

## **Participant Information Sheet**

### **Lean Research for Task Shifting: Barriers and Facilitators of Implementation Research in LMICs**

*Please take some time to read this information and ask any further questions if anything is unclear. Questions can be addressed to Madeleine Ballard (madeleine.ballard@spi.ox.ac.uk)*

#### **What is the purpose of the study?**

Implementation research tells us about harms, enables us to optimise existing interventions and ultimately, to scale and fund what works. In this project we seek to understand what prevents high quality implementation from being conducted in the context of task shifting projects in LMICs. This project aims to demystify evaluation and develop a practical toolkit that would enable practitioners to easily perform unobtrusive, light touch— “lean”—research over the course of implementation.

#### **Who is organising and funding this research?**

The research for this study is being undertaken by Madeleine Ballard, a doctoral student at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention at the University of Oxford. This project is being supervised by Dr. Paul Montgomery Professor of Psycho-Social Intervention at the University of Oxford and Dr. Fred Hersch, a Clinical Research Fellow in Essential Healthcare at The George Institute for Global Health at the University of Oxford. This research is funded by the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship and has been reviewed and approved by the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee (CUREC).

#### **Why have I been asked to participate?**

(a) healthcare practitioners (e.g. BasicNeeds), (b) organizations that have successfully disseminated knowledge while running high quality programs (e.g. BRAC), and (c) evaluation specialists (e.g. ID Insight) in order to establish the barriers/facilitators to research and gain insight into how rigorous research designs can be implemented cheaply and without disrupting core programs.

#### **Do I have to take part?**

It is not compulsory to take part in this study and you may ask the researcher questions or ask for more information before deciding whether or not to participate. We believe, however, that you have something important to contribute. If you agree to take part in this study you will be asked to sign a consent form. You are nonetheless free to withdraw from the study at any time and will not be asked to give any reasons if you do choose to withdraw.

#### **What will taking part in the study involve?**

If you agree to take part in this study we will arrange an interview with you and will audio record the interview. We will interview by telephone or over skype. The interview will be conducted by Madeleine Ballard and will last about an hour. You

can also request to be interviewed on multiple occasions for shorter periods of time should this be more suitable for you. You may also be asked to participate in a follow-up interview, though participation in this is optional.

### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

The aim of this project is to demystify evaluation and develop a practical toolkit that would enable practitioners to easily perform unobtrusive, light touch—“lean”—research over the course of implementation.

Participating in this study will provide you with an opportunity to share your expertise and contribute to the improvement of research that has the possibility to optimise existing interventions, identify harm and scale/fund what works

### **What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

We hope that the experience of taking part in this study will be enjoyable for you, although it will take about thirty minutes of your time.

### **How will my interview be used?**

The interviews collected in this study will be used alongside other interviews to better understand (a) the barriers/facilitators to research and (2) how rigorous research designs can be implemented cheaply and without disrupting core programs. Publications which come out of this project may use quotations from your interview. Once the interviews have been deposited at the end of the project, future researchers may also wish to use and quote your interview in their work. On the consent form you will be asked to confirm that you are happy to assign your copyright for the interview to the researcher, meaning that you consent for researchers to use and quote from your interview. In all works produced using your interview, your name and other personal information will be anonymised.

### **What happens to the interviews collected during the study?**

Interviews will be transcribed and stored digitally, managed by the researcher for the duration of the project. Only the researcher will have access to the interviews and personal information.

### **What happens at the end of the project?**

If you agree to participate in this project, the research will be written up in a paper and shared with participants at the Skoll World Forum. It may also appear in a doctoral thesis. On successful submission of the thesis, it will be deposited both in print and online in the University of Oxford, to facilitate its use in future research. The digital online copy of the thesis will be deposited with the Oxford University Research Archive (ORA) and will be published with open access, meaning that it will be available to all internet users. At the end of this project the audio and digital data collected from interviews with participants will be deposited at the UK Data Service for use by future researchers. All participants are able to request a summary of the research findings should they wish by contacting the researcher. **At the end of this project the audio and digital data collected from interviews with participants will be**

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**What should I do if I have any concerns or complaints?**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this project, please speak to the researcher (madeleine.ballard@spi.ox.ac.uk) who will do her best to answer your query. The researcher should acknowledge your concern within 3 working days and give you an indication of how she intends to deal with it. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the chair of the Research Ethics Committee at the University of Oxford (Chair, Social Sciences & Humanities Inter- Divisional Research Ethics Committee; Email: ethics@socsci.ox.ac.uk; Address: Research Services, University of Oxford, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD). The chair will seek to resolve the matter in a reasonably expeditious manner.