

National Population Council Interview Guide

The interview serves as a tool to help with my research. My dissertation topic is “Attaining SDG 5.6: An assessment of sexual and reproductive health and rights of women in Ghana.” You have been selected based on your expertise and knowledge in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) of women in Ghana. This interview is expected to last for 30-60 minutes depending on your time schedule. The expectation of this interview is to assess existing policies on SRHR of women in Ghana and their effectiveness. Information that is provided for the researcher shall be used solely for the purpose of academic work. Thank you for accepting to participate in this interview.

1. How would you describe the state of sexual and reproductive health and rights of women in Ghana for the past 5 years?
2.
 - a) Does the government have laws or national policies which guarantee access on the following areas?
 - Maternity care
 - Induced abortion (and on which grounds)
 - Post-abortion care
 - Contraceptive use
 - Sexuality education as a mandatory component of the national school curriculum
 - Voluntary HIV testing and counseling services, HIV treatment and care services
 - b) Are there any plural legal systems contradicting any of the above?
 - c) Do the laws or regulations identified in question a include any restrictions based on any of the following?
 - Age
 - Sex
 - Marital status
 - 3rd party authorization (spouse, medical, parental, etc.)
3. Comparatively, has there been any progress in policies that guarantee women’s full and equal access to SRHR in Ghana?
4. What policies have been instrumental to your provision and protection of the SRHR of women in Ghana? Can you identify any of these policies that have been helpful in your provision and protection of SRHR services to women in Ghana?
5. How has the National Population Council contributed to the implementation of SRHR policies for women in Ghana for the past five years?
6. What have been the challenges related to SRHR policies of women in Ghana since the implementation the UN SDGs?
7. Have these challenges been addressed?
8. Do you think the adoption of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) has been useful to addressing the SRHR of women in Ghana?
9. Do you think there has been much progress over the past 5 years in the integration of SRHR of women into national policies in Ghana?
10. What recommendations would you make to improve national policies on SRHR of women in Ghana?