## Supplementary Files

### Supplementary Table 1 – Initial Topic Guide

| Focus                                      | Objectives (s) and key discussion points (nb. these are not direct questions)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| **Professional Experience and Understanding/Knowledge of FGM/C** | Explore reasons for volunteering in study  
Explore experiences of treating FGM/C affected women  
Explore understanding of FGM/C and FGM/C types  
Explore understanding of impacts/consequences of FGM/C for survivors                                                                                                                                 |
| **Cultural Significance**                  | *To understand the perceptions to FGM/C as a cultural practice*  
Explore understanding of culture and attitudes around FGM/C  
Explore personal views on FGM/C and whether this is influenced by ethnic group                                                                                                                                 |
| **FGM/C Abandonment**                     | *To identify barriers and facilitators to the abandonment of FGM/C*  
Explore understanding of FGM/C prevalence in local population (Kajiado)  
Explore awareness of national and local efforts for FGM/C abandonment  
Explore opinions to FGM/C abandonment in Kenya  
Explore awareness of legal status of FGM/C in Kenya  
Explore views on what is hindering FGM/C abandonment in Kenya  
Explore views on what more can be done to promote FGM/C abandonment in Kenya                                                                                                                                 |
| **Medicalisation of FGM/C**               | *To explore the attitudes to the medicalization of FGM/C*  
Explore definitions of medicalized FGM/C  
Explore understanding of changes in practice of medicalized FGM/C in Kenya  
Explore opinions for why people may seek medicalized FGM/C                                                                                                                                               |
Explore awareness of why some health professionals may practice medicalized FGM/C

Explore personal attitudes to medicalized FGM/C

Explore perceptions around which stakeholders should be involved in combatting medicalized FGM/C e.g health professionals, government bodies, public etc

| Alternatives to FGM/C | To explore attitudes to alternatives of FGM/C such as Alternative Rites of Passage |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                       | Explore awareness of alternatives to FGM/C                                        |
|                       | Explore understanding of Alternatives Rites of Passage (ARP)                      |
|                       | Explore experience of ARP in Kajiado                                                |
|                       | Explore opinions to FGM/C alternatives such as ARP                                 |
### Supplementary Table 2 – Participant Characteristics

| Participant Characteristics | N (%) |
|----------------------------|-------|
| **Gender**                 |       |
| Female                     | 11 (61) |
| Male                       | 7 (39)  |
| **Age (years)**            |       |
| 25-29                      | 2 (11)  |
| 30-34                      | 3 (17)  |
| 35-39                      | 8 (44)  |
| 40-44                      | 3 (17)  |
| 50-54                      | 2 (11)  |
| **Ethnicity**              |       |
| Maasai                     | 9 (50)  |
| Kisii                      | 2 (11)  |
| Kikuyu                     | 1 (6)   |
| Luo                        | 1 (6)   |
| Meru                       | 1 (6)   |
| Kamba                      | 1 (6)   |
| Nubian                     | 1 (6)   |
| Kenyan-Arab                | 1 (6)   |
| Kenyan-Somali              | 1 (6)   |
| **Current Profession**     |       |
| Doctor                     | 5 (28)  |
| Nurse                      | 11 (61) |
| Other (including social and community professionals) | 2 (11) |
| **Years Qualified in Role**|       |
| 0-5                        | 5 (28)  |
| 5-10                       | 6 (33)  |
| 10-15                      | 4 (22)  |
| 15-20                      | 1 (6)   |
| >20                        | 2 (11)  |
| **Currently providing care to FGM/C affected girls/women?** |       |
| Yes                        | 13 (72) |
| Daily                      | 8 (44)  |
| Weekly                     | 1 (6)   |
| Monthly                    | 4 (22)  |
| No                         | 5 (28)  |
| Within the last year       | 3 (17)  |
| Within the last 5 years    | 2 (11)  |
| **Perception of FGM/C Prevalence in Kajiado** |       |
| High                       | 17 (94) |
| Low                        | 1 (6)   |
| **Awareness of anti-FGM/C efforts in Kajiado** |       |
| Yes                        | 15 (83) |
| No                         | 3 (17)  |
| **Awareness of FGM/C legislation in Kenya** |       |
| Illegal                    | 16 (89) |
| Unsure       | 2 (11) |