**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

**Research project: Education systems, aspiration and learning in remote rural settings**

I am part of an international team of researchers that is exploring the connections between schooling and aspiration in remote rural areas of Lesotho, India and Laos. I will be spending the next two months or so undertaking research in Ha Setala primary school and will also do some research among people living in Ha Setala village. We hope that this research will help policy makers to improve education systems so that they better serve the needs of rural young people.

I am inviting a number of children from the school to participate in some research activities and would like it if you/your child could be one of them. You/your child do not have to participate. It is up to you to decide. Moreover, if at any point you/they prefer to stop participating, you/they are free to do so.

The research will involve doing some activities (drawing, drama etc) and having discussions with a group of about 6 children of a similar age. It might also involve me interviewing you/your child on your/their own. These activities will take about 30-45 minutes at a time and will take place at school outside lesson time.

We would like to audio record the activities, so that we can later write down everything that is said, but what you/your child says will be kept confidential. We will write reports about the research and give talks, and we will make the transcripts available to other people on the internet. However, we will never use your/your child’s real name.

Funding for the research comes from the UK government’s Economic and Social Research Council and the Department for International Development. However, it is independent research: we do not work for the UK government. We also cannot offer any reward for participation or promise that anything will improve. The study has been reviewed by Brunel University’s College of Business, Arts and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee. Brunel University is committed to compliance with the Universities UK Research Integrity Concordat. You are entitled to expect the highest level of integrity from our researchers during the course of their research.

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