

Assent form: Observation (7-18 years old)

Hello. My name is XXX and I work for the St John’s Research Institute. Your parents / guardians have agreed for this household to be part of a research study, but I also need to ask you if you are happy to take part. The study is to learn more about ordinary life in this household and to help us find new ways to improve the health of children in villages like this one. It is an important study and I hope you would like to take part.

If you agree to take part, a young lady will visit the house early in the morning on a day that is convenient for your parents / guardians to watch what happens here early in the morning. She will make some notes about what she sees. You won’t have to do anything different but just do your normal activities. The lady won’t write your name or the name of your family on her notes, so nobody will be able to know that the notes are about your household.

You don’t have to take part in the study if you don’t want to. Nobody will punish you if you don’t take part. You can ask me any questions about the study now.

If you are willing to take part I need to ask you to write your name or make you thumb print on this sheet to show that I have asked your permission.

I am willing to take part in this study (*tick*)

Name.....

Age.....

Signature or thumb print.....

Name of witness.....

Signature of witness.....

Date.....

Name of Head of Household.....

Village name.....

Location of household.....

Household ID number.....