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Office of the Sierra Leone Ethics and Scientific Review Committee
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Ministry of Health and Sanitation

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Study Title: The Effects of Switching Electoral Rules on Voter Behaviour

Version: 1.0 of 22 May 2023

SLESRC No: 033/05/2023

Submission Type: First protocol version submitted for review

Study Sites: Urban areas: Freetown, Bo, Kenema, Koidu, Makeni, Kabala, Bonthe, and Port Loko

Data Source: Sierra Leonean adults living in urban areas

Committee Action: Expedited Review

Approval Date: 25 May 2023

The Sierra Leone Ethics and Scientific Review Committee (SLESRC) having conducted a full Committee review of the above study protocol and determined that it presents minimal risk to subjects, **hereby grants ethical and scientific approval for it to be conducted in Sierra Leone.** The approval is valid for the period **25 May 2023 – 24 May 2024.** It is your responsibility to obtain re-approval/extension for any ongoing research prior to its expiration date. The request for re-approval/extension must be supported by a progress report.

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Review Comments:

- **Amendments:** Intended changes to the approved protocol such as the informed consent documents, study design, recruitment of participants and key study personnel, must be submitted for approval by the SLESRC prior to implementation.

- **Termination of the study:** When study procedures and data analyses are fully complete, please inform the SLESRC that you are terminating the study and submit a brief report covering the protocol activities. Individual identifying information should be destroyed unless there is sufficient justification to retain, approved by the SLESRC. All findings should be based on de-identified aggregate data and all published results in aggregate or group form. A copy of any publication be submitted to the SLESRC for its archive.

Professor Hector G. Morgan
Chair