

Annex 9

ESRC Project Caregiver/Parent Information Sheet

Introduction

Hello, my name is _____. I am part of a team of researchers from Makerere University. You are being invited to participate in a research study which is part of promoting inclusion in decent work for young people in Uganda: Will reducing violence help? This is a research project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) of United Kingdom. Makerere University is working with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). This study will include approximately 24 adolescents who participated in the Footprints study and over 20 other key people in Luwero district who emerge as important from the individual adolescent interaction.

We will read this form with you. It will tell you about the study and what will happen if you agree to join. If you have any questions while we go through this form, please feel free to ask any of us. Your adolescent participation in the study will last approximately 1 hour.

This information sheet describes the study procedures, the risks and benefits of participation, and how your confidentiality will be maintained. Please take your time to ask questions and feel comfortable making a decision whether your child should participate or not.

Purpose of the study

The purpose of the study is to understand how violence in childhood and adolescence affects labour, participation in skills programmes and employment outcomes in Uganda in order to find ways to promote inclusion in decent work.

Procedures

Adolescents will be contacted and if they agree to talk with us, they will be interviewed by one of our team members for between 45 and 60 minutes. We will make sure the interview will happen in a private space where answers cannot be overheard. Interviews will take place mainly at workplace, training institution or home, but also may happen in other convenient locations.

Confidentiality & Data protection

Only senior members of the research team will have access to answers that are given. After the interview, the answers that study participants give will be put together with answers given by many others so no one can be personally identified. Records will not be shared with anyone outside of the senior research team and investigators will not tell participants' answers to anyone. The only

exceptions to this will be if the participants disclose information that makes researchers concerned about a child's safety or welfare, and which we are required to report to a Child Protection Officer.

Ability to say no

Adolescents who do not want to participate in this study have the choice to say no. They are free to withdraw from the study at any time without having to give a reason. You are also free to withdraw your child from the study at any time without having to give a reason. There are no negative consequences of refusing to take part in the study. If you do not wish for your child to be approached to participate, then we will not approach them.

Risks

There are no physical risks to participating in the study. The questions we are asking are not sensitive and should not cause emotional discomfort.

Benefits

There are no direct benefits for your child because of his/her participation in the study. However, telling us about his/her experiences could mean that he/she is able to inform policy. Information gained from this study may lead to increased knowledge about transitions to work and how these can best be supported which may ultimately inform national youth and work related policies and guidelines.

General information

This study was approved by Mildmay Uganda Research Ethics Committee (MUREC) which is an accredited research ethics committee, Uganda National Council of Science and Technology, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Ethics Committee.

Questions or Concerns

The researchers conducting this study are mentioned below. If you have any questions about the project, you can ask the person who gave you this information sheet, or if you have any questions later you can contact the following researchers:

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Makerere University
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OR

Agnes Kyamulabi
ESRC Project (Qualitative) Coordinator

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Or if you would like to talk to someone other than the researchers about concerns about the study please contact

Ms. Harriet Chemusto
The Chair
Mildmay Uganda Research and Ethics Committee,
Plot 27, Lweza, P.O. Box 24985, Kampala, Uganda
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And,

The Executive Secretary
The Uganda National Council of Science and Technology,
Kimera Road. Ntinda P. O. Box 6884 Kampala, Uganda
[Telephone, email]

What do I do now?

- ❖ If you are happy for us to ask the adolescent who you care for if they want to participate, you do not need to do anything
- ❖ If you do not want the adolescent that you care for to participate, then please let us know by doing any of these different options:
 1. Telling the person who gave you this information sheet,
 2. Telephoning the research officers at Makerere University at 0772483859 or 0772490330.

Thank you for your time!