



## **Participant Information Sheet - Microentrepreneurs**

### **Title of Project: Impact Evaluation of the InBusiness Programme**

#### **Introduction**

We would like to invite you to take part in a research study. Joining the study is entirely up to you. Before you decide, you need to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve. I will read this information sheet to you now. Ask questions if anything is not clear or you would like more information.

#### **What is the purpose of the study?**

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), a university in the United Kingdom, and Kenyan Medical Research Institute, a research institute in Kenya, are conducting research about businesses run by people with disabilities or caregivers of people with disabilities. This research is also looking at the impact of different kinds of supports that can help business owners in running their business more efficiently.

#### **Why have I been asked to take part?**

You have been invited because our records indicate that you applied to the InBusiness programme that is being run by Light for the World.

[Baseline only]: Please note, we do not know yet whether you will be accepted into this programme. It is expected that some people who apply will not be offered a place in the programme at this time even if they are eligible. This is because the programme organisers only have funding to provide the programme to a certain number of people. If more people apply than there are spaces available, decisions about who will be offered a space will be made by lottery. Your decision to take part in this research will have no impact on whether you are accepted into the InBusiness programme or not.

[Endline only]: We are interested in learning more about you and your business, even if you did not take part in this programme. Please note that your decision to take part in the research will not affect you being offered programmes run by Light for the World or any other organisation.

#### **What will I have to do?**

If you agree to take part, I will first ask you to sign/thumbprint a document confirming you've been told about the study and that you agree to participate.

We will then have a discussion where I will ask you some questions. These questions will include information about you and/or the person you provide support to, such as their access to certain services. I will also ask about your household (e.g., who lives here, recent spending on food and other household items) and your business. The discussion will last about 60 minutes.

[Qualitative only]: We will record the interview so that I can accurately remember what you have told me. You can end this interview at any time or refuse to answer any of my questions.

[Baseline RCT only]: We will contact you again in [12-24] months to ask you further questions about changes in your experiences of wellbeing, business management and accessing disability related supports, and your experiences in participating in this study.

**Do I have to take part?**

No. It is up to you to decide to take part or not. Your decision to participate or not participate will have no effect on any services you receive now or in the future. We will not share your decision with anyone outside the research team, including to Light for the World or any other organisation.

**What are the possible risks and disadvantages?**

It is possible you may feel distressed at discussing your experiences. Your decision to take part, or what you tell us, will have no impact on if you are asked to take part in the InBusiness programme, or any other programme.

**What are the possible benefits?**

You will be provided with XX [amount to be added] for your time.

**Who can I contact for more information?**

If you have a concern or want more information about any aspect of this study, you can ask me any questions. If you have questions later or would prefer to speak to other members of the researcher team, you can contact [name] who works at Kenyan Medical Research Institute [phone number]. You can also contact [different name – research integrity office] if you have any complaints about this study.

**Can I change my mind about taking part?**

Yes. You can stop the discussion at any time without giving a reason. There will be no negative consequences for you if you decide to withdraw from the study.

**What will happen to information collected about me?**

Your data will be anonymised. This means that we will remove personal details, like your name, contact details and address, so that you cannot be recognised when looking at your data. Only the study staff and authorities who check that the study is being carried out properly will be allowed to look at your personal details, like your name and contact information. Your personal details will be kept in a different safe place to the other study data (e.g. recordings, write-up, notes), such as in a locked filing cabinet or a password protected computer. Your personal details will be destroyed within 2 years of the end of the study. An anonymized copy of your data will be sent to the research team at LSHTM in the United Kingdom.

[RCT only]: We may include anonymised data from you and other participants in an online data repository. A data repository is a site where other researchers outside this study team can look at data from different studies so that they can confirm our findings or use your data for other research purposes. All information that could potentially identify you will be removed before we put it on this site.

**What will happen to the results of this study?**

The study results will be published in a journal and a report so that policy-makers and practitioners can learn from them. We will also share the learning with policy-makers and practitioners directly. Your personal information will not be included in any study materials so that you can't be identified from it.



## CONSENT FORM

### PLEASE INITIAL THE RELEVANT BOXES

1. I confirm that I have read or been read, and that I understand, the Participant Information Sheet. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided, ask questions about the study, and have had these answered satisfactorily.
2. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from the study at any time, without giving a reason.
3. (Quantitative only): I agree to my data being uploaded onto a public repository that people can access for research purposes. The repository will not include any personal details that could be used to identify me, such as my name, address or contact information.
4. (Qualitative interviews only): I agree to the discussion being recorded.
5. I agree to take part in the above study.

### Signature/Thumbprint

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Name	Signature of participant	Date
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### Signature of the witness (needed only if thumbprint signed)

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Name	Signature of witness	Date
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### Signature of researcher (needed only if thumbprint signed)

I believe the participant is giving informed consent to participate in this study

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Name	Signature of researcher	Date
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