Informed Consent for IMMANA Project (REQUIRED)

Informed Consent: *Before beginning the interview, it is necessary to introduce the household to the survey and obtain their consent to participate. Make it clear to them that their participation in the survey is voluntary. Please read the following statement in the language of interview:*

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you. We are a research team from National Institute of [Local Partner] working in collaboration with University of Reading (UoR). We are conducting a survey to learn about agriculture, energy expenditure and wellbeing of households in this area. You have been selected to participate in an interview which includes questions on topics related to your health status. These questions in total will take approximately 30 minutes to complete and your participation is entirely voluntary. During the survey, your height and weight will be recorded with a tape and bathroom scale. You will also be invited to wear an accelerometer device for 7 days and an enumerator will administer daily surveys to collect information on time use information and food intakes. These surveys will not last approximately 40 minutes. As much as possible, we would like to follow your activities for 4 weeks in the coming four months. If you agree to participate, you can choose to stop at any time or to skip any questions you do not want to answer. Your answers will be completely confidential; we will not share information that identifies you with anyone. After entering the questionnaire into a data base, we will destroy all information such as your name which will link these responses to you.

We will also interview other households in your Village and in other Villages in [Location]. We aim to survey 20 households in total. After we collect all the information, we will use the data to make a study about the energy expenditure of people in this area. Do you have any questions about the study or what I have said? If in the future you have any questions regarding the study and the interview, or concerns or complaints we welcome you to contact [Name Field Coordinator], by calling [Phone Number]. This research project has been reviewed according to the procedures specified by the University Research Ethics Committee and has been given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct. We will leave one copy of this form for you so that you will have record of this contact information and about the study.

Please ask the participants (male and female) if they consent to the participation in the study (check one box):

Participant:	YES ☐	NO ☐

I _____, the enumerator responsible for the interview taking place on _____, 2017 certify that I have read the above statement to the participant and they have consented to the interview. I pledge to conduct this interview as indicated on instructions and inform my supervisor of any problems encountered during the interview process.

If the household does not give consent to all of the data collection, stop the interview and inform your team leader. Team leaders will discuss the reason for this refusal and decide whether a partial data collection is possible for this household.

Consent form approved by University of Reading on December 20, 2017.

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