Informed Consent for In-Depth Interviews with Primary Caregivers of Children 1 to 11 Months

Name of Research Study: Feasibility and acceptability of integrating mass distribution of azithromycin to children 1-11 Months into a trachoma mass drug administration campaign to reduce child mortality

Sponsor: FHI Partners

Reason for the research: The Ministry of Health's Neglected Tropical Disease Program and FHI 360 are carrying out a study to understand people's experiences and thoughts about giving a medication, azithromycin, to young children to help improve child survival in communities. As part of a research study, we are talking to parents of children ages 1 to 11 months in areas where a community drug distribution event took place in November 2020. You may have taken part in a brief survey on this topic. Now, if you agree to participate, we are asking you to talk to us so we can get more details about your opinions and experiences about the drug distribution event.

Procedures: We are talking with about 12 parents in Boundiali health district. The interview will take about 30 to 60 minutes. We will speak with you in a private area and ask you what you think about community drug distribution for young children. We will audio-record (voice only) the interview to be sure we have all the details of what you say. You must agree to be recorded to participate in the interview.

Do you agree to be audio-recorded?

Benefits and Risks: There are no benefits to taking part in this interview. The Ministry of Health will use the information that you give us to improve the community drug distribution program.

There are few risks to you if you take part in the interview. Some questions might make you feel uncomfortable. You do not have to answer any question that you do not want to answer. You may also stop the interview any time that you want to do so without any problem.

Privacy and Confidentiality: We will not collect any information that can identify you during this interview.

We will do our best to protect the information you tell us from being seen from others. Our notes will be kept in a locked cabinet and in an office. The audio files will be stored on password-protected computers. We will destroy the recording after all the data have been analyzed.

Information from these interviews will be used to write a report that may include quotes from participants. These quotes will not identify who said them. Some or all of the information that you provide might be used for other studies, but no information that can identify you will be collected or shared.

Compensation: We will give you a kit of soap for the time you spend on the interview.

Alternatives to Participation: There are no other choices other than not taking part in the interview.

Contacts:

Do you have any questions?

Voluntary agreement:

Your participation in the interview today is voluntary. You are free to choose not to participate. If you choose not to participate, it will not affect any health services that you receive.

Do you agree to participate and be audio-recorded?

Participant Signature Date

Interviewer Signature* Date

(Interviewer, please sign to confirm the participant agreed to participate and provided their signature.)

Interviewer – in the case of a telephone interview, please indicate "telephone" in the place of the participant's signature.