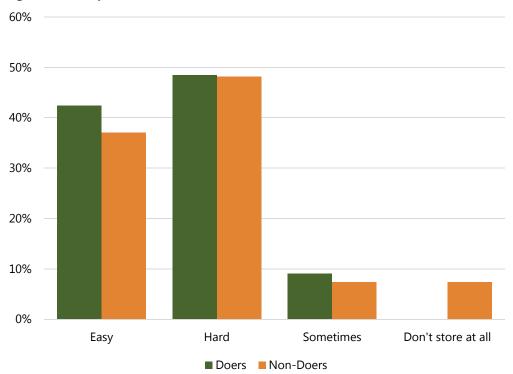


Figure 6. How Is Pumpkin Sold/Purchased?

The pregnant women respondents identified storage problems corresponding to those indicated by mothers/caregivers of children aged 6–23 months, including lack of a storage facility and issues of rats. Approximately one-half of both doers and non-doers believed pumpkin is hard to store (see Figure 7). Notably, within the same village a large number of respondents stated that storing pumpkins was not difficult, indicating a gap in knowledge sharing.

Figure 7. Is Pumpkin Hard to Store?



In terms of perceived social norms, there was no statistically significant difference between doers and non-doers reporting relatives and neighbors who disapprove of pregnant women eating pumpkin, although doers were 8.5 times more likely than non-doers to share that health workers/nurses approved of pumpkin consumption while pregnant (p < 0.005).

#### Conclusions and Recommendations

The team discovered pumpkin not only plentiful in the rainy season, but also popular. However, at the time of the survey, general scarcity, prohibiting year-round consumption by both pregnant women and child 6–23 months, was evident. The key determinants for pumpkin consumption included accessibility, cost, and storage. The issue of storage requires further investigation to understand the potential for year-round availability and reduced spoilage; various methods of storage were proposed, but knowledge sharing between neighbors was poor. Additionally, some traders must have good storage techniques since they are able to maintain effective storage for off-season sales, and thereby earn higher prices. Knowledge sharing within communities should be promoted to encourage improved yields and effective storage.

The importance of pumpkin was not widely communicated within these communities, with predominantly doers (both pregnant women and mothers/caregivers) perceiving nurses and health workers to approve of eating pumpkin. In particular, pumpkin needs to be further promoted as a beneficial complementary food; it is currently undervalued for children aged 6–23 months, even when pumpkin is plentiful and widely consumed by pregnant women and other household members. Numerous households that grew, and apparently knew how to store, pumpkins deplete their stocks early in dry season due to low quantity produced. Increasing knowledge on the benefits of pumpkin through mother support groups and other channels could eventually increase demand and motivate farmers to increase production.

Although fish is widely consumed daily within a sauce, the quantity consumed per person is low. Overwhelmingly, both pregnant women and mothers/caregivers believed that fish is good for a healthy life. Limited access and availability, affordability of the preferred varieties of fish, along with poor quality, were the biggest barriers to daily and year-round fish consumption. The purchasing power of mothers, caregivers, and pregnant women is constricted not only by the price, but also limited by lack of access to safe, quality (smoked/frozen) fish.

Fish is sold many days or even weeks old, with maggots being seen on occasion. Most mothers fear giving their children fish because of the poor quality and/or improper handling of traders. Addressing gaps in research and innovation mitigating concerns of sanitation and hygiene would have significant impact not only at the household level but also for traders and others who lose fish to spoilage. Furthermore, the health benefits and safety of powdered fish (produced on a large scale) needs further investigation to determine the potential of increasing year-round access to fish for children aged 6–23 months. This could address major safety concerns of mothers/caregivers, specifically those who avoid giving their babies fish for fear of bones. Against this current backdrop, caution should be exercised when advising mothers/caregivers to mix fish into complementary food.

Lastly, numerous caregivers encountered did not understand when to start complementary feeding, thus giving their children only breast milk and water past six months, including some cases with children over 11 months of age. This could be addressed by supporting mother support groups and conducting refresher trainings for those responsible for home visit and counseling, while also promoting wider participation at the household level. Alternatively, multimedia messages could successfully address issues of conflicting or confusing messaging, potentially by designing and showing Pico videos at the community level.

# Annex 1. Mothers' Responses to "Which other foods provide the same goodness to your child as pumpkin?"

(Perceived Action Efficacy, Question 13 in Annex 8.)

Foods	Doers	Non-Doers
Banana/plantain	18	17
Pawpaw/papaya	9	18
Mango	5	3
Cucumber	0	3
Palm oil	5	4
Groundnut	3	3
Rice/rice pap	12	6
Green leaves	13	9
Beans	12	10
Porridge (Bennimix/Nutrilac	6	5
Blended/corn flour	3	2
Oranges	2	2
Breastmilk	4	5
Sausage/meat/chicken	4	2
Cassava	2	2
Fish	12	15
Coco yam	3	2
Pear	0	1
Pineapple	2	2
Egg	11	6
Avocado (pear)	1	0
Potato	4	0
Okra	1	0
Bread/biscuit/cake	3	0

Annex 2. Fish Consumption, Children 6–23 Months

Determinants <sup>7</sup>	Percentage of Doers	Percentage of Non-Doers	p-Value
1. Perceived Positive Consequences (Advantages)			
Child grow strong / smart / faster rate / good baby / fit / healthy / active / grows well / fresh / good looking / weight	96	83	<0.05
Prevent sickness anemia/diarrhea/malnourishment	27	9	< 0.05
2. Perceived Negative Consequences (Disadvantages)			
No disadvantage/nothing bad	59	28	< 0.005
Worms	31	55	<0.05
Witchcraft	2	17	<0.05
3. Perceived Social Norms: Who approves?			
Nobody	0	17	< 0.005
4. Perceived Social Norms: Who disapproves?			
Nobody	61	38	<0.05
My mother	0	13	< 0.05
Health workers/nurses	0	11	< 0.05
5. Perceived Self- Efficacy: How difficult?			
Very difficult	43	64	< 0.05
Not difficult	33	15	< 0.05
A Responses (Very difficult)			
High cost/small portion/quantity/affordability/expensive/access	35	13	<0.05
Money problem/poor	0	49	< 0.000
B Responses (Not difficult at all)			
Sometimes	0	9	< 0.05
6. Perceived Access B: What makes it easy?			
A Desired variety available?			
Sometimes	0	13	=0.01

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The following tables list only those determinants which showed a statistically significant difference between doers and non-doers. The numbering reflects that of the original survey questionnaires for ease of reference.

Determinants <sup>7</sup>	Percentage of Doers	Percentage of Non-Doers	p-Value
7. Perceived Access B. How is it difficult?			
A Cost			
Not always affordable	0	19	=0.001
B Availability			
Not always available	65	85	< 0.05
Travelers do bring from Makeni, Magburaka, elsewhere	0	11	< 0.05
We get from Matotoka only	0	9	< 0.05
C Poor quality			
There's always good quality	27	4	< 0.005
The quality is fine, just expensive	27	6	< 0.01
D Variety			
Available but expensive	0	15	=0.005
8. Cues for Action: How difficult to remember?			
Very difficult	16	40	< 0.01
Not difficult	71	45	< 0.01
A. Responses (Somewhat difficult)			
Child too young to eat fish	0	11	< 0.05
B. Responses (Not difficult at all)			
It's my responsibility/daily child meal/on my mind	12	32	< 0.05
Money problem	0	9	< 0.05
Fish is unavailable/too hard to include in daily meal	37	0	< 0.000
9. Perceived Action Efficacy: Do you believe?			
A. Responses: Yes			
Child grows well/strength/ smart/fat/fine body healthy/good health/blood/prevent malnutrition	61	38	<0.05
B. Responses: Maybe			
Sometimes	0	9	< 0.05
10. Perceived Susceptibility: How likely?			
A. Very likely	61	34	< 0.01
B. Not likely	14	32	< 0.05
A. Responses			
Fish is good for health/important/fine body/prevents	45	15	=0.001

Determinants <sup>7</sup>	Percentage of Doers	Percentage of Non-Doers	p-Value
malnutrition			
Loss blood/weight/fail to grow/not strong/malnourished	0	15	=0.005
B. Responses			
Breastmilk only	0	11	< 0.05
11. Perceived Divine Will: God approves?			
A. Responses			
Improves life/prevents suffering/sustains life	16	0	< 0.005

# Annex 3. Fish Consumption, Pregnant Women

Determinants	Percentage of Doers	Percentage of Non-doers	p-Value
1. Perceived Positive Consequences (Advantages)			
Healthy/body grows well/I feel good/gives me energy/fresh	59	88	< 0.05
2. Perceived Negative Consequences (Disadvantages)			
Loss of appetite	35	0	=0.001
3. Perceived Social Norms: Who approves?			
Mother	0	40	< 0.005
Nobody	29	0	< 0.005
4. Perceived Self Efficacy: How difficult?			
Very difficult	0	24	< 0.05
Money problems	29	0	< 0.005
5. Perceived Access B: How easy?			
Cost/Low price			
Always expensive	41	8	=0.01
6. Perceived Action Efficacy: Do you believe?			
Gives blood	59	16	< 0.005
7. Perceived Severity: How bad of a problem?			
Health problems/spinning head/uncomfortable/edema/weakness	29	72	<0.01
Death	0	28	< 0.05
Poor child development / important for baby / to be healthy when pregnant	53	8	=0.001

# Annex 4. Pumpkin Consumption, Children 6–23 Months

Determinants	Percentage of Doers	Percentage of Non-Doers	p-Value
1. Perceived Positive Consequences (Advantages)			
None/I don't know	0	13	< 0.01
Clever/happy/Fine body/grows fat/free from hunger/sustains life/happy after eating	25	4	< 0.005
It fills up/fat/relieves hunger	0	11	< 0.05
Prevents swollen stomach	8	0	< 0.05
2. Perceived Negative Consequences (Disadvantages)			
No disadvantages/None/I don't know any	69	43	< 0.01
Rashes/scratches the body or skin	4	17	< 0.05
3. Perceived Social Norms: Who approves?			
Nobody	0	26	< 0.000
4. Perceived Access: How difficult?			
Because I grow pumpkin	13	2	< 0.05
5. Perceived Self-Efficacy: What makes it difficult?			
A. Cost			
Money problems	19	4	< 0.05
I don't buy pumpkin, I grow	8	0	< 0.05
I have plenty in my store/grow an still have plenty/always on my farm	10	0	<0.05
B. Better Quality available			
Red/strong/good	19	0	=0.001
Big/sweet/dry tasty/cooks well/good for consumption	17	0	< 0.005
C. Sold in small pieces			
Small pieces still costly	0	28	< 0.000
6. Perceived Access B: What makes it easy?			
A. Cost			
Price low/cheap	25	49	< 0.05
I grow my own pumpkin and do not buy	10	0	< 0.05
B. Availability			
No, not always/sometimes/in the rainy season/scarce	52	77	< 0.01

Determinants	Percentage of Doers	Percentage of Non-Doers	p-Value
Another village	19	2	=0.005
I grow it in my garden	17	0	< 0.005
C. Good Quality Available?			
Sometimes	40	60	< 0.05
Yes, because matures on farm	8	0	< 0.05
D. Easy to store			
Easily gets rotten	0	9	< 0.05
No place to store/warehouse	0	9	< 0.05
E How do you store?			
Dry in sun	25	0	< 0.000
Rub with palm oil/nut oil	8	0	< 0.05
7. Cues for Action: How difficult to remember?			
A. Very difficult	10	32	< 0.01
B Not difficult at all	56	32	< 0.05
A. Responses			
We all eat together—do not forget/I always remember to feed my child	25	4	< 0.005
I like eating pumpkin	23	4	< 0.005
I grow pumpkin	13	0	< 0.01
8. Perceived Action Efficacy: Do you believe?			
A. Yes	58	34	< 0.05
B No			
A. Responses			
Child grows well/strong/nourishes/pumpkin important for child	38	19	<0.05
I give it as food/good for him/vital to diet/satisfies him	15	0	< 0.005
B. Responses			
Other foods good like pumpkin/child doesn't eat pumpkin	0	11	< 0.05
Other food stuff provide same goodness/not sick without pumpkin	8	0	< 0.05
9. Perceived Severity: How bad of a problem?			
Weakens child/thin child/child look bad/not strong/not fresh	29	11	<0.05

Determinants	Percentage of Doers	Percentage of Non-Doers	p-Value
Short of blood/lose blood	19	6	< 0.05
10. Perceived Susceptibility: How likely?			
A Not likely			
B Likely			
A. Responses			
Little knowledge/no experience	0	11	< 0.05
Good for health/growth of child	10	0	< 0.05
B. Responses			
Other foods provide the same goodness as pumpkin/child never tried pumpkin/child doesn't eat pumpkin	2	21	< 0.005
11. Perceived Divine Will: God approves?			
Yes	88	66	< 0.05
Maybe	2	19	<0.01

## Annex 5. Pumpkin Consumption, Pregnant Women

Determinants	Percentage of Doers	Percentage of Non-Doers	p-Value
1. Perceived Positive Consequences (Advantages)			
Feels good/tasty/I like it	42	19	< 0.05
2. Perceived Social Norms: Who approves?			
Health workers/nurses	52	11	=0.001
Village elders	0	11	< 0.05
3. Perceived Self Efficacy: How difficult?			
Very difficult	39	70	< 0.05
Availability/season	18	67	< 0.000
4. Perceived Access : How easy?			
A. Cost			
I only buy if I have the money/if price is low, then makes it easier	15	0	<0.05
I/my husband grows it	15	0	< 0.05
B. Availability			
We can buy from other villages/lumas/Matotoka/Magburaka/my mother travels to other villages to buy	39	0	<0.000
C. Quality			
No—poor quality	0	11	< 0.05
Dry/dried inside/sweet/red/strong/fresh	18	0	< 0.05
D. Difficult to store/easy to store			
Put into a plastic bag and then store in cupboard/nylon bag/in sack and cover	9	33	<0.05
Too hard to store if in pieces/it spoils too easily/no storage	6	44	<0.000
E. Other reasons/responses			
I don't like to eat it while sick/I don't like it much	0	15	< 0.05
5. Perceived Access: How is it difficult?			
Not always available / unless we go to Magburaka / Matotoka / <i>luma</i> / market	30	67	=0.005
Available during the rains/seasonal	0	22	< 0.005
Not always available	0	11	< 0.05

Determinants	Percentage of Doers	Percentage of Non-Doers	p-Value
A. How it is grown/sold			
Small pieces	39	15	< 0.05
Bulk	9	37	< 0.01
B. Hard to store			
Spoil easily	39	0	< 0.000
6. Perceived Action Efficacy: Do you believe?			
Other foods provide same goodness	18	44	< 0.05
7. Perceived Severity: How bad of a problem?			
Dangerous for child's health/mother	15	0	< 0.05
8. Perceived Susceptibility: How likely?			
Little knowledge/don't know	0	11	< 0.05
9. Perceived Divine Will: God approves?			
It is food/we met our people eating it	0	15	< 0.05

# Annex 6. Final Survey Questionnaire for Fish Consumption, Children 6–23 Months

Group: □ Doer □ Non-Doer			
Barrier Analysis Questic 6–23 months	nnaire on Fish Consun	nption for Mothers of Children	
Interviewer's Name:	Team:	Questionnaire No.:	
Date://	Chiefdom:	Village:	
Age of selected child:	years months		
NAME of child, age 6–23 months: _	*****Child must be born between Ap	oril 9, 2014, and September 9, 2015	
how mothers start to feed their bac your responses will be kept confide participate in the study. You won't	oies. We are interested in your view ntial and not shared with anyone. receive any gift or remuneration sh nterview will only take 20 minutes	of a study team seeking to better understand vs on this topic. If you decide to participate, You are not obligated in any way to nould you participate and no services will be of your time. Would you like to participate?	
Signature of participant  *****REFER TO THEIR CHILD BY NAME 1			

## Section A. Doer/Non-doer Screening Question (Ask a caregiver of a child 6–23 months) 1. <u>Yesterday</u>, did your child \_\_\_\_ consume fish in any form? ☐ A. Yes $\square$ B. No $\rightarrow$ Ask question 3 $\square$ C. Can't recall/won't say $\rightarrow$ End interview and look for another mother 2. Yesterday, what foods did you give your child \_\_\_\_\_\_ to eat that contained fish? (Probe for the different kinds of foods the child was fed, circle those she mentions, and write down all additional foods below.) ☐ A. Breastmilk only ☐ B. Breastmilk and water/any liquid ☐ C. Rice, sesame (Benni), beans, fish ☐ D. Ebbeh (Cassava/potato/plantain, beans, palm oil, and fish) ☐ E. Rice, groundnut, and fish ☐ F. Rice, green leaves, palm oil, beans, and fish ☐ G. Corn flour, vegetable oil/palm oil, fish ☐ H. Rice and sauce (specify/probe about how fish included) ☐ I. Bulgur (wan-pot) and/or sauce with fish ☐ J. Cassava/sweet potato/yam/ coco yam and stew with fish ☐ K. Others (Specify): \_\_\_\_ ☐ L. Can't recall/won't say → End interview and look for another mother 3. How often do you feed fish to your child \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ A. Every day ☐ B. Once a week ☐ C. 2–3 times a week ☐ D. 4–6 times a week ☐ E. Every 2 weeks ☐ F. Every month ☐ G. None

#### **DOER OR NON-DOER**

Child fed fish yesterday (Q1/Q2) OR every day, 4–6 times a week, or 2–3 times a week (Q3): DOER Child not fed fish yesterday (Q1/Q2) OR fed fish once a week or less frequently: NON-DOER If mother/caregiver does not remember or does not respond: END INTERVIEW

#### Section B – Research Questions

Perceived Positive Cons	sequences (Advantages)
<b>DOER</b> 1. What are the advantages/benefits of giving your child	NON-DOER  1. What would be the advantages/benefits of giving your
fish to eat every day?	child fish to eat every day?
(Probe: Anything else?)	(Probe: Anything else?)
Perceived Negative Cons	equences (Disadvantages)
DOER	NON-DOER
2. What are the disadvantages/"bad-tin dem" of giving your child fish to eat every day?	2. What would be the disadvantages/"bad-tin dem" of giving your child fish to eat every day?
(Probe: Anything else?)	(Probe: Anything else?)
Perceived S	ocial Norms
DOER	NON-DOER
3. Who are the people that approve of you feeding your child fish to eat every day?	3. Who are the people that would approve of you feeding your child fish to eat every day?
(Probe: Who else?)	(Probe: Who else?)
DOER	NON-DOER
4. Who are the people that disapprove of you feeding your child fish to eat every day?	4. Who are the people that would disapprove of you feeding your child fish to eat every day?
(Probe: Who else?)	(Probe: Who else?)
Perceived	d Access A
DOER	NON-DOER
5. How difficult is it to get enough fish to give it to your	5. How difficult would it be to get enough fish to give it to
child every day?	your child every day?
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]
a. Very difficult	a. Very difficult
b. Somewhat difficult	b. Somewhat difficult
c. Not difficult at all.	c. Not difficult at all.
d. Don't Know / Won't say	d. Don't Know / Won't say
Explain:	Explain:

Perceived Self-Efficacy and Perceived Access B		
DOER	NON-DOER	
6. What makes it easy for you to give your child fish to eat	6. What would make it easy for you to give your child fish to	
every day?	eat every day?	
(Probe: What else?)	(Probe: What else?)	
If the following are not mentioned, then ask specifically:	If the following are not mentioned, then ask specifically:	
Lower price?	Lower price?	
Available year-round?	Available year-round?	
Better quality?	Better quality?	
Different variety?	Different variety?	
DOER	NON-DOER	
7. What makes it hard/difficult for you to give your child fish	7. What would make it hard/difficult for you to give your	
to eat every day?	child fish to eat every day?	
(Probe: What else?)	(Probe: What else?)	
If the following are not mentioned, then ask specifically:	If the following are not mentioned, then ask specifically:	
Is the cost too high?	Is the cost too high?	
Is it not always available?	Is it not always available?	
Is the quality not good enough?	Is the quality not good enough?	
Is the variety that you prefer not available?	Is the variety that you prefer not available?	

Cues for Action		
DOER	NON-DOER	
8. How difficult is it for you to remember to give your child	8. How difficult would it be for you to remember to give	
fish to eat every day?	your child fish to eat every day?	
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	
☐ A. Very difficult	☐ A. Very difficult	
☐ B. Somewhat difficult	☐ B. Somewhat difficult	
☐ C. Not difficult at all.	☐ C. Not difficult at all.	
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say	
Explain:	Explain:	
Perceived A	ction Efficacy	
DOER	NON-DOER	
9. Do you believe that giving your child fish to eat every day	9. Do you believe that giving your child fish to eat every day	
will prevent your child from becoming malnourished?	will prevent your child from becoming malnourished?	
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes	
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe	
☐ C. No	☐ C. No	
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know	
Explain:	Explain:	
Perceived	d Severity	
DOER	NON-DOER	
10. How bad of a problem would it be if your child became	10. How bad of a problem would it be if your child became	
malnourished?	malnourished?	
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	
☐ A. Very bad	☐ A. Very bad	
☐ B. Somewhat bad	☐ B. Somewhat bad	
☐ C. Not a bad problem at all	☐ C. Not a bad problem at all	
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say	
Explain:	Explain:	

Perceived Susceptibility		
DOER	NON-DOER	
11. How likely is it that your child will become malnourished	11. How likely is it that your child will become malnourished	
if you did not give your child fish to eat every day?	if you did not give your child fish to eat every day?	
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	
☐ A. Very likely	☐ A. Very likely	
☐ B. Somewhat likely	☐ B. Somewhat likely	
☐ C. Not likely at all.	☐ C. Not likely at all.	
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say	
Explain:	Explain:	
Perceived	Divine Will	
DOER	NON-DOER	
12. Do you think giving your child fish to eat every day is good in the sight of GOD?	12. Do you think giving your child fish to eat every day is good in the sight of GOD?	
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes	
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe	
☐ C. No	☐ C. No	
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know	
Explain:	Explain:	
Cul	ture	
DOER	NON-DOER	
Are there any cultural rules or taboos that you know of for, or against feeding children fish?	16. Are there any cultural rules or taboos that you know of for, or against feeding children fish?	
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes	
[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe	
[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	
☐ C. No	☐ C. No	
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know	

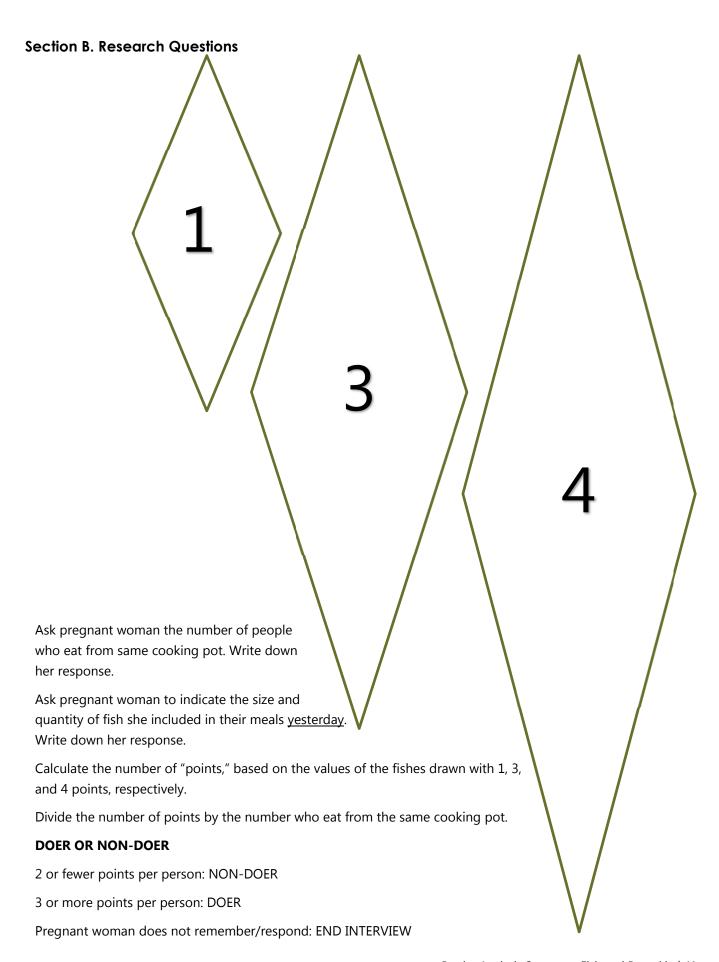
End of survey. Thank participant for taking the time out to respond to the questions.

## Annex 7. Final Survey Questionnaire for Fish Consumption, Pregnant Women

GROUP: □ DOER □ NON-DO	DER	
Barrier Analysis Questionnaire o	n Fish Consumption f	or Pregnant Women
Interviewer's Name:	Team:	Questionnaire No.:
Date:/	Chiefdom:	Village:
First NAME:	Age of Pregnant Woman:	
Educational Status:	(None, Primary	Level, JSS, SSS, Tertiary)
Occupation:		
Hi. My name is	tices for pregnant women. We are will be kept confidential and not ady. You won't receive any gift or	re interested in your views on this ot shared with anyone. You are remuneration should you
[If declines, thank the woman for her time.]		
Signature of participant		

### Section A. Doer/Non-doer Screening Question (Ask a pregnant woman)

1.	Yesterday, did you consume fish in any form?
	□ A. Yes
	$\square$ B. No $\rightarrow$ Ask question 3
	$\square$ C. Can't recall/won't say $\rightarrow$ End interview and look for another mother
2.	Yesterday, what foods did you eat? (Probe for the different kinds of foods the pregnant woman had eaten; circle and write down all the foods she mentions.)
	☐ A. Rice, sesame (Benni) seed and fish
	☐ B. Ebbeh (Cassava/potato/plantain, Beans, palm oil, and fish)
	☐ C. Rice, groundnut, and fish
	☐ D. Rice, green leaves, palm oil, beans and fish
	☐ E. Corn flour, green leaves, vegetable oil/palm oil and fish
	☐ F. Rice and sauce (please probe to know if fish is included)
	☐ G. Bulgur (wan-pot) and/or sauce with fish
	☐ H. Cassava/sweet potato/yam/coco yam and stew with fish
	☐ I. Others (Specify/probe about how fish included):
	$\square$ J. Can't recall/won't say $\rightarrow$ End interview and look for another mother
3.	How often do you eat fish while pregnant?
	☐ A. Every day
	☐ B. Once a week
	☐ C. 2–3 times a week
	☐ D. 4–6 times a week
	☐ E. Every 2 weeks
	☐ F. Every month
	☐ G. None



Perceived Positive Cons	sequences (Advantages)
DOER	NON-DOER
1. What are the advantages/benefits of you eating fish every	1. What would be the advantages/benefits of you eating fis
day while pregnant?	every day while pregnant?
(Probe: Anything else?)	(Probe: Anything else?)
Perceived Negative Cons	equences (Disadvantages)
DOER	NON-DOER
2. What are the disadvantages/"bad-tin dem" of you eating	2. What would be the disadvantages/"bad-tin dem" of you
fish every day while pregnant?	eating fish every day while pregnant?
(Probe Anything else?)	(Probe: Anything else?)
Perceived S	ocial Norms
DOER	NON-DOER
3. Who are the people that approve of you eating fish every	3. Who are the people that would approve of you eating
day while pregnant?	fish every day while pregnant?
(Probe: Who else?)	(Probe: Who else?)
DOER	NON-DOER
4. Who are the people that disapprove of you eating fish	4. Who are the people that would disapprove of you eating
every day while pregnant?	fish every day while pregnant?
(Probe: Who else?)	(Probe: Who else?)
Perceived S	Self-Efficacy
Perceived	I Access A
DOER	NON-DOER
5. How difficult is it to get enough fish to eat every day?	5. How difficult would it be to get enough fish to eat every
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	day?
☐ a. Very difficult	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]
☐ b. Somewhat difficult	☐ a. Very difficult
☐ c. Not difficult at all.	☐ b. Somewhat difficult
☐ d. Don't Know / Won't say	☐ c. Not difficult at all.
Explain:	☐ d. Don't Know / Won't say
	Explain:

Perceived Access B		
DOER	NON-DOER	
6. What makes it easy for you to eat fish every day?	6. What would make it easy for you to eat fish every day?	
(Probe: What else?)	(Probe: What else?)	
If the following are not mentioned, then ask specifically:	If the following are not mentioned, then ask specifically:	
Lower price?	Lower price?	
Available year-round?	Available year-round?	
Better quality?	Better quality?	
Different variety?	Different variety?	
DOER	NON-DOER	
7. What makes it hard/difficult for you to eat fish every day while pregnant?	7. What would make it hard/difficult for you to eat fish every day while pregnant?	
(Probe: What else?)	(Probe: What else?)	
If the following are not mentioned, then ask specifically:	If the following are not mentioned, then ask specifically:	
Is the cost too high?	Is the cost too high?	
Is it not always available?	Is it not always available?	
Is the quality not good enough?	Is the quality not good enough?	
Is the variety that you prefer not available?	Is the variety that you prefer not available?	

Cues for Action		
DOER	NON-DOER	
8. How difficult is it for you to remember to eat fish every	8. How difficult would it be for you to remember to eat fish	
day while pregnant?	every day while pregnant?	
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	
☐ A. Very difficult	☐ A. Very difficult	
☐ B. Somewhat difficult	☐ B. Somewhat difficult	
☐ C. Not difficult at all.	☐ C. Not difficult at all.	
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say	
Explain:	Explain:	
Perceived A	ction Efficacy	
DOER	NON-DOER	
9. Do you believe that eating fish every day will prevent you	9. Do you believe that eating fish every day will prevent you	
from becoming anemic while pregnant?	from becoming anemic while pregnant?	
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes	
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe	
☐ C. No	☐ C. No	
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know	
Explain:	Explain:	
Perceive	d Severity	
DOER	NON-DOER	
10. How bad of a problem would it be if you became	10. How bad of a problem would it be if you became	
anemic while pregnant?	anemic while pregnant?	
☐ A. Very bad	☐ A. Very bad	
☐ B. Somewhat bad	☐ B. Somewhat bad	
☐ C. Not a bad problem at all	☐ C. Not a bad problem at all	
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say	
Explain:	Explain:	
Explain:	Explain:	

Perceived Susceptibility		
DOER	NON-DOER	
11. How likely is it that you will become anemic if you did not eat fish every day while pregnant?	11 How likely is it that you will become anemic if you did not eat fish every day while pregnant?	
☐ A. Very likely	☐ A. Very likely	
☐ B. Somewhat likely	☐ B. Somewhat likely	
☐ C. Not likely at all	☐ C. Not likely at all	
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say	
Explain:	Explain:	
Perceived	Divine Will	
DOER	NON-DOER	
12. Do you think eating fish every day while pregnant is		
good in the sight of GOD?	12. Do you think eating fish every day while pregnant is good in the sight of GOD?	
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes	
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe	
☐ C. No	☐ C. No	
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know	
Explain:	Explain:	
Cu	lture	
DOER	NON-DOERS	
13. Are there any cultural rules or taboos that you know of for or against eating fish while pregnant?	13. Are there any cultural rules or taboos that you know of for or against eating fish while pregnant?	
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes	
[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe	
[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	
☐ C. No	☐ C. No	
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know	

End of survey. Thank participant for taking the time out to respond to the questions.

## Annex 8. Final Survey Questionnaire for Pumpkin Consumption, Children 6–23 Months

GROUP:   DOER   NON-DOER			
Barrier Analysis Questionnaire of Children 6–23 Months	on Pumpkin	s Consumption for Mothers of	
Interviewer's Name:		Questionnaire No.:	
Date:	Chiefdom:	Village:	
Age of child: years months	Occupation of c	hild's mother:	
Educational Status:		(None, Primary Level, JSS, SSS, Tertiary)	
First NAME of child between 6–23 months of age:  Child must be born between April 9, 2014, and September 9, 2015			
REFER TO THIS CHILD THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW (in blank spaces)			
Hi. My name is and I am part of a study team seeking to better understand how mothers start to feed their babies. We are interested in your views on this topic. If you decide to participate, your responses will be kept confidential and not shared with anyone. You are not obligated in any way to participate in the study. You won't receive any gift or remuneration should you participate and no services will be withheld if you decide not to. The interview will only take 20 minutes of your time. Would you like to participate?			
[If declines, thank the woman for her time.]			
Signature of participant			

#### Section A. Doer/Non-doer Screening Question (Ask a mother or care giver of a child 6–23 months)

1.	This month, did your child	consume pumpkin in any form?
	☐ A. Yes	
	☐ B. No	
	$\square$ C. Can't recall/won't say $\rightarrow$ End interview and look	for another mother
2.	This month, what foods did you give your child to eat? (Probe for the different kinds of foods the child aged <b>6–23 months</b> was fed, and write down all the foods she mentions below)	
	☐ A. Ebbeh (pumpkin, beans, palm oil, fish)	☐ F. Pumpkin, vegetable oil/palm oil, fish (stew)
	☐ B. Pumpkin porridge, "pap"	☐ G. Others (specify)
	☐ C. Rice, groundnut, fish, and pumpkin	
	☐ D. Pumpkin and stew	□ H. Can't recall/won't say → End interview and look for another mother
	☐ E. Rice, pumpkin, palm oil, beans, fish	for unother mother
3.	For this month, how often do you currently include pumpkin into what you feed your child?	
	☐ A. Every day	☐ E. Once a month
	☐ B. 2–3 times a week	☐ F. Only when it is plentiful
	☐C. Once a week	☐G. Only in the rainy season
	☐ D. Once every two weeks	
4.	How often do you include pumpkin into what you feed your child when it is plentiful?	
	☐ A. Every day	☐D. Once every two weeks
	☐ B. 2–3 times a week	☐ E. Once a month
	☐C. Once a week	☐ F. Never
DC	OFR OR NON-DOFR	

Child fed pumpkin at least once in past month or more frequently: DOER

Child fed pumpkin only when it is plentiful/in the rainy season, or never fed it: NON-DOER

If mother/caregiver does not remember or does not respond: END INTERVIEW

#### Section B. Research Questions

Perceived Positive Cons	sequences (Advantages)
DOER	NON-DOER
What are the advantages/benefits of giving your child	What would be the advantages/benefits of giving your
pumpkin to eat every month?	child pumpkin to eat every month?
(Probe: Anything else?)	(Probe: Anything else?)
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Perceived Negative Cons	equences (Disadvantages)
DOER	NON-DOER
2. What are the disadvantages/"bad-tin dem" of giving your	2. What would be the disadvantages/"bad-tin dem" of givin
child pumpkin to eat every month?	your child pumpkin to eat every month?
(Probe: Anything else?)	(Probe: Anything else?)
Perceived S	ocial Norms
DOER	NON-DOER
3. Who are the people that approve of you feeding your	3. Who are the people that would approve of you feeding
child pumpkin to eat every month?	your child pumpkin to eat every month?
(Probe: Who else?)	(Probe: Who else?)
DOER	NON-DOER
4. Who are the people that disapprove of you feeding your	4. Who are the people that would disapprove of you feedir
child pumpkin to eat every month?	your child pumpkin to eat every month?
(Probe: Who else?)	(Probe: Who else?)
Darcoiva	d Access
DOER	NON-DOER
5. How difficult is it to get enough pumpkin to give it to	5. How difficult would it be to get enough pumpkin to give
your child every month?	to your child every month?
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]
□a. Very difficult	□ a. Very difficult
□b. Somewhat difficult	□ b. Somewhat difficult
□c. Not difficult at all	
	□c. Not difficult at all
□d. Don't Know / Won't say	□d. Don't Know / Won't say
Explain:	Explain:

	Perceived Acce	ss/Self-E	fficacy
DOER		NON-D	OER
	makes it hard/difficult to get enough pumpkin to o your child every month?		would make it hard/difficult to enough pumpkin to your child every month?
Write r	esponses in corresponding heading below:	Write re	esponses in corresponding heading below:
a.	Is the cost too high?	a.	Is the cost too high?
b.	Is it not always available? Where can you find it?	b.	Is it not always available? Where can you find it?
C.	Is the quality not good enough?	C.	Is the quality not good enough?
d.	Size/piece of pumpkin being sold too large?	d.	Size/piece of pumpkin being sold too large?
e.	Difficult to store? How?	e.	Difficult to store? How?
f.	Any other reasons?	f.	Any other reasons?
7. What makes it easy to get enough pumpkin to give it to your child every month?			would make it easy to get enough pumpkin to give ir child every month?
Write r	esponses in corresponding heading below:	Write re	esponses in corresponding heading below:
a.	Lower price?	a.	Lower price?
b.	Available year-round? Where can you find now?	b.	Available year-round? Where can you find now?
C.	Better quality?	C.	Better quality?
d.	Sold in small pieces? Or you grow?	d.	Sold in small pieces? Or you grow?
e.	Easy to store? How?	e.	Easy to store? How?
f.	Any other reasons?	f.	Any other reasons?

Cues for Action		
DOER	NON-DOER	
8. How difficult is it for you to remember to give your child pumpkin to eat every month?	8. How difficult would it be for you to remember to give your child pumpkin to eat every month?	
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	
☐ A. Very difficult	☐ A. Very difficult	
☐ B. Somewhat difficult	☐ B. Somewhat difficult	
☐ C. Not difficult at all.	☐ C. Not difficult at all.	
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say	
Explain:	Explain:	
Perceived Action Efficacy		
DOER	NON-DOER	
9. Do you believe that giving your child pumpkin to eat every month will prevent your child from becoming malnourished?	9. Do you believe that giving your child pumpkin to eat every month will prevent your child from becoming malnourished?	
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes	
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe	
☐ C. No	☐ C. No	
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know	
Explain:	Explain:	
Which other foods might provide the same goodness to your child as pumpkin? ( <b>List</b> )	Which other foods provide the same goodness to your child as pumpkin? (List)	
Perceived	d Severity	
DOER	NON-DOER	
10. How bad of a problem would it be if your child became malnourished?	10. How bad of a problem would it be if your child became malnourished?	
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	
☐ A. Very bad	☐ A. Very bad	
☐ B. Somewhat bad	☐ B. Somewhat bad	
☐ C. Not a bad problem at all	☐ C. Not a bad problem at all	
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say	
Explain:	Explain:	

Perceived Susceptibility		
DOER	NON-DOER	
11. How likely is it that your child will become malnourished if you did not give your child pumpkin to eat every month?  [READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	11. How likely is it that your child will become malnourished if you did not give your child pumpkin to eat every month?  [READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	
☐ A. Very likely	☐ A. Very likely	
☐ B. Somewhat likely	☐ B. Somewhat likely	
☐ C. Not likely at all.	☐ C. Not likely at all.	
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say	
Explain:	Explain:	
Which other foods provide the same goodness to your child as pumpkin? (List)	Which other foods provide the same goodness to your child as pumpkin? (List)	
Perceived	Divine Will	
DOER	NON-DOER	
12. Do you think giving your child pumpkin to eat every month is good in the sight of God?	12. Do you think giving your child pumpkin to eat every month is good in the sight of God?	
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes	
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe	
☐ C. No	☐ C. No	
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know	
Explain:	Explain:	
Cul	ture	
DOER	NON DOERS	
13. Are there any cultural rules or taboos that you know of for, or against feeding pumpkin to children?	13. Are there any cultural rules or taboos that you know of for, or against feeding pumpkin to children?	
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes	
[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe	
[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	
☐ C. No	☐ C. No	
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know	

End of survey. Thank participant for taking the time out to respond to the questions.

## Annex 9. Final Survey Questionnaire for Pumpkin Consumption, Pregnant Women

GROUP: DOER DON-DOER	
Barrier Analysis Questionnaire on F Women	umpkins Consumption for Pregnant
Interviewer's Name:	Questionnaire No.:
Date:/ Chi	efdom: Village:
Age of Pregnant Woman: Occ	upation:
First NAME:	
Educational Status:	
on barriers and enablers of feeding practices for pre- you decide to participate, your responses will be kep obligated in any way to participate in the study. You	_ and I am part of a study team seeking to better understand gnant women. We are interested in your views on this topic. If t confidential and not shared with anyone. You are not won't receive any gift or remuneration should you participate The interview will only take 20 minutes of your time. Would
[If declines, thank the woman for her time].	
Signature of participant	

## Section A. Doer/Non-doer Screening Question (Ask pregnant woman)

1. <u>In the past month</u> , did you consume pumpkin in any form?		rm?	
	☐ A. Yes		
	□ B. No		
	☐ C. Can't recall/won't say → End interview and look for	r another mother	
2.	In the past month, what foods did you eat with pumpkin pregnant woman would have eaten, and write down A. Ebbeh (pumpkin, beans, palm oil, and fish)		
	☐ B. Pumpkin porridge, "pap"	☐ G. Others (specify)	
	☐ C. Rice, groundnut, fish, and pumpkin		
	☐ D. Pumpkin and stew	☐ H. Can't recall/won't say → End interview and	
	☐ E. Rice, pumpkin, palm oil, beans, and fish	look for another woman	
3.	For this past month, how often have you eaten pumpkin?		
	☐A. Every day	☐E. Once a month	
	☐B. 2–3 times a week	☐F. Only when it is plentiful	
	☐C. Once a week	☐G. Only in the rainy season	
	☐D. Once every two weeks		
4.	How often do you eat pumpkin when it is plentiful?		
	☐A. Every day	☐ D. Once every two weeks	
	☐B. 2–3 times a week	☐ E. Once a month	
	☐C. Once a week		
D.C	ACD OD NON DOED		

#### **DOER OR NON-DOER**

Pregnant woman who has eaten pumpkin in past month: DOER

Pregnant woman who has not eaten pumpkin in the past month: NON-DOER

If pregnant woman does not remember or does not respond: END INTERVIEW

#### Section B. Research Questions

Perceived Positive Con	sequences (Advantages)
<b>DOER</b> 1. What are the advantages/benefits of you eating pumpkin every month while pregnant?  (Probe: Anything else?)	NON-DOER  1. What would be the advantages/benefits of you eating pumpkin every month while pregnant?  (Probe: Anything else?)
Perceived Negative Cons	equences (Disadvantages)
DOER	NON-DOER
2. What are the disadvantages/"bad-tin dem" of you eating pumpkin every month while pregnant?  (Probe Anything else?)	What would be the disadvantages/"bad-tin dem" of you eating pumpkin every month while pregnant?  (Probe: Anything else?)
Perceived S	ocial Norms
DOER	NON-DOER
3. Who are the people that approved of you eating pumpkin every month while pregnant?	3. Who are the people that would approve of you eating pumpkin every month while pregnant?
(Probe: Who else?)	(Probe: Who else?)
DOER	NON-DOER
4. Who are the people that disapprove of you eating pumpkin every month while pregnant?	4. Who are the people that would disapprove of you eatin pumpkin every month while pregnant?
(Probe: Who else?)	(Probe: Who else?)
Perceive	ed Access
DOER	NON-DOER
5. Doers: How difficult is it to get enough pumpkin for you	5. How difficult would it be to get enough pumpkin for yo
to eat it every month?	to eat it every month?
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]
☐ A. Very difficult	☐ A. Very difficult
☐ B. Somewhat difficult	☐ B. Somewhat difficult
☐ C. Not difficult at all	☐ C. Not difficult at all
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say
Explain:	Explain:

Perceived Self-efficacy		
DOER	NON-DOER	
6. What makes it easy for you to eat pumpkin every month?	6. What would make it easy for you eat pumpkin every month?	
Write responses in corresponding heading below:	Write responses in corresponding heading below:	
Lower price?	Lower price?	
Available year-round? Where can you find?	Available year-round? Where can you find?	
Better quality?	Better quality?	
Sold in small pieces? Or you grow?	Sold in small pieces? Or you grow?	
Easy to store? How?	Easy to store? How?	
Any other reasons?	Any other reasons?	
DOER	NON-DOER	
7. What makes it hard/difficult for you to eat pumpkin every month while pregnant?	7. What would make it hard/difficult for you to eat pumpkin every month while pregnant?	
Write responses in corresponding heading below:	Write responses in corresponding heading below:	
Is the cost too high?	Is the cost too high?	
Is it not always available? Where can you find?	Is it not always available? Where can you find	
Is the quality not good enough?	Is the quality not good enough?	
Size/piece of pumpkin being sold too large? Grow yourself?	Size/piece of pumpkin being sold too large? Grow yourself?	
Hard to store? How?	Hard to store? How?	
Any other reasons?	Any other reasons?	

Cues for Action				
DOER	NON-DOER			
8. How difficult is it for you to remember to eat pumpkin	8. How difficult would it be for you to remember to eat			
every month while pregnant?	pumpkin every month while pregnant?			
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]			
☐ A. Very difficult	☐ A. Very difficult			
☐ B. Somewhat difficult	☐ B. Somewhat difficult			
☐ C. Not difficult at all	☐ C. Not difficult at all.			
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say			
Explain:	Explain:			
Perceived Action Efficacy				
DOER	NON-DOER			
9. Do you believe that eating pumpkin every month will	9. Do you believe that eating pumpkin every month will			
prevent you from becoming anemic while pregnant?	prevent you from becoming anemic while pregnant?			
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes			
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe			
☐ C. No	☐ C. No			
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know			
Explain:	Explain:			
What other foods provide the same goodness as pumpkin? (List)	What other foods provide the same goodness as pumpkin? (List)			
Perceived Severity				
DOER	NON-DOER			
10. How bad of a problem would it be if you became anemic while pregnant?	10. How bad of a problem would it be if you became anemic while pregnant?			
☐ A. Very bad	☐ A. Very bad			
☐ B. Somewhat bad	☐ B. Somewhat bad			
☐ C. Not a bad problem at all	☐ C. Not a bad problem at all			
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say			
Explain:	Explain:			

Perceived Susceptibility				
DOER	NON-DOER			
11. How likely is it that you will become anemic if you did	11. How likely is it that you will become anemic if you did			
not eat pumpkin every month while pregnant?	not eat pumpkin every month while pregnant?			
[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]	[READ THE RESPONSES BELOW]			
☐ A. Very likely	☐ A. Very likely			
☐ B. Somewhat likely	☐ B. Somewhat likely			
☐ C. Not likely at all.	☐ C. Not likely at all.			
☐ D. Don't know / won't say	☐ D. Don't know / won't say			
What other foods provide the same goodness as pumpkin? (List)	What other foods provide the same goodness as pumpkin? (List)			
Perceived Divine Will				
DOER	NON-DOER			
12. Do you think eating pumpkin every month while	12. Do you think eating pumpkin every month while			
pregnant is good in the sight of God?	pregnant is good in the sight of God?			
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes			
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe			
☐ C. No	☐ C. No			
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know			
Explain:	Explain:			
Culture				
DOER	NON-DOER			
13. Are there any cultural rules or taboos that you know of	13. Are there any cultural rules or taboos that you know of			
for or against eating pumpkin while pregnant?	for or against eating pumpkin while pregnant?			
☐ A. Yes	☐ A. Yes			
[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]			
☐ B. Maybe	☐ B. Maybe			
[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]	[Ask informant to describe the rules or taboos and note them here]			
☐ C. No	☐ C. No			
☐ D. Don't know	☐ D. Don't know			

End of survey. Thank participant for taking the time to respond to questions.

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