

Karonga Prevention Study  
**FERTILITY INTENTION STUDY**

**KPS CONSENT FORM - ANTHROPOMETRY (ENGLISH)**



**WELLCOME TRUST LEPROSIS ERADICATION PROGRAMME (LEPRA)**  
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**1. WHY ME?**

We are asking all adults in the KPS (LEPRA) study area to take part.

**2. WHAT WILL IT MEAN TO TAKE PART IN THE STUDY?**

Women between 15 and 49 years of age (child bearing), and men between 15 and 59, will be asked to take part in the study. We will ask you questions about recent births and about future plans for children, and whether we can use information about you from our other KPS studies.

In addition to these questions, women will have the circumference of the left arm measured, and we will seek permission from parents or guardians to measure the weight and height/length of children under 10 years of age. These assessments will be carried out annually to monitor changes over time.

**3. WHAT IS KPS TRYING TO LEARN FROM THE STUDY?**

We want to know more about when, how, and with whom people want to have children. This is so we can understand how different circumstances, and whether pregnancies are planned or unplanned, affect family welfare. This information will be used to plan better services for women and their children.

**4. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO BEING IN THE STUDY?**

Families will be assisted in understanding the growth of their children. Those with possible growth problems will be identified and will be referred for medical attention. This is especially important for under 5s.

**5. IS THERE ANY RISK TO BEING IN THE STUDY?**

The questions are meant to be straightforward but some people may find them too personal or embarrassing. You are free to decline some or all of the questions that you are asked. Measuring of weights and heights may upset small children but the process is completely harmless

**6. WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO TAKE PART?**

You can choose whether you want to take part in our study, or not. Your participation is voluntary.

**7. WHO WILL SEE THE INFORMATION THAT WE COLLECT?**

Information about the study is strictly confidential. We will carefully protect your privacy and safeguard confidentiality. You can also stop the interview at any time if you feel that your privacy is not guaranteed.

KPS will use the information to find out more about birth planning and its consequences. KPS will tell the Government and local services what they find. The findings will also be written as scientific papers to help advance knowledge. At no time will names be used in any communication. The findings of this work may lead to improved services for you, your community, the district and the country as a whole.


**8. WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE**

If you want more information before deciding to take part, or have questions at any time, please ask the KPS Supervisor or any member of your KPS Survey Team.

**9. We would like you to answer the following to see if you will participate:**

I have read the information or it has been read to me. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about it, and any questions I had have been answered satisfactorily. I understand the purpose of the study.	
I <b>ALLOW</b> KPS to collect measurements from me and /or all children under 10 in the household that I am the guardian of (Yes, No)	Y N
We would like to collect information on height and weight of all children under 10 years old If they are not present at home we would like to take these measurements during a school visit.	
I <b>ALLOW</b> KPS to visit schools and take measurements on my children (Yes, No)	Y N

<b>Name:</b>		
	interviewer signature	staffcode

<p>(Signature/thumbprint of consentee)</p>	<p>Interview date </p>
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