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Annex 5: Consent and assent forms for Household Members:

Study introduction and purpose
Surgical Systems Research Group is conducting a study on COVID-19 in this community. You are invited to contribute information on this topic. The purpose of the study is to find out about the health of household members with regard to COVID-19. The information will help in how services are offered in this county.

Study procedures and role of the participant

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked some questions relating to your experience with the health of members of this household. These questions will help us to better understand health services in this community and COVID-19.

Your participation is voluntary. You may decline to be asked questions and this will not affect you in receiving services for your health

Benefits and Risks
Your participation may benefit you and other community members by helping to improve health services and any services related to COVID-19. No risks are involved in answering questions in this study. Should you feel any discomfort arising from the questions being asked, then you are free to not participate further.

Confidentiality
The information you provide will be kept confidential and we will not link the information you provide to your name or identification. Anonymous data from this study will be analysed by SSRG staff. The information from the answers you give, including this consent form signed by you may be reviewed by the main researcher (PI) and other team members (Co-Investigator and data people).

The results of this study may be presented at meetings; however your identity will not be disclosed. The information will be stored in a secure place and access to the files containing the information will be restricted to key study staff.

Consent before recording:
We will ask for your consent before any recording is done.

By signing this consent form, you are agreeing that you fully understand the above information and agree to participate by answering the study questions.

Before agreeing to continue or not in this interview, do you have any questions about this study?

I agree to be interviewed. I understand that:

- I am free to say ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to be interviewed
- I can stop the interview at any time

- I can refuse to answer any question during the interview

I agree to take part in the interview with the understanding that you will not reveal my name or any information that could identify me in any way. The information I provide will be used for purposes of the study only.

Participant's name: _____ Contant information_____

Participant's signature/thumb stamp: _____

Date: _____

ASSENT FORM

Assent to Participate in Study

Study introduction and purpose

Surgical Systems Research Group is conducting a study on COVID-19 in this community. Your child(ren) are invited to contribute information on this topic. The purpose of the study is to find out about the health of household members with regard to COVID-19. The information will help in how services are offered in this county.

Study procedures and role of the participant

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked some questions relating to your experience with the health of members of this household. These questions will help us to better understand health services in this community and COVID-19.

Your child(ren)'s participation is voluntary. They may decline to be asked questions and this will not affect you in receiving services for your health

Benefits and Risks
Your child(ren)'s participation may benefit you and other community members by helping to improve health services and any services related to COVID-19. No risks are involved in answering questions in this study. Should you feel any discomfort arising from the questions being asked, then you are free to not participate further.

Confidentiality
The information provided will be kept confidential and we will not link the information you provide to your name or identification. Anonymous data from this study will be analysed by SSRG staff. The information from the answers you give, including this consent form signed by you may be reviewed by the main researcher (PI) and other team members (Co-Investigator and data people).

Consent before recording:
We will ask your parent(s) to provide consent before any recording is done.

The results of this study may be presented at meetings; however your identity will not be disclosed. The information will be stored in a secure place and access to the files containing the information will be restricted to key study staff.

By signing this assent form, you are agreeing that you fully understand the above information and agree that your child(ren) participate by answering the study questions.