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**ANNEXURE A**

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Mrs W Leshilo  
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TEMBISA

**CC: SOCIAL WORK MANAGER**

Dear Wilhemina

Further to your letter which I received today and our subsequent conversations regarding your proposed research in Tembisa as part of your MA social work degree course.

I am satisfied that you have all necessary consent forms and confidentiality security in place to protect APD clients who may at their own free will, agree to participate in your study.

We have agreed that this study will not infringe on your hours of employment, nor will it have any negative effect on your service delivery to our clients.

Therefore, I have pleasure in confirming approval of the study project "The Perceptions of People with Disabilities regarding discrimination in the Tembisa area".

As you suggest, a copy of the outcomes of your research may indeed be very useful to the Association for future planning when assessing the needs of the Tembisa residents. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you would supply your Manager with a copy of your conclusions in due course.

Wishing you every success with your studies.

Yours faithfully

**SHEILA COOPER  
DIRECTOR**

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## ANNEXURE B

### CONSENT FORM FOR RESEARCH PROJECT

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Investigator Welhemina Leshilo (University of Pretoria)

#### INFORMED CONSENT

1. TITLE OF STUDY: The feelings of people with physical disabilities regarding discrimination in Tembisa.
2. PURPOSE OF STUDY: To conduct an empirical investigation into the feelings of people with physical disabilities in Tembisa regarding discrimination.
3. PROCEDURES: I will be asked questions to describe my feelings regarding discrimination in the community where I live (Tembisa). The researcher will write down answers I gave.
4. RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS: There are no known medical risks or discomforts associated with this project.
5. BENEFITS: I understand there are no medical benefits to me for participating in this study. However, the results of the study may help researchers and the organization (Association for Physically Disabled) to understand how we feel about discrimination and may also help in improving service delivery.
6. PARTICIPANT'S RIGHTS: I may withdraw from participating in the study at any time.
7. FINANCIAL COMPENSATION: There will not be any reimbursement for participating in this project.
8. CONFIDENTIALITY: I understand that the results of this study may be published in professional journals or presented at professional conferences, but my identity will not be revealed unless required by law.
9. If I have any questions or concerns, I can call Welhemina Leshilo at 082 471 4015 at any time during business hours.

I understand my rights as a research subject, and I voluntarily consent to participation in this study. I understand what the study is about and how and why it is being done. I will receive a signed copy of this consent form.

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Subject's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Investigator

## ANNEXURE C

### INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

**TOPIC:** THE FEELINGS OF PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES  
REGARDING DISCRIMINATION IN TEMBISA

**PURPOSE:** TO CONDUCT AN EMPIRICAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE  
FEELINGS OF PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AND  
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP SOCIAL  
WORKERS DEVELOP INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR  
PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ALL INFORMATION THAT YOU WILL PROVIDE IN THIS INTERVIEW SCHEDULE WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.
2. YOUR NAME IS NOT REQUIRED TO ENSURE ANONIMITY AND TO GET RESPONSES THAT ARE AS HONEST AS POSSIBLE.
3. THERE IS NO CORRECT OR WRONG ANSWER; THEREFORE THE RESPONDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.
4. THE QUESTIONS ARE DIVIDED INTO SIX CATEGORIES, NAMELY:
  - A. DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS.
  - B. PERSONAL VIEWS.
  - C. SOCIETAL ATTITUDE.
  - D. EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF DISCRIMINATION.
  - E. COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND PARTICIPATION.
  - F. REHABILITATION AND ADAPTATION.

## INTERVIEW SCHEDULE.

### A. DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS

AGE .....

SEX .....

MARITAL STATUS .....

NATIONALITY .....

LANGUAGE .....

DISABILITY .....

LEVEL OF EDUCATION .....

### B. PERSONAL VIEWS

1. According to your views, does discrimination against people with disabilities still exist in Tembisa?
2. Do people with disabilities enjoy equal opportunities as able-bodied counterparts in your community?
3. Suppose you are the only person on a wheelchair at a social gathering, and other people attending the particular gathering feel pity for you. How would you feel?
4. If you were to marry, would you choose a partner with a physical disability?
5. If yes, motivate your answer in question 4.
6. Suppose each of you had one minute to talk to the Ministers of Health and Welfare about the problem of discrimination against people with disabilities. What would you say?
7. Describe your own attitude towards able bodied people.

### C. SOCIETAL ATTITUDE

8. What is the attitude of able-bodied people towards people with disabilities?
9. Describe how other people in the community perceive you.
10. Do you agree with the idea that people with physical disabilities should receive special treatment in the community?



11. Motivate your answer in question 10.
12. Do you think the community members accept you?.
13. If so, motivate your answer in question 12.

D. EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

14. Have you ever experience any discriminatory remarks against your physical disability from able bodied counterparts.
15. What are your feelings about the change in your life by being physically disabled?
16. According to your experience, do people with disabilities enjoy equal rights as stated by the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa?
17. Motivate your answer in question 16.
18. Do you agree with the notion that people with disabilities are dependent and helpless?
19. Motivate your answer in question 18.
20. What was your reaction after learning that you are no longer going to walk independently?
21. In your own views, is the South African Government generally responding positively towards the basic needs of people with disabilities in your community?
22. Motivate your answer in question 21.

E. REHABILITATION AND ADAPTATION

23. Are you fully adapted to your physical disability?
24. Who assisted you to adapt successfully to your disability? Choose the following:
  - Professional intervention (nurses, doctors, social workers or occupational therapists)
  - Own resourcefulness with the help and support of family or friends.
  - Through peer counseling with emotional support and guidance.
  - From another person with a similar disability.

25. How long did the adaptation process (to your disability) last?

F. COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND PARTICIPATION

26. Do you belong to any disability forum, social or interest group focusing on disability issues?

27. If yes, mention the name/s of that forum or organization.

28. Are health services in your community accessible to you?

29. Which means of transport do you often utilize?

30. If using public transport, describe the treatment you get from other fellow commuters using the same public transportation.

31. If using public transport, describe the attitude of drivers towards you.

32. If a disability awareness campaign can be organized in the community, would you participate actively by being at the forefront?

33. Do you consider public buildings in Tembisa accessible for people with physical disabilities?

34. Mention those that are accessible as well as inaccessible.

35. Suppose you are invited to a community meeting and the building is inaccessible for wheelchair users. What would you do?

36. What do you think can be done to eliminate the problem of discrimination against people with physical disabilities.

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LESHILO W. M.  
(SOCIAL WORKER)

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.