
Annex “A”: An informed consent form to the study participants

Hello! Good morning, evening, or afternoon? My name is Tesfaye Gedecho Genalle, a postgraduate student at Dilla University. I'm here today to collect data on the socioeconomic aspect of child feeding, which may be a determinant factor of the nutritional status of children in Dilla-Zuria district of the Gede'o Zone, Southern Ethiopia.

The objective of the study is to understand how economic characteristics determine child feeding practices and their association with the nutritional status of the children. I am taking this information from you because I have been informed by the concerned authority that you are the rightful guardian or caretaker of the child.

All the anthropometric measurements of the child and the interview we will conduct take 30 to 40 minutes, and I assure you that all information will be kept confidential. You have the full right to accept or refuse your participation.

You also have complete freedom to end the discussion whenever you want or to skip any question that you do not wish to answer. Your appropriate response and full completion of the interview enable the study to achieve its proposed objectives. If you have any concerns after this study, you can call the principal investigator, an accountable/responsible person for this study, at the phone number +251913179965.

Therefore, I kindly request that you participate in this study genuinely. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me. Do you agree to participate in the interview? If the response is "yes," go to the declaration page, and if "no," thank them and interrupt the study with that.

Annex “B”: Declaration by the study participant

1. I (participant full name) declare that I am legal guardian or care taker of the child selected to this study and I understand my responsibilities as a participant. Yes ☐ No ☐

2. I have read, or have had read to me in my native language and I understand the participant information sheet. Yes ☐ No ☐

3. I have been sufficient time to consider whether or not to participate in this research and I understand that taking part in this study is voluntary. Yes ☐ No ☐

4. I am satisfied with answer that have given regarding the research and I have a copy of this consent form and information sheet Yes ☐ No ☐

5. I am assured that confidentiality of the data will be maintained. Yes ☐ No ☐

6. I understand that I may withdraw the study at any time and if I decide to withdraw from participating, I agree that the information collected up to the time of withdrawal may be utilized. Yes ☐ No ☐

7. I know who to contact if I have any question about the study in general Yes ☐ No ☐

8. I hereby give the consent to participate

Name the participant _____

Signature of the participant _____

Date.....(Day/ Month/Year)

Annex “C”: Declaration by the investigator

I, Tesfaye Gedecho Genalle, declare that the participant selected for this study is the rightful caretaker or legal guardian of the child under this study. Then, I have provided the document containing the information about the proposed research and explained it as well. I encouraged the participant to ask questions and patiently answered all of their inquiries.

After the discussion, I am satisfied that the participant has adequately understood the information provided. I have not used a translator in this process because I can fluently communicate in the participant’s native language.

Investigator's name: _____

Signature of the investigator: _____

Date(Day/Month/Year)