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My name is \_\_\_\_\_ I work for Action Against Malnutrition Project, and we are conducting a study about the health status of children (under 3) living in Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Bihar and Odisha.

You should only participate if you want to; choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. Before you decide whether you want to take part, it is important to listen to the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

If you agree to take part we will ask you to help us to complete some general questions about you and your household, and about feeding habits of your family. We would also like have information about your child's health, nutrition and also about any illness your child may have had. Finally, we would like to assess the growth of your child by weighing him and measuring his height and arm circumference.

We will give you feedback about your child's measurements and explain what they mean. When we take measurements of your child we may find out that if they are small and/or thin for their age and they could benefit from some extra help.

When we have analysed the data we will disseminate the findings to you. Some information we collect will make it possible to identify you as a participant in this study. Any personal identifiers that could reveal your identity will be removed before the results of the study are made public or shared between people other than the main researchers working on the project.

Neither the researcher will speak about anything that you personally have said unless you indicate that there is a real risk to your own or your child's health.