

## Handout: Different Ways of Asking a Question

Read the dialogues below. Observe how the questions in dialogues A and B are asked and what information you get from each type of question. What differences do you see?

### Dialogue about breastfeeding

#### Dialogue A

CHV: Good morning, Lamia. I am Nawal, the Community Health Volunteer. Is your son Mohammed okay?

Lamia: Yes, thank you.

CHV: Are you breastfeeding him?

Lamia: Yes.

CHV: Are you having any difficulties?

Lamia: No.

CHV: Do you breastfeed him very often?

Lamia: Yes.

#### Dialogue B

CHV: Good morning, Lamia. I am Nawal, the Community Health Volunteer. How is your son Mohammed?

Lamia: He is well, and he is very hungry.

CHV: Tell me, how are you feeding him?

Lamia: He is breastfeeding. I just have to give him one bottle in the evening.

CHV: I see. What made you decide to do that?

Lamia: He cries more at that time of day, so I thought my milk is not enough.

## **Dialogue about Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA)**

### **Dialogue A**

Qamar: Good morning, Lamia. I am Qamar, a member of the village savings and loans association. Have you heard about the association?

Lamia: Yes, I have, thank you.

Qamar: Do you think that the association is good?

Lamia: I do not know much about it.

Qamar: Can you come to our meeting tomorrow?

Lamia: No, I am very busy.

Qamar: Do you have any questions about the association?

Lamia: Not right now, thank you.

### **Dialogue B**

Qamar: Good morning, Lamia. I am Qamar, a member of the village savings and loans association. Have you heard about the association?

Lamia: Yes, I have, thank you.

Qamar: What have you heard about the association?

Lamia: That people can borrow money from you for projects.

Qamar: That's right. What do you think about you being part of the association?

Lamia: I am not sure. I don't know much about how it all works.

Qamar: How would you feel about coming to our next meeting, just to meet some of the group members and see how it works for them?

Lamia: That would be nice, but I'm very busy with chores and the children.

Qamar: I understand. A lot of our members are very busy, too. We keep our meetings brief to respect everyone's time. What time of day would work for you?

Lamia: In the afternoon, usually.