



APPENDIX C.

INFORMED CONSENT FORM FOR ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE AWARENESS (AMR) ONLINE SURVEY

Assessing awareness of antibiotic resistance and exploring the contextual factors influencing antibiotic prescribing and dispensing among human and animal health professionals.

Protocol Title: Antimicrobials in Society (AMIS) Project Uganda: Understanding the role of antimicrobials in daily life in Tororo, Wakiso and Kampala districts of Uganda through three entry points: Health Care, Farming and Urban Work.

Site of Research: Uganda, All

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Introduction

This survey aims to understand the level of awareness of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), as well as the contextual factors that influence antibiotic prescribing and dispensing among human and animal health professionals. This survey contributes to a wider research project into the role of medicines in daily life in Uganda. Please take your time to carefully read the following information before you decide whether or not you want to take part in this survey. This online survey will take you about 30 minutes to complete.

How will this survey be done?

We are inviting trained human and animal health professionals to take part in this online survey. We plan to obtain at least 50 completed surveys from human health prescribers or dispensers and 50 completed surveys from animal health prescribers or dispensers. You will be asked questions about the antibiotics you use, how you know when to use them, and the resources available to you in your working environment. You do not have to complete the entire survey at once; however we ask that you try to return the completed survey as soon as possible. We may ask you to repeat this survey twice as we are testing how well the survey tool works.

How will the information collected in this survey be used?

We will summarise the information you and the other respondents share in order to help us better understand levels of AMR awareness and practises relating to antibiotics, and help in the formation of locally relevant solutions to problems relating to antibiotics and AMR.

Can I choose not to take part or stop taking part during the survey?

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate, you may withdraw at any time without any penalty or loss, and you have the right to skip to the next question. You can decide to stop participating at any time during the survey. You can also choose to submit only part of the survey.

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What risks or benefits can I expect from being in the survey?

There is no anticipated risk or direct benefit to you for taking part in this survey. We do not foresee any physical or emotional risk to you beyond the risks of daily life. However, by participating in this survey, you will contribute to a better understanding of the issues involved in antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance. We hope the findings will inform interventions to reduce antibiotic resistance that ensure contexts conducive to good antibiotic practice so that people with infections get the best treatment, while avoiding unnecessary use of medicines.

Anonymity and privacy

Your survey responses will remain anonymous as questions will not contain any identifying information about you. All data will be stored electronically in a secure, password protected database to ensure privacy.

Who can answer my questions about the survey?

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, or feel that you have been harmed from taking part in this survey, please talk to the researchers first. Contact Ms Susan Nayiga, the principal Investigator of the AMIS Uganda Project on +256 (0) 752900565 or the Infectious Diseases Research Collaboration on telephone number +256 (0) 414 540 624. If for any reason you do not wish to do this, or you have questions or concerns about your rights, you may contact Dr Erisa Mwaka, the Chair of the School of Biomedical Sciences Research and Ethics Committee (SBS REC) at telephone number +256 (0) 752 575050.

CONSENT: Do you agree to participate in the survey?

By clicking 'Consent to Participate' it means that you understand the information given to you in this consent form about your participation in the study and agree with the following statements:

- 1 "I have read the consent form concerning this survey and I understand what will be required of me and what will happen to me if I take part in it."
- 2 "My questions concerning this survey have been answered by the consent form."
- 3 "I understand that at any time, I may withdraw from this survey without giving a reason."
- 4 "I agree to take part in this survey."