Informed Consent Form/ Assent Form
Interviews with ECP Clients

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Interviewer's Name: _____ Date: _____
Time of interview: _____ Organization/Program: _____

Purpose of Research

This interview is part of a research study to assess the national emergency contraceptive pill (ECP) strategy. We want to understand how it has influenced ECP service provision. This research study has multiple goals. The first is to understand how ECP is provided in various programs. The second is to understand ECP clients' reasons for and experiences seeking services. We will also provide recommendations for improving ECP services.

Your Involvement

You have been selected to take part in this interview because you got ECP at a location in our study. If you decide to take part in this interview, I will ask you questions about the service you received. I will also ask questions about your reasons for seeking ECP. Our interview should take approximately 90 minutes. In order to participate, you will need to agree to have our discussion audio recorded. This is so I can be sure I capture what you say accurately. I will also take notes during our discussion. I will share the recording and my notes only with my study team.

Participation is Voluntary

Your participation is voluntary. You can choose to participate or not to participate. You can change your mind and decide not to participate. This can be at any time. You may also refuse to answer any question. Your choice to participate, or not, will not affect any services you receive here or anywhere else.

Confidentiality

To the best we can, the research team will keep what you say private. **We will not share what you say during this interview with the person who gave you ECP**. Only members of our study team will be given access the recording or the notes. The recording and typed notes will be kept on password protected

computers. We will destroy the recording when the study is completed. The notes will be kept for up to three years after the study has ended. Then they may be destroyed.

Besides asking a few questions about you, such as your age, I will avoid asking you things that might personally identify you. Your name will not be written on any documents, or in any reporting about this research. Any information we collect that might identify you will be kept confidential to the best of our ability. Information your share with me about your experiences, which cannot be traced to you, may be shared with others, including the funder of this study.

Risks and/or Discomforts

The main risk to participation is that other people will find out you participated in the study. It is also possible something you said will be shared unintentionally outside the study team. While strong confidentiality and data protections are in place, there is always a risk of disclosure of your participation or of what was said in this conversation. Some questions are personal and may make you feel embarrassed to answer. If you are not comfortable answering a question, you do not have to answer.

Benefits

There are no direct benefits from taking part in this survey. Your answers are intended to help family planning programs in your country.

Compensation

If you participate in an interview in-person, we will give you Mk3000 for refreshments.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this study, there are people who can help answer them. You can contact the following people at any time.

Name	Role	Phone	Email
Philip Mkandawire	Principal Investigator PSI Malawi	<redacted>	<redacted>
Holly Burke	Principal Investigator FHI 360/US	<redacted>	<redacted>

This research has been reviewed and approved by the National Committee on Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities in Malawi and FHI 360's Protection of Human Subjects Committee in the United States. If you have any questions about how you are being treated or your rights as a study participant, you can contact one of the review boards who approved this study at:

Name	Address	Phone	Email
National Committee on Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities (NCRSH)	<redacted>	<redacted>	<redacted>

Protection of Human Subjects Committee at FHI 360		<redacted>	<redacted>

Do you have any questions?

Please know you can have a copy of this form if you want one.

Interviewer's Confirmation of Consent/Assent

By signing below, I confirm that the participant was read this form, had their questions answered, and voluntarily agreed to participate in the research study as described, which includes agreeing to our conversation being audio recorded.

Consent/Assent to be Audio Recorded

Participant agrees to be audio recorded. YES ☐ NO ☐ (If NO, then not eligible to participate)

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Name Printed Interviewer

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Signature of the Interviewer

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Date Signed