

Consent to Participate in a Research Study

Below is a sample Consent Form for qualitative research. However, different types of qualitative studies may require other details. **Hence, adapt this sample to fit your own research. You are free to change the wording as long as all required elements of informed consent are included.**

You are being asked to participate in a research study entitled: ([insert the study title](#)).

The information below tells you about what is involved in the research, what you will be asked to do, and the potential risks and benefits of participating in this study. You are encouraged to ask questions and seek clarification about the nature of the study. Please note that choosing whether to participate in this research is voluntary and entirely your choice. You may refuse to participate or discontinue your participation at any time during the study.

The purpose of this study: ([give a BRIEF sentence about the purpose](#)).

Your participation: You will be asked to participate in an interview. This means you will be asked to voice your views, opinions, or experience about ([insert subject matter](#)). The interview will take about ([insert amount of time in minutes/hours](#)) to complete.

([Add other research procedures, if applicable, and state what participants have to do.](#)). For example . . . Also, you will be asked to participate in a focus group discussion. This means the study involves an interview and discussion in a group setting. There will be about ([insert number](#)) participants in the focus group. You will be asked about your [opinions/perceptions or experience on \(insert subject matter\)](#). Each focus group discussion will take about ([insert amount of time in minutes/hours to complete](#)).

Benefits and Risks: If you participate, you will contribute to knowledge about ([briefly state the benefits of this knowledge](#)), which may help to ([give a brief statement of benefits](#)). There are no identifiable risks in participation ([or, if there are risks, discuss them here](#)).

Confidentiality: Your personal information will be kept confidential. Your interview responses will be anonymized so they will not be identified in any report or publication of this study.

Please carefully read and sign this Form if you are willing to participate in the study.

1. My participation in this research project is voluntary. There is no explicit or implicit coercion whatsoever to participate.
2. I may withdraw and discontinue participation at any time without penalty.
3. I understand that if I feel uncomfortable during the interview, I have the right to decline to answer any question or end the interview or discussion.
4. I understand that the interview will be audio-recorded to accurately capture my own words and a transcript will be produced for data analysis.
5. I understand the researcher will not identify me by name in any reports using information from this interview or discussion.

If you have any ethical concerns about your participation in this research, contact the Institutional Scientific Ethics Review Committee, Adventist University of Africa <ethics@aua.ac.ke>

I have read and fully understood the statements on this Form. All my questions were answered satisfactorily. I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Researcher's Signature _____ Date _____

Contact the supervisor of the research if you need more information or have questions: (List your AUA Programme Director's name and email address here)

Thank you.

(Include your name, programme and contacts)