**Department of Science, Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship, University of Exeter.**

**Information for Participants**

**Project title: Co-developing risk assessment across disciplines and borders: Gene drive mosquito field trials in Uganda**

**Who is funding this research?** This project is funded by the British Academy through its Knowledge Frontiers Call.

**Who is carrying out the research?** Dr Sarah Hartley, [Sarah.Hartley@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:Sarah.Hartley@exeter.ac.uk), Professor Charles B. Rwabukwali, [crwabukwali@chuss.mak.ac.ug](mailto:crwabukwali@chuss.mak.ac.ug), Dr Chris Opesen, [chrisopesen@chuss.mak.ac.ug](mailto:chrisopesen@chuss.mak.ac.ac.ug),

**What is the study about?** This project will investigate stakeholder perspectives on risk assessment for gene drive mosquitoes which are expected to be used in Ugandan field trails in 5-10 years.

**Who’s participating?** Ugandan stakeholders with an interest in and knowledge about malaria and/or gene drive mosquitoes and biotechnology governance.

**What will the participant have to do?** 1]Participants will be invited to take part in an interview that will last between 30 minutes and an hour at either (a) the participant’s place of work, (b) a mutually convenient public venue, or (c) by phone. It would be preferable, but not essential for the interviews to be audio recorded.

**What are the benefits of participating in the study?** By participating you are helping to broaden our understanding of the types of risks and governance frameworks needed for risk assessment of gene drive mosquitoes in Uganda and elsewhere in Africa.

**What happens to the collected information? The data:** Interviews will be recorded and transcribed. The data from these transcriptions will be coded, anonymised and analysed. Digital recordings will be destroyed once transcribed. The anonymised data will be stored in a secure place and only accessible to the researchers listed on this document and for the purposes of this research project. The anonymised data will be kept at the University of Exeter and Makerere University for five years and then destroyed.

**What are the research outputs?** We will develop a short policy report to be emailed to international and national stakeholders. We will also develop and publish an academic research paper, a practitioner-relevant short research paper, and 1 or 2 short blogs. In all of these research outputs, participants will not be named. We will also hold a stakeholder workshop at Makerere University in early 2020 to which stakeholders will be invited and where the findings from the project will be shared. There is no requirement to attend.

**Are there any foreseeable risks to the individual if they participate in the research?** Participants should be aware that, while every effort will be made to maximise anonymity, it cannot be guaranteed that all participants will remain unidentifiable in the final paper.

**Are there any costs or inducements to taking part in the research?** No.

**Participation is voluntary, what should you do if you do not want to participate?** If you are unable to participate or do not want to participate, please inform the researcher and you will not be contacted again. Participants are able to withdraw for any reason or at any time prior to the publication of any research output.

**Researcher contact details:**

If you have any questions about the research please contact:

Dr. Sarah Hartley (01392 723515, [Sarah.Hartley@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:Sarah.Hartley@exeter.ac.uk)), or

Professor Charles B. Rwabukwali, [crwabukwali@chuss.mak.ac.ug](mailto:crwabukwali@chuss.mak.ac.ug)

**Complaint procedure**

If you have any concerns about the research, then in the first instance please contact Dr. Sarah Hartley, [Sarah.Hartley@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:Sarah.Hartley@exeter.ac.uk) or Professor Charles B. Rwabukwali [crwabukwali@chuss.mak.ac.ug](mailto:crwabukwali@chuss.mak.ac.ug).