Records identified through database searching after duplicates removed (n = 346)

Records screened (n = 346)
- Records excluded (n = 199)
  - 95 only high income countries
  - 63 not peer-reviewed publication of primary or secondary research
  - 41 partograph as measure only

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 147)
- Full-text articles excluded, with reasons (n = 73)
  - 73 no information on barriers or incentives

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n = 74)