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## **NOTE FOR SURVEY ORGANIZERS: HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL**

This manual is designed to explain to interviewers how to do their job. The manual includes information about implementation of the survey, training activities, and fieldwork procedures. It discusses in detail interview techniques and procedures for completing the questionnaires.

Like other DHS manuals, this is a “model” manual that reflects the standard DHS protocol for how to train the survey field teams in conducting interviews with the standard DHS questionnaires. Any changes from the standard protocol will need to be reflected in modifications to this manual. This manual is based on the DHS Model “A” Questionnaire.<sup>1</sup> Country-specific changes to the Model Questionnaires may necessitate changes to this manual, so it is important for survey organizers to carefully review the manual prior to using it. To facilitate customizing this manual, in certain places the text has been put in brackets to denote that it is likely to require modification.

An electronic file for this manual is available from MEASURE *DHS+* (see contact information on the inside of the front cover). When using the file, users should be aware that some of the examples may require completion by hand.

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<sup>1</sup>ORC Macro. 2001. *Model “A” Questionnaire with Commentary for High Contraceptive Prevalence Countries*. MEASURE *DHS+* Basic Documentation No. 1. Calverton, Maryland, U.S.A.: ORC Macro.

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