

Thank you for your interest in this research project. We hereby give you the information related to this study.

The purpose of this survey is to evaluate the impact of Community based Sociotherapy on social dignity among beneficiaries dealing with consequences of Genocide in Rwanda. One thousand and two hundred participants from ten districts will participate in the study. If you accept to participate in this study, we will ask you a number of questions related to your everyday life on trust, care, respect, safety, personal wellbeing, perceived social support, traumatic events, mental health challenges, and reconciliation, in addition to family and social relationships. The interview will take about 45 minutes. We will do an interview now and come back in a four months' time for a second interview. This study is called a randomized controlled trial. It means that when you participate, there is 50% chance that you will take part in a CBS group soon, but there is also 50% chance that you will be invited to join a CBS group at a later time after the second interview.

There is no risk associated with participating in this study except perhaps some discomfort that you may feel as we ask questions about your personal life.

There is no compensation associated with participating in this study. Your answers will contribute to advancing the understanding of the impact of Community Based Social Therapy on social dignity among Rwandans. Based on your answers, the results of this study will inform the decision of practitioners and policy makers to scale up this intervention to more participants and beyond. This can also inform decision makers in designing adequate services that respond to the real need felt by people.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You have the right to refuse to participate or withdraw from the study at any time. This decision will not affect you in any way; and will not affect whether you participate or not in a CBS group. All data collected for the purpose of this study will remain confidential and accessible only to the research team. All information will be stored in a password protected computer.

Authorization to conduct this study has been obtained from Institutional Review Board of the College of Medicine at the University of Rwanda. If you have any question about this study contact the principal investigator (Tel 07845 75900).