

IREC sample form for individual consent to participate in a community conversation

Project Title:

Introduction for community conversations– seeking consent

Key objectives of an introduction:

- Explain why you are doing the community conversations.
- Explain what you would like to do and how long it might take.
- Explain about confidentiality.
- Ask if there are any questions before starting.
- Ask the participants to introduce themselves.

Suggested script:

Thank you for coming. My name is _____, and I work for _____. I am with a team of researchers from (mention the institutions). We are conducting a study to understand (i) your knowledge about diseases that are transmitted from animals to humans (ii) the role of men, women, and children in managing these diseases (iii) how livestock resources are managed, and (iv) develop a plan of action to manage these diseases and how men and women manage household and community resources. We shall be discussing issues about your experiences with diseases transmitted from animals to humans, the roles of household members in managing livestock, ownership of livestock, and the rules, regulations, norms regarding management of livestock and their diseases. These issues will be discussed in four separate sessions.

The information you give us will be completely confidential. We will describe what people in this community and others think in a report, but we will not mention any names. Your personal contributions and views will not be shared with anyone else in a way that can identify you.

Also, you don't have to participate if you don't want to, and please interrupt me if you ever want to stop the conversation. The discussion will take about four hours. Your views will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Thank you very much for accepting to turn up. Do you have any questions before we proceed?

INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW - CONSENT

Thank you very much. My name is _____, and I work for _____. This institution works in collaboration with _____ to address issues related to livestock production and improve livelihoods of small holder farmers. We are conducting a study to understand (i) your current knowledge about diseases that are transmitted from animals to humans and (ii) the current animal and disease management practices you use at home. We shall be discussing issues about your experiences with diseases, the roles of household members in managing livestock, ownership of livestock, and your perceptions about different livestock management practices. You have been selected because you keep livestock, particularly small ruminants and you have the knowledge about animal production and diseases. In future, we shall visit you again to collect the same information to determine if any change has happened.

The information you give us will be completely confidential. We will describe what people in this community and others think in a report, but we will not mention any names. Your personal contributions and views will not be shared with anyone else in a way that can identify you.

Also, you don't have to participate if you don't want to, and please interrupt me if you ever want to stop the discussion. The discussion will take about 30 minutes. Your views will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Do you have any questions before we proceed?

Do you agree to participate in this study? 1. Yes 2. No

If yes, we can begin.

Thank you very much.

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:

ILRI IREC Secretariat, Old Naivasha Road, PO Box 30709-00100, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: 020 422 3887