

Informed Consent Form

Hello. I am (-----) from Makerere University. Together with the Center for Development Research (ZEF), we are conducting a high frequency panel baseline survey (HFPS) that will provide ZEF and Makerere with necessary information to carry out research that is designed to help promote the welfare of Ugandans; particularly understanding how shocks and seasonality affect households and intra-household food and nutrition security in the eight districts (Moroto, Kotido, Lira, Kole, Sironko, Bududa, Kamwenge and Kisoro) of Uganda. The information you provide will not only to improve program design but also to better inform the policy-making process by other practitioners and program managers to plan better services for services that will respond to your needs.

Your household has been selected through a random selection process from a database and this study is conducted anonymously. You will only be identified through code numbers. Any information we obtain from you during the research will be kept strictly confidential. Your privacy will be protected to the maximum extent allowable by law. We will also invite you to participate in the subsequent waves (2-3 months).

We are inviting you to be a participant in this study and your participation will be highly appreciated. We value your opinion and there are no wrong answers to the questions we will be asking in the interview. Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. Your refusal to participate or to withdraw from the study carries no penalty or loss of any benefits. You are free to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation in this study at any time. We will use approximately 2 hours of your time to collect all the information. There will be no cost to you other than your time and there will be no risk as a result of your participating in the study. If you have any questions, you can ask me or contact Professor Benard Bashaasha, Makerere University, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Phone +256772627249; e-mail: bashaasha@caes.mak.ac.ug

Do you have any questions for me? **<Enumerator: pause and respond to any questions raised, then continue with the following statement>**. May I continue to ask you some questions?

By continuing this interview, you indicate your willingness to **voluntarily** participate in the study.

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By giving consent, I agree that

- I. The implication of my voluntary participation, the nature, duration and purpose of the study, the methods and means by which it is to be conducted and the inconveniences or hazards that may reasonably be expected have been explained.
- II. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions concerning this study and were answered to my full and complete satisfaction.
- III. I am free now and in the future to ask questions about the study
- IV. I understand that I may at any time during the course of the study revoke my consent and withdraw from the study without any penalty.

V. If you have any question concerning your rights as a research participant that have not been answered by the investigator or if you wish to report any concerns about the study, you may contact the Chairperson, Higher Degrees, Research and Ethics Committee, Makerere University School of Public Health, P.O. box 7072, Kampala, Telephone: +256-772-963074

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► I have accurately explained the information regarding the study to the potential participant and the individual has had the opportunity to ask questions. I confirm that the individual has given informed consent freely.

Researchers' signature	Print name	Date