**Research on Climate Resilience, Credit, and Nutrition in Cambodia and India**

1. **Introduction**

This research aims to investigate the role of credit-taking by rural households and villages experiencing the negative effects of climate change. We are interested to know if and why credit is being taken to try and deal with its negative consequences, and what impact this is having on the nutritional well-being of individuals and their households. You have been selected to participate in the study because you live, or have lived, in a village which is vulnerable to climate change.

The research is being led by Royal Holloway, University of London, a university in the United Kingdom (UK). They are working with researchers in Cambodia and India to undertake the research. The research is funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund in the UK.

1. **Aim:**

Credit-taking is generally understood as a positive means of helping households and villages struggling with the negative impacts of climate change. Our aim is to find out, is it really helping? And if not, why not? We are also interested to know about the gendered dimensions of these questions, given that women commonly deal with the burdens of climate change on a daily and ongoing basis, they have primary responsibility for the nutritional wellbeing of their households, and are targeted as credit borrowers globally.

1. **Research principle:**

The research principle is to empower and respect participants; with safety paramount at all times. Any information given will be used only subject to explicit consent being given by participants.  Measures have been taken to ensure that this information remains completely anonymous and participants have the right to stop participating and withdraw any information they have given at any time.

This research project has been reviewed according to the procedures specified by the University Research Ethics Committee, and has been granted permission to go ahead. We will leave one copy of this information sheet for you so that you will have record of this contact information and about the study.

1. **Data Protection and Contact**

* Personal identifiable data will not be retained after the study has ended and no individuals will be named or identified within the research.

1. **Use to be made of the information:**

* Transcripts, recordings, images, and notes will be kept safely either in physical storage or password protected electronic files.
* All contributions will be used in the research as explicitly agreed by participants.  No personal identifiable information will appear in the data set uploaded to the UK data service’s ReShare facility. Nor will any such identifiers appear in subsequent research reports or publications.
* The research is intended to contribute to academic scholarship on the impacts of climate change on credit-taking and nutrition, and the formation of policy to identify and support populations dealing with its negative effects.

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