



Formative study to explore health and wellbeing needs and priorities in mining host communities

Stakeholder Information Sheet and Consent Form

Purpose of the Study

Hello, I am Emily Nicholls, I am a researcher working for the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

This Anglo American mine, The Woodsmith Project, is developing a 5-year plan to support the implementation of their sustainable mining plan. To support this process, we are conducting this research study to begin a dialogue with local stakeholders to better understand local priorities in relation to health and well-being in their host communities. In 2015, the United Nations published the Sustainable Development Goals. This involves 17 interrelated goals with 169 targets to improve circumstances for people, the planet, prosperity, peace and partnerships. For this study, we are interested in the SDG 3 health and wellbeing targets (SDG3.1 to 3.9).

The SDG targets include improvements in reproductive, maternal, new-born and child health, reductions in infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, mental health and other health risks, and enhancement of health systems and funding by 2030. There is a diagram attached on page 3.

We are also interested in the factors that impact on these health and wellbeing targets – for example the social and structural factors that influence these such as gender-based violence which can increase a woman's risk of HIV, mental health and substance use.

The aim of this study is to understand what are the most important health and wellbeing issues facing this host community, what health and wellbeing programmes are available to address these issues, and what are the priority issues that need to be addressed over the next 5 years.

We are restricting this study to the needs and priorities in the 'host community' for this particular mine. We are particularly interested in discussing the needs and priorities of particular population groups for example young people and adolescents, older people, people living with disabilities.

Your participation

We would like to invite you to an interview as a Key Informant. We will be inviting a variety of stakeholders (e.g. representatives of public health teams, health professionals and local civil society organisations) to gain their understanding of health and wellbeing issues and priorities in the host communities. The interview will be facilitated online by a trained researcher. The interview is likely to last around 1 hour.

We would like to audio record the interview, so that we can refer back to it later, and take notes to supplement the recording. Please understand that **your participation is voluntary** and the choice of whether to participate or not, is yours alone. If you choose not to take part, you will not be affected in any way whatsoever. If you agree to participate, you may stop participating

in the research at any time and tell me that you don't want to continue. If you do this, there will be no penalties and you will not be disadvantaged in any way.

The final report of the study may use a small number of anonymous quotations from interviews, although names will not be used or linked to the report. We will ask all key informants to sign a consent form using a digital signature or give consent verbally. Where verbal consent is given, this will be audio recorded and your details, information provided, and the time and date consent was obtained will also be recorded.

Confidentiality

All data collected for this study will comply with relevant United Kingdom regulations. Digital forms with identifying information, such as informed consent forms, will be stored separately from data forms on an encrypted hard drive. All data from the interviews will be anonymised and no one will be able to connect you to the answers you give.

We are asking you to give us permission to tape-record the interview so that we can accurately record what is said during the interview. The recordings and notes will also be stored electronically in a secure environment and used for research or academic purposes now or at a later date in ways that will not reveal who you are.

Risks/discomforts

At the present time, we do not see any risk of harm from your participation.

Benefits

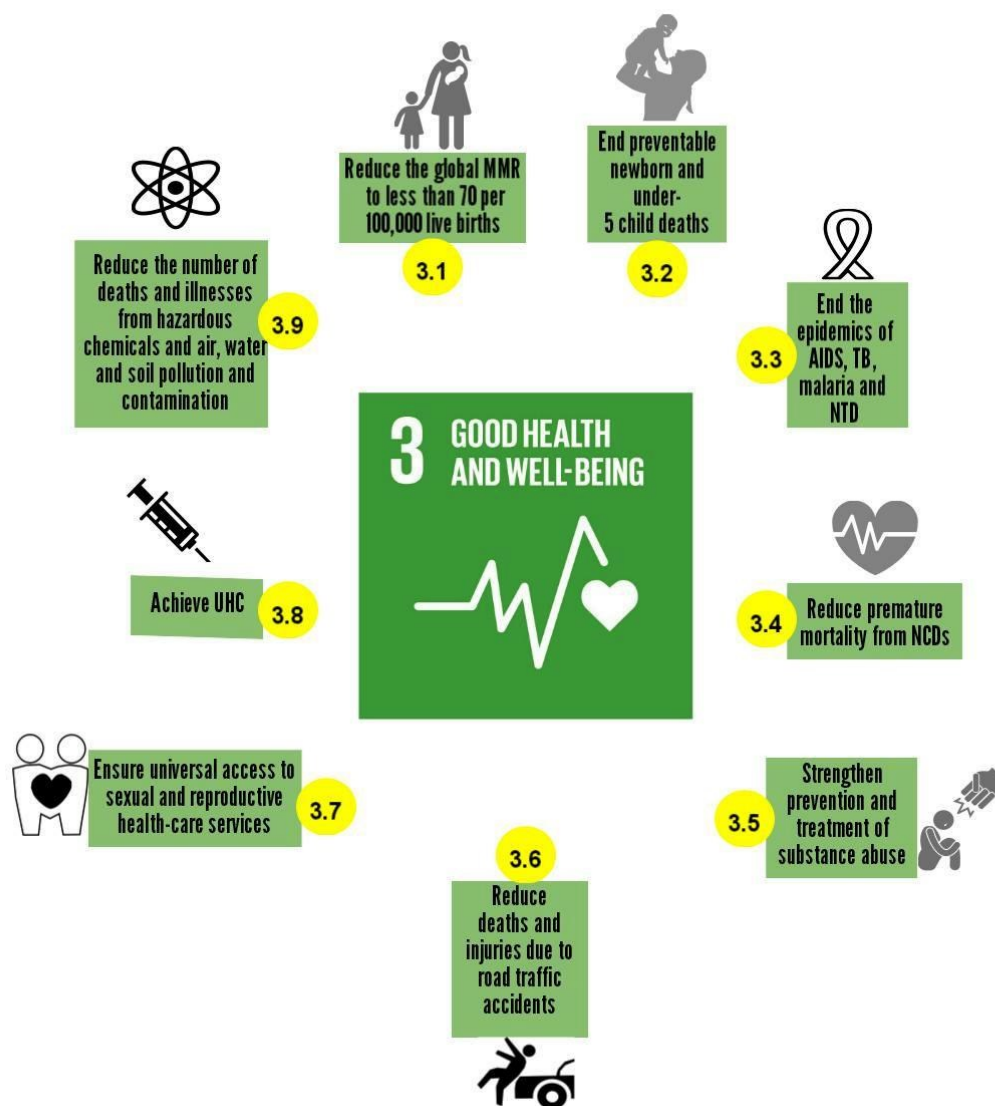
There are no immediate benefits to you from participating in this study. However, this study will help us understand the important health and wellbeing issues facing the host communities. The information gained from this study will help prioritise health and wellbeing programmes, and inform interventions designed to benefit the host communities. By taking part, you will help us make informed recommendations to Anglo American mines to help them develop their five-year plans.

Who to contact if you have been harmed or have any concerns

This research has been approved by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) Research Ethics Committee (REC) (ref: 16349 - 2). If you have any complaints about ethical aspects of the research or feel that you have been harmed in any way by participating in this study, please contact the Principal Investigator Mitzy Gafos [mitzy.gafos@lshtm.ac.uk] or the LSHTM Research Governance Coordinator on Tel 020 7927 2221 or e-mail ethics@lshtm.ac.uk

If you experience any emotional distress arising from participation in this study, the research team is available to assist you with referral to local counselling services to deal with any arising emotional distress, should you require assistance.

If you have any questions about the study, please e-mail Emily Nicholls [emily.nicholls@lshtm.ac.uk] or Daniel Carter [daniel.carter1@lshtm.ac.uk].



SDG 3 Health and Wellbeing Targets (SDG3.1 to 3.9)

CONSENT

I hereby agree to participate in the '*Formative study to explore health and wellbeing needs and priorities in mining host communities*'.

I understand that I am participating freely and without being forced in any way to do so.

I also understand that I can stop participating at any point should I not want to continue and that this decision will not in any way affect me negatively.

I understand that this is a research project whose purpose is not necessarily to benefit me personally in the immediate or short term.

I understand that my participation will remain confidential.

I understand that the information that I provide will be stored electronically and confidentially will be used for research purposes now or at a later stage.

I have read the information provided above and the nature of my participation has been clearly explained to me. I have asked all the questions I have at this time. I voluntarily agree to participate in this research study.

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Yes

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No

I hereby agree to the tape-recording of my participation in the study.

I am aware that anonymised personal descriptive details (general occupation), and anonymised quotations may be used in a study report, scientific journals, or in the media without disclosing my name or identity.

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Yes

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No

Participant's Name (print)

Participant's Signature

Date

Staff's Name (print)

Staff's Signature

Date