

## **CONSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPANTS (Stakeholders, Funders and Providers)**

Title: Strengthening Evidence for Maternity Waiting Homes

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### **General Information about Research**

The University of Michigan in the United States and Africare-Liberia are leading a research study. We want to learn more about how maternity waiting homes (MWH) have developed in Liberia and how they are functioning. You are being asked to be in this study because you have experience and knowledge of MWH in Liberia.

The reason for this study is to learn more about how maternity waiting homes have developed in Liberia and how they are functioning.

### **Study Procedures**

You can choose to be in this study or not. Your decision is voluntary. There will be one interview with a member from our team that will last for approximately 45 – 60 minutes. We will record your answers on the interview form, but we will not write your name on any forms. If you decide to participate, we will ask you about maternity waiting homes in Liberia you have been involved with and how they are functioning.

### **Possible Risks and Discomforts**

Participating in the interview is not likely to cause you any harm. Whatever you say will be private and confidential. We don't think anything we talk about will upset you, but if it does you can leave at any time with no problem to you. Being in the study is up to you. If you do not want to be in the study it will not affect your role in the community in any way.

### **Possible Benefits**

You will not get special treatment or rewards for being in the study, but we do hope that sharing your ideas might help us understand more about how maternity waiting homes in Liberia.

### **Alternatives to Participation**

You do not have to participate in the interview if you don't want to. You may withdraw your participation at any time.

### **Confidentiality**

We will keep what you say confidential as best we can. We will not talk about you being in the study and we will not share your answers outside the research team. We will keep all information on a computer that is password protected. No one will be able to see it except the research team. We will store and use your information for future research. We may share it with other researchers but we will not share any information that could identify you. If you do not want your data to be stored and shared you may choose to not be in the study. You will not be named in any reports or publications. Our records may be reviewed to make sure we are doing the research correctly by the Institutional Review Board in Liberia and/or the University of Michigan Institutional Review Board in the United States.

### **Compensation**

You will not be paid to be in the study.

### **Additional Cost**

It will not cost you anything to be in the study, except for your time.

### **Voluntary Participation and Right to Leave the Research**

You can choose to be in the study or not be in the study, it is up to you. If you choose not to be in the study, there will be no problem for you now or in the future. You can leave the study at any time or decline to answer any questions without any problem to you now or in the future.

### **Termination of Participation by the Researcher**

We will not ask you to leave the study unless you are unable to answer the questions.

### **Contacts for Additional Information**

If you have questions or concerns about the research, please contact the Co-Investigator in Liberia: Dr. James Barclay, Monrovia, Liberia, 0777096360, [jbarclay@aficare.org](mailto:jbarclay@aficare.org)

### **Your Rights as a Participant**

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or wish to obtain information, ask questions or discuss any concerns about this study with someone other than the researcher(s), please contact the University of Michigan Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board, 2800 Plymouth Rd, Building 520, Room 1169, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2800. For international calls from Liberia to the US, 00+1+734-936-0933 or email: [irbhsbs@umich.edu](mailto:irbhsbs@umich.edu). Please note the time in Michigan is 5 hours earlier than in Liberia.

This research has been reviewed and approved by the University of Liberia and the University of Michigan **VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT**

The above document describing the benefits, risks and procedures for the project title **Strengthening Evidence for Maternity Waiting Homes** has been read and explained to me. I have been given an opportunity to have any questions about the evaluation research answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate as a volunteer.

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Date

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Name and signature or mark of volunteer

I certify that the nature and purpose, the potential benefits, and possible risks associated with participating in this evaluation research have been explained to the above individual.

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Date

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Name Signature of Person Who Obtained