**Informed consent for Household Surveys**

For head of households (or partners) AND mother / guardians of children under 5 years of age

**Project**: ASSETS (Attaining Sustainble Services from Ecosystems)

**Researchers**: [complete name of enumerator]

***Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.***

**What is the research about?**

This research project aims to understand the links between food security and how people manage and use nature. Our research is funded by the UK government and is part of a bigger study working in Malawi, Peru and Colombia. The project has partners in those countries as well as in the UK, the US, South Africa and Spain.

As part of this study, we would like to know more about food security and health and nutrition in this area – e.g. how do people define food security, where do different people obtain food from normally and during difficult periods, how has this changed over time. We also want to understand how people use nature – e.g. what benefits (or costs) do different people derive from nature, how are natural resources managed, how has this changed over time.

**Why have I been chosen?**

We would like to talk to you because you live in context where people makes constant use of natural resource for their daily lives and, hence, you have significant knowledge on this subject. We would like to know in particular how your households’ material living conditions, productive activities and access to food is shaped by the use you make of local natural resources (e.g., forest products, fishes from the river, etc.)

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

We would like to ask you and the members of your household various questions about their socio-demographic characteristics (age, sex, etc.), about your education, health condition, occupation, expenditure and income. At the same time, we would ask you questions about the diverse use you give to natural resources in relation to those topics (e.g., use of medicinal plants, provision of construction materials, inputs for businesses, etc.)

As part of this interview, we would like to measure the height and weight of those children under 5 years of age who are also members of this household. This information will serve to establish the nutritional condition of these children.

We intend to come back in 6 months approximately. On that occasion, we will measure the height and weight of children again.

**Are there any benefits in my taking part?**

We will provide feedback on the results of the research to participants. We hope that some of our research may help participants take more informed decisions. In addition, in agreement with the village authorities, we will compensate the interviewees that take part of this survey for the time they spent in answering this survey.

**Are there any risks involved?**

We don’t envisage any risks to your participation. We will ask questions about livelihood strategies. If you are at all uncomfortable with any of these questions, you are free to skip any question or to stop the interview at any time.

Children under five may feel a Little uncomfortable with the height and weight measures we will conduct; however, this discomfort would not be of any consideration or of lasting effect,

**Will my participation be confidential?**

We will keep all the information you give us confidential as far as the law allows. Any notes or recordings we make will be kept on a password-protected computer. We will only share your personal details or personal views with researchers in the project. Some of the information you give us may be published, but your real name will not be used in relation to any of the information you have provided us, unless you tell us clearly that you want us to use your real name. You should know that even though we will avoid including identifying information in any publication, there is still a possibility that people will recognise you by the things you say. If at any time you feel concerned about what you are saying being disclosed, please feel free to stop and talk to us about it. If you say something that you later think should be deleted from our discussion notes, just let us know.

**What happens if I change my mind?**

You can stop this interview at any time, without giving a reason.

**What happens if something goes wrong?**

If you have any concerns about this research, you can contact the Chair of the project’s National Advisory Committee:

**[INSERT CONTACT DETAILS OF LEAD CONTACT PERSON]**

**Where can I get more information?**

If you wish to obtain more information about the study, you can contact:

**[INSERT CONTACT DETAILS]**

**CONSENT FORM**

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**Researcher**: ………………………………………………………………………

**FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD OR PARTNER**

*Please initial the box(es) if you agree with the statement(s):*

I have understood the information provided and have had the opportunity to ask questions about the study.

I agree to take part in this research project and agree that my data may be used for the purpose of this study

I agree that my answers are recorded in the computer survey

I agree that photographs may be taken of my participation in this study

I understand that my real name will NOT be used in any publications (paper-based and electronic) resulting from this study.

I understand my participation is voluntary and I may withdraw at any time without my legal rights being affected

I agree that the children under 5 years of age who are members of this household take part in this study and their height and weight are recorded.

***Protección de Datos***

*I understand that information collected about me during my participation in this study will be stored on a password protected computer and that this information will only be used for the purpose of this study. All files containing any personal data will be made anonymous.*

Name of participant (CAPITAL LETTERS): ……………………………………………………

Signature of head of household or partner: …………………………………………… Date: ……………………………..

**FOR MOTHERS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE**

**MOTHER / GUARDIAN 1:** *Please initial the box(es) if you agree with the statement(s):*

I agree that the children under 5 years of age who are members of this household take part in this study and their height and weight are recorded.

Name of participant (CAPITAL LETTERS): ……………………………………………………

Signature of head of household or partner: …………………………………………… Date: ……………………………..

**MOTHER / GUARDIAN 2:** *Please initial the box(es) if you agree with the statement(s):*

I agree that the children under 5 years of age who are members of this household take part in this study and their height and weight are recorded.

Name of participant (CAPITAL LETTERS): ……………………………………………………

Signature of head of household or partner: …………………………………………… Date: ……………………………..