



Information sheet for adult participants (age 18+)

Endline Evaluation of the GATE-GEC Project

Many thanks for agreeing to take part in this interview, which will help to inform the endline evaluation of the GATE-GEC project in Sierra Leone. This evaluation is conducted by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER), a UK-based research charity, with support from the Institute for Development (IfD) in Sierra Leone and under the supervision of Plan International. This evaluation will examine the GATE-GEC project (2017-2021) to understand the project's design, results achieved, and to document the experiences of children, adolescents and adults who have been supported by the project.

You have been selected to participate in this interview as a key stakeholder involved in the GATE-GEC project. We would like to hear about your experiences and reflections on the project. We will be asking you questions about your experiences with the GATE-GEC project, including what you may have learned and what you think has changed as a result, at schools and in communities.

Information from this interview will be used to write reports that will help inform the design of future education initiatives in Sierra Leone. This information will also be saved in the UK's Data Archive so that organisations in both Sierra Leone and in the UK may use this to help improve their work in the future.

Your participation is voluntary. We hope that you will feel that you can speak freely. Anything you tell us is confidential and will not be shared with anyone, including anyone you work with, anyone at schools, or with GATE-GEC project staff. There will be no repercussions at your workplace for anything you tell us. If you wish to stop the interview at any time, please let me know. If at any time in the future you want to withdraw your response, you can contact us using the contact details provided, and we will remove your data. Any information that we use to write reports will be anonymized and your name will not be included in any of our reports.

If you have any complaints or concerns over your safety or wellbeing, or those of the respondents of this evaluation or the children involved in the project, you can contact people from the office of Plan International or at IfD. The contact person for Safeguarding from IfD is Dr. Bintu Mansaray; you can contact her (+232-785-029-42) about your concerns before or after the interview and she will ensure that any concerns are addressed properly.

If you would feel more comfortable contacting someone from the GATE-GEC project, please get in touch with one of GATE-GEC's safeguarding focal points in your district, who can also provide more information or help — their contact information are provided in the table below:

District	Contact person	Contact organisation	Telephone number and e-mail address
Kenema	Hilda Massaquoi	Handicap International	099-106-503 h.massaquoi@hi.org
Kailahun	Francise Sahr Jame	Handicap International	099-106-453 a.koroma@hi.org
Kono	Augusta Yongai	ActionAid	088-785-334 augusta.yonga@actionaid.org
Moyamba	Mohamed Gassama	ActionAid	076-607-292 gassamamohamed61@gmail.com
Port Loko	Aminata S. Koroma	Plan Sierra Leone	076-960-197 aminata.koroma@plan-international.org
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Do you have any questions?

Allow time for participants to ask questions about the evaluation.