**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

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

I am representing Nthatuoa Consultants based in Sebaboleng, Maseru. Nthatuoa Consultants has been commissioned by Brunel University, London, United Kingdom to undertake a survey as part of an international research project. The project is exploring the connections between schooling and aspiration in remote rural areas of Lesotho, India and Laos. This research is intended to help policy makers to improve education systems so that they better serve the needs of rural young people.

We are inviting a number of young people aged 12-22 years to be interviewed for the research. These include young people who are attending primary or secondary school as well as young people who are not attending school. The interview will last about 45 minutes. I would like it you to agree to being interviewed. However, participation is entirely voluntary. It is up to you to decide. If you are under 18, we will also ask the agreement of your guardian. If you decide to take part, you are still free to stop participating at any time and without giving a reason.

The interview will take place in a quiet place where other people aren’t listening. I will write down your answers to the questions, but what you say will be kept confidential. When reports are written, or talks given about the research, your name will not be used.

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: none of the researchers work for the UK government. We 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.

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