VELLORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, VELLORE-632014
INSTITUTIONAL ETHICAL COMMITTEE FOR STUDIES ON HUMAN SUBJECTS (IECH)

PART 1 - CONTENT FOR CONSENT FORM

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE STUDY

Title of the project: The Influence of Farmers' Entrepreneurial Mindset and Intention on the Profit and Economic Efficiency: The Case of Paddy and Groundnut Farmers in Tamil Nadu

Name of the investigator/guide: Ihou Atsu Frank Yayra / Dr. Paul Mansingh J

Purpose of this study: The purpose of this survey is to assess the influence of farmers' entrepreneurial mindset and intention on the profit and economic efficiency

Procedure/methods of the study:

Survey Method, the Assistant Agricultural Officer, and research staff will conduct the interviews together with the participant; when the participant accepts, he only decides where to conduct, and the default is to conduct in the place we meet him. When the participant accepts, we will just ask him to respond to our question as he can. The data will be used for research work only to analyze the influence of their entrepreneurial mindset and intention on economic and profit efficiency.

Expected duration of the subject participation: For each farmer 10 to 15 minutes

Voluntary Participation: Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. You may choose to stop participating at any time without any obligations.

Confidentiality: All responses will be kept confidential. The collected data will be used solely for this research and stored securely. Your identity will not be associated with your responses.

Anonymity: Your responses and any personally identifiable information will be anonymous and kept confidential.

Risks and Benefits: There are no known risks associated with this survey. Your participation will help us gain valuable insights into how entrepreneurial mindset and intention impact farmers' profitability and economic efficiency, which can contribute to developing better agricultural policies and practices.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, please contact:

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PART 2 - CONTENT FOR PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM

Participant's name: **Address:**

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The details of the study have been provided to me in writing and explained to me in my own language. I confirm that I have understood the above study and had the opportunity to ask questions. I understand that my participation in the study is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason. I agree not to restrict the use of any data or results that arise from this study provided such a use is only for scientific purpose(s). I have been given an information sheet giving details of the study. I fully consent to participate in the above study.

Signature of the Participant:_____ Date: _____

Signature of the Witness: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the Investigator:_____ Date: _____

Note: Consent form part 2, should be appropriately worded for adults and children (less than 18 years) e.g. If the participant is less than 18 years of age, instead of 'my participation', 'my child's/ward's participation' needs to be replaced.