

Consent form for Key-Informant Interviews

Title of Project:

Name of PI/Researcher responsible for project:

Statement	Please initial each box
I confirm that I have read the information sheet dated 20/04/2024 (version 1) for the above-named study. I have had the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions and have these answered satisfactorily.	
I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving reason.	
I understand that data from me may be shared via a public data repository, and that I will not be identifiable from this information.	
I agree to take part in the above-named study	
I give consent for my Zoom interview to be recorded for transcription purposes.	
I give consent for my words to be quoted in the final report and any future published research, and that I will not be identifiable from this information.	
I give consent for my words to be quoted in wider dissemination and advocacy activities aimed at a wider audience, (e.g. policy makers, programme managers and general public), and that I will not be identifiable from this information.	

Printed name of participant	Signature of participant	Date

Printed name of person obtaining consent	Signature of person obtaining consent	Date

Participant Information Sheet for Key-Informant Interviews

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You will be provided with a copy of this sheet to keep

Title of Study:

Name and Contact Details of the Researcher(s):

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT UK

The study has been reviewed by and received favourable ethical opinion from the LSHTM Research Ethics Committee.

LSHTM Research Ethics Committee Approval ID Number: 30069

1. Invitation Paragraph

I would like to invite you to take part in a research project that I am undertaking, supervised by Dr Marko Kerac, as my master's dissertation at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Before you decide whether or not you wish to take part in this study it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. If there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information, please contact me at lsht2300281@student.lshtm.ac.uk.

2. What is the project's purpose?

Children living with disability have been under-recognised in malnutrition guidelines despite being at greater risk of and suffering worse outcomes than children without disability. Although the WHO (2023) malnutrition guidelines highlight disability as important, in practice, there are still huge inequalities in the quality and outcome of care received. With more focus being given to disability and the role it plays in malnutrition, it is important that the patient-management tools and training packages available are equally comprehensive and reflect the changes in the guidelines. This project will explore what the currently available training resources, tools and guides cover, and how they are being used to support children with disabilities in malnutrition treatment programmes. Exploring the strengths and weaknesses of different tools, and the barriers and facilitators to their implementation will enable recommendations to be made on whether the field could benefit from further development or standardisation of these resources.

3. Why have I been chosen?

You have been invited to take part in an interview because your professional experience and opinion would provide invaluable insights into how different resources are being used, and how this contributes to the care that children living with disability are receiving. Around 8-12 participants, from different organisations, countries and professional experience will take part in the study.

4. Do I have to take part?

No, your participation is purely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason. If you later decide to withdraw, you will be asked what you wish to happen to the data you have provided up to that point.

5. What will happen to me if I take part?

If you do decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. The research will last 4 months, but your involvement would be for one virtual interview lasting a maximum of 90 minutes, sensitive to your availability. Prior to the interview, you will receive a brief interview framework, containing the topics for discussion, in-case you wish to prepare or find resources for discussion. The interview will aim to explore the link between disability and malnutrition in children under 5, with a particular focus on how resources, tools and guides are supporting the identification and management of disability and malnutrition in

nutrition programmes. If a call is not feasible due to poor connectivity, the communication can be conducted via email. All statements made by participants are to be given strictly in a personal capacity, not representing any organisations or countries. There will be no remuneration for participation in this study.

6. Will I be recorded and how will the recorded media be used?

The interview will be recorded via zoom, and transcriptions made using zoom's own inbuilt transcription/closed caption software. The recording made will be used only to check and edit the transcription, before being deleted. To protect each participants privacy, care will be taken to remove all identifiable information from the transcripts, rendering your participation anonymous. With your consent, we plan to add the anonymised data to the LSHTM compass repository to support efficient advancements in science and make the most of your participation. As well as the MSc project report, we plan to publish the findings as a peer review paper and use quotes in other wider dissemination activities including advocacy activities aimed at policy and programme.

Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research study.

