**IDI-CLIENT-006**

Time start: 11.32

Thank you for agreeing to have this interview today, as I have explained to you earlier , I’m going to record our discussion so that I don’t miss any of your statement, and you said you are okay for me to use this audio recorder for our discussion. I’m going to ask you questions about yourself, your life in general and most about HIV related matters. You are free not to answer any question that you feel uncomfortable to answer, just tell me, I will go to next questions. Please be free to tell me anything that you think is important for me to know related to HIV care.... If this is okay with you, we start the interview now.

Res : Yes

Int: I would like to know when and where did you go for HIV test?

Res: I tested here at …, It was in September 2014

Int: Mhh... why did you decide to test for HIV ?

Res : First I was always uncomfortable with my husband’s behavior of having different mistresses, I have tried to explain to him several times that what he is doing will bring problems to us but he was not listening, my neighbors will tell me what he does in the local brew shop with women, I got tired I just decided to keep quit.

Int: Mhh... then what happened

Res: …then in around April or May last year , I started experiencing fever and sometimes body weakness and when I get sick I was using medicines but after a while , I’m sick again… then in September I decided to come and check my status, but with my husband’s behaviors when the nurse told me I was positive I was not surprised I just knew this is true

Int : Okay when you went home did you share your result with him and what did he say?

Res: I told him that I went to test and I am sick and I think you are also sick, but he did not answer anything I decided to leave him alone … its better I continue with care, I came here they took my blood for CD4 … it was low after finishing adherence classes, I started using ART.

Int : Mhh… what about other relatives do they know your situation?

Res : Yes I told my brother and my sister and my mother now knows my father died.

Int : Do you experience any challenges like stigma related to your status

Res : ... No my relatives are supporting me so much, and they know my husband behaviors.

Int : You told me that you have started medication, do you experience any side effect?

Res: No... though in the beginning, I was feeling like vomiting and a bit of diarrhea but it was only for the first few days and we were told that these things may happen so I was not worried.

Int : What do you think about people who test HIV positive but do not want to enter HIV care?

Res : I don’t know … what can I say if like my husband fears even coming to test for HIV because he knows he will be positive, most people fear stigma other people will know they are sick and start talking … but for me I don’t mind , let them talk for me I will take this medicine especially for the sake of my child… I know if I die now my daughter will suffer, my husband will not be able to care for her she is only 10 years, if I manage to live until she is a bit older enough to take care of herself that is what I pray for.

Int : and what about those who enter care, they even start ART but then just stop coming at the clinic, what is the problem

Res : I think the reason is the same they do not want to be seen at the clinic, like here we are so many patients and we meet with some people from our area but me I’m fine let them see me, I can’t risk dying due to fear of people.

Int : What about using alternative treatment like traditional medicine or prayers do you use any of these

Res : Yes I do pray but I have not been using any traditional medicine, I do not believe those people, they just lie pretend to be able to treat HIV but we know HIV has no cure, that is what we were told in classes by our nurses

Int : okay… you said you go for prayers… what do you about pastors who tell patients to stop ART and they pray or HIV to be cured?

Res: I pray at the … church that happens in holy churches, I also do not attend those kind of churches, I do not want to contradict my faith, I used to pray at … since my childhood and I will continue.

Int: Okay then, does distance and cost of transport affect your coming to the clinic or attendance?

Res : No, I do not leave very far from here, I just get a boda-boda (motorbike for hiring) and I pay only one thousand (like half a dollar) and I can even walk if I want to.

Int : Okay, What do you think about health care providers and the services given to you?

Res : The nurse are very kind, they help us a lot even tough were so many in some days but they will attend all of us without problems, like for me they even give me the drugs for preventing chest infection and other diseases

Int : Well then, do you have any suggestions that you think can improve care in this clinic

Res : mmh ... may be the government should bring more nurses at this hospital, they are few and we are many patients in someday you can even feel pity for them

Int : okay thank you very much that is the end of our interview, unless you have any question

Res : No... thank you too

End of interview 12.10 pm