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RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

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Type: Initial Review



**Re: MUST-2024-1368: SAFE WATER ACCESS AND ASSOCIATED FACTORS AMONG HOUSEHOLDS IN BUNYANGABU DISTRICT**

I am pleased to inform you that at the **165** convened meeting on **29/02/2024**, the MUST Research Ethics Committee meeting voted to approve the above referenced application.

Approval of the research is for the period of **22/03/2024** to **22/03/2025**.

As Principal Investigator of the research, you are responsible for fulfilling the following requirements of approval:

1. All co-investigators must be kept informed of the status of the research.
2. Changes, amendments, and addenda to the protocol or the consent form must be submitted to the REC for re-review and approval **prior** to the activation of the changes.
3. Reports of unanticipated problems involving risks to participants or any new information which could change the risk benefit: ratio must be submitted to the REC.
4. Only approved consent forms are to be used in the enrollment of participants. All consent forms signed by participants and/or witnesses should be retained on file. The REC may conduct audits of all study records, and consent documentation may be part of such audits.
5. Continuing review application must be submitted to the REC **eight weeks** prior to the expiration date of **22/03/2025** in order to continue the study beyond the approved period. Failure to submit a continuing review application in a timely fashion may result in suspension or termination of the study.
6. The REC application number assigned to the research should be cited in any correspondence with the REC of record.
7. You are required to register the research protocol with the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST) for final clearance to undertake the study in Uganda.

The following is the list of all documents approved in this application by MUST Research Ethics Committee:

No.	Document Title	Language	Version Number	Version Date
1	Protocol	English	Version Three - Clean copy of Revised protocol	2024-03-18
2	Community Engagement plan if applicable to your study	English	one	2024-02-04
3	Data collection tools	Rutooro	two	2024-02-04
4	Informed Consent forms	English	one	2024-02-04

Yours Sincerely

*Edith Banda*

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For: MUST Research Ethics Committee

