Informed Consent for In-depth Interviews with CDD Supervisors

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 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 asking people who worked as supervisors during the recent MDA if they agree to participate and share their thoughts on how it was carried out.

Procedures: We are talking with about 12 supervisors in Boundiali health district. If you agree to take part, we will interview you in a private room where others cannot hear what you say. The interview will take about 30 to 60 minutes.

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

Risks: 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, without penalty.

Privacy and Confidentiality: We will not collect any information that can identify you during this interview. We will audio-record the interview so that we get all the details of what you say. You will need to agree to be audio recorded to be interviewed. We will type what you tell us into a computer after we are finished. No information that identifies you will be added to the typed records.

We will do our best to keep the information you tell us confidential. Our notes will be kept in a locked cabinet in an office. The audio recording will be stored on password-protected computers. We will destroy the recording after all the data have been analyzed. We will not tell your supervisor, the Ministry of Health, or anyone else supervising the community drug distribution program if you participate or not. We will also not tell them anything you say.

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 may be shared with others and may be used for other studies, but no information that can identify you will be shared.

Compensation: We will give you 2,000 CFA for your time and transportation expenses for this interview.

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

Contacts:

Do you have any questions?

Voluntary agreement:

You are free to choose not to participate. Your participation is voluntary and is not a work requirement. There is no penalty for refusing to take part.

Do you agree to participate and be audio-recorded?

Signature of Participant Date

Signature of Interviewer Date

(Interviewer, please sign to confirm the participants 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.