

## Consent form (Semi-Structured Interview)

**Project name:** Exploring pig health management practices on small-scale pig farms in Kiambu County, Kenya.

**Current research:** Understanding the role of animal health service professionals serving small-scale pig farmers in Kiambu County.

Dear Dr \_\_\_\_,

We are a team of researchers working at the International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya, and at the University of Bristol, in the United Kingdom. We are studying how health is managed on small-scale pig farms in Kiambu County. Currently, very little is known about this group, especially concerning antibiotic use. Therefore we wish to understand how health is managed on these holdings, particularly exploring medicines use. To do this, we think it is important to understand the role of animal health service professionals on these holdings and how medicine use is impacted by professionals such as yourself. We think that this will enable us to better understand the relationship between animal health service professionals and small-scale pig farmers in Kiambu County. The objective of our work is to understand how responsible antibiotic use practices might be improved and make recommendations about what might be necessary to improve this use.

We are therefore inviting you to take part in a semi-structured interview so that we can hear about and discuss with you your experiences with these farmers and learn about the advice that you currently give them. This would take place at a time convenient for you and is expected to last for around 30 to 45 minutes. The researchers would come to your office to complete the interview with you.

As a token of our thanks and kind appreciation for your time we would like to provide you with light a small allowance for your time.

So that the researchers can analyse the interview, it will be audio recorded. After transcription, the data will be anonymized so that any personal or identifiable information disclosed during the interview will remain confidential to the research team. Photos will also be taken of any products of the interview, such as any drawn diagrams. Data will then be analysed by the main researchers only and data will be used for research purposes only, such as for presentations at international conferences or in publications. Nothing identifiable to you (such as your name) will be displayed with any of the data and your identity will remain anonymous in any reports or presentations.

We would very much appreciate your help and collaboration in this project. Your participation is very important to the success of this study. We believe the results of this project will, at some point, be beneficial to you and we would be happy to communicate them once they are ready. We highlight that this work is being carried out by independent research workers at ILRI, which has a mandate to study animal-related issues.

We would like to draw to your attention the fact that the data that you provide to the researchers of this project during the focus group discussion could be published in the form of scientific reports and/or in scientific papers. However, all personal data to you will be anonymised at all times. Please note that signing this form does not affect your right to refuse participation in the research at a later date or leave the focus group discussion at any point.

***“I consent that the information disclosed during the focus group discussion may be used for internal reports within the International Livestock Research Institute, the University of Bristol, and other project partners institutions, and in documents that will be in the public domain such as external reports and published scientific research papers”.***

**Signature/ Date:**

**Name/s:**

If you would like to discuss this project further with one of the research team please contact Dr Nicholas Bor +254727297423 or Dr Claire Scott +254113307892.

If you have any concerns about the way that the research has been conducted and would like to speak to an independent member of the Institutional Research Ethics Committee, please contact:

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