

Interview Guide:(Qualitative data) Women of childbearing age.**Section A**

	Demographic Information:	
1	Place of data collection	
2	Age	
3	Reproductive (childbearing) status	
4	Gender	
5	Family size	
6	Marital status	
7	Education status	
8	Employment status	
9	Position	

Section B**General questions**

Do you know this clay soil?

What do you think causes people to start eating clay soil?

Main questions and probes.**What are your views/ perceptions about people who eat clay soil? Probes:**

In your own understanding, what motivates people to start eating soil?

What do you think are some reasons, uses and benefits of eating soil?

What is your perception about the practise of clay soil eating? Probes:

Do you think soil eating causes addiction?

Do you think soil eating is a socially acceptable practice?

Do you think soil eating habit is harmful?

Tell me about your experience of eating clay soil and people who practise clay soil eating? Probes:

Have you ever experienced cravings of clay soil?

Have you ever eaten clay soil? If yes,

What soil type do you normally eat or prefer? Why?

Where do you source/get your clay soil from? Do you eat soil from the bush or from the yard buy from open markets?

How do feel before and after eating soil?

Tell me about the possible short term and long-term health implications of soil eating amongst women of childbearing age? Probe:

What are diseases that can be caused by eating clay soil?

Do you often consult medical facilities for health conditions related to eating soil?

Have you ever been diagnosed with any sickness related soil eating?

Are you currently taking any therapy or treatment for soil eating?

What do you think can be used to stop eating soil? Probe:

Tell me more about the different methods that be used can prevent and control soil addiction? **Adapted from literatures (Huebl et al., 2016, Ekosse et al, 2008, and Madziva C & Chinouya MJ,2020).**