

Formative Design Research - Ethiopia

Informed Consent Form – for Interactions with Parents, In-laws, Adult Male Partners, Community Influencers, Providers

Hello. I am working with Population Services International – Ethiopia, a non-profit health NGO that works to improve health and save lives around the world.

Purpose

We are conducting research on the health of young people ages 15-19, especially girls. The information we collect will be used to improve reproductive health services for adolescents. You have been chosen to participate because we think your experience is very important for our study. If you decide to take part in this research, you will be one of almost 100 participants taking part in activities like this across Ethiopia.

Participation

If you decide to take part, our discussion should take no more than one hour. A note-taker will be taking notes, and the notes will be typed up and put together with information we get from other community members. Your name will not be included in this information.

Risks and Discomforts

The most significant risk in this study is that someone other than study staff could learn about what you said today. We will make every effort to prevent this. We will not share the results of this conversation with anyone other than trained study staff, and we are storing our notes in a locked place. You may also feel uncomfortable with some of the questions, but you do not have to answer any questions you don't want to.

Benefits

There are no direct benefits to you for being part of this study, but the information you provide will be put together with information from other community members. It will be used to improve reproductive health services for adolescents in Ethiopia and other countries in Africa. You will not receive any money or gifts for participating in this research.

Voluntary Participation

Participation in this research study is your decision. You can skip any questions that you wish. You can also stop participating at any time without any harm to your work or your standing in the community.

Confidentiality

All the information you give will be confidential. We might quote what you say, but we will not provide your name, or the name of your community.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this study, please contact

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Offer to Answer Questions

Before you agree to take part in the research, please ask any questions about any part of this study that is not clear to you. You may also take some time to think about whether you would like to participate or not.

Authorization

You are making a decision whether or not to participate in this study. If you say you are willing to participate, I will sign this paper saying you gave your verbal consent. Your consent indicates that you understand the information provided, have had all your questions answered and have decided to participate.

Researcher obtained consent from the subject:

Researcher's signature

Date