

CONSENT FORM FOR RESPONDENT TB PATIENTS

Introduction and objectives of the study

My name is..... I am conducting research to find out our people's perceptions on the quality of care offered in health facilities. The information will be used by the government to plan and improve these services. Your participation is very important, as we seek to get your views.

Your part in the research and permission for writing/recording responses

We are seeking to get your views about the services you get from the TB clinic. If you agree to take part in the study, we will ask you to answer some questions. In order to report your views correctly, we would request you to grant us permission to record the interview, by ticking your option on each of the pre-set questions (in a questionnaire).

Confidentiality

The information that you will give us will be kept strictly confidential, and only the researchers are allowed to read the information. I will not write your name anywhere. Your answers will be anonymous, and at no time will a link be made between the answers given and the names of people who were interviewed.

Possible risks and benefits

You may not feel comfortable answering some questions in front of the interviewer. You have the right to refuse to answer any question or stop the interview at any time. Your refusal will not prejudice you or affect how you will be treated at your clinic or any other health facility. This study will not immediately or directly benefit the interviewees. However, it might benefit them in future when the government uses the information generated using the developed tool to plan and improve the quality of anti-TB services.

Consent

Participation in this study is voluntary. You are at liberty to refuse to answer any question or stop the interview at any time. Your refusal will not prejudice you or affect how you will be treated in this facility. The interview will last a maximum of about one hour.

When we have finalized our study, we would like to share the results with you, and you will receive an invitation for a discussion about the research at a later stage.

If you have any questions before the interview starts, we are happy to answer them.

Contact for questions

If you have any questions, now or in the future, about this study, please contact the principal researchers listed below. If you agree to participate after having received the above information, please sign: Agree to participate with note taking. Thank you,

Please put your signature here

Signature (Thumb print)

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