

INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT

QUESTIONNAIRE/FOCUS GROUP

Researcher's Name:

Physical address:

Contact details:

[Institutional and researcher details purposively removed for review]

Ward: Village: Date:

Dear participant (Name):

"You are kindly invited, by random selection, to voluntarily participate in a sanitation survey and focus groups: *"Adapting sanitation needs to a latrine design (and its upgradable models): a mixed method study under lower middle-income rural settings."* You are being encouraged to participate in the project in order to gather information to look at ways of how alternative rural sanitation technologies in Zimbabwe can be selected to increase latrine ownership and use. This is intended to inform national policy on rural sanitation services.

The project is targeting rural households from 15 villages in five wards of Mbire district. Your participation is by answering questions from an interviewer using a prepared questionnaire on demographic information and household sanitation practices, or by being involved in discussions with fellow community members on a given topic. The questionnaire takes about 15 - 20 minutes, and the focus groups a hour and half. Information shared will remain anonymous as the questionnaire is coded and bears no personal identities. The information will be kept safe to ensure confidentiality. You are free to choose not to participate or terminate your participation anytime when you need to without citing reasons or not respond to questions you consider sensitive. If the information shared is used a publication, your participation cannot be retraced and you identity will remain anonymous.

Consent to participate in the study

1. I confirm that I received, read and understood the nature of the study and how I should participate
2. I was given an opportunity to ask questions, and I have no objections to participate in the study
3. I am aware that information shared, including personal details, will be anonymously processed, presented and/or published
4. I understand that I will not be penalised in any way should I choose to discontinue with my participation in the study and my withdrawal
5. I am ware and have agreed that focus discussions will be audio-recorded.
6. I am participating willingly.

Note: If you have read and understood the information given, please indicate your decision by putting a cross ("X") in the relevant box:

I decided to participate **decided NOT to participate**

Signature

I sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Yours truly,

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Print name