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Brucellosis research in northern Tanzania

Healthcare Utilisation - Participant Information Sheet

INTRODUCTION

You are being asked to take part in a research study about diseases that affect people and animals in this region. We hope that the results from this research will lead to recommendations for control of specific diseases in animals, and particularly ways to stop people catching these diseases. Before you decide if you want to take part in this study, it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please read, or listen to this information sheet and consent form carefully and take your time making your decision. As the study member discusses this consent form with you, please ask him/her to explain any words or information that you do not clearly understand. We encourage you to talk with your family and friends before you decide to take part in this research study. The nature of the study, length of time it will take, risks and other important information about the study are listed below. If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to sign or add your thumbprint to this consent form. You will get a copy to keep.

WHO IS DOING THIS RESEARCH?

This research will be conducted by experts in human and animal health from Tanzania and the United Kingdom. Dr. Venance Maro and Prof John A. Crump from the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre; Dr Gabriel Shirima from Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology; and Dr Jo Halliday from University of Glasgow will lead the field research for this project, other team members

will also be involved. The research is funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) and five research councils in the UK.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY?

The purpose of this study is to learn about the different places and people that you and your family contact and go to when you have illness and how these decisions are made. We are also interested in your knowledge of the risks of different diseases and what people do when they suspect that a member of their family has one of these diseases.

WHY HAVE I BEEN CHOSEN?

We will conduct interviews in villages in and around northern Tanzania with the heads of households. You have been chosen because we are interested to know more about healthcare systems in the area where you live.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?

It is up to you to decide whether you do or do not take part in this study. Participation is voluntary. If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to sign, or add your thumbprint to this consent form. You will get a copy to keep. If you decide to take part you are free to stop at any time and you do not need to give a reason for stopping. If you decide to stop taking part in this study we will keep the information about you that we have already obtained but your contributions to the study would be removed from any study outputs produced after the date that you stop taking part. You can also withdraw and request that all data collected about you are erased.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IF I TAKE PART?

If you decide to take part in this study, a study member will ask you questions about a variety of issues such as:

- Who lives in your household and some details about each person
- What you/other people do when you think people have an illness;
- Illnesses affecting people and animals in your local area;
- The different healthcare providers that you and your family go to

We would also like to make a record of the location and coordinates of your household.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGES AND RISKS OF TAKING PART IN THE STUDY?

Discussion of illness and personal details could cause feelings of discomfort, sadness or anxiety. You do not have to answer any questions that make you uncomfortable, and you can stop the discussion at any time. Our visit to your household, including asking you questions, would last between 1 to 2 hours in total.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?

You may not receive any direct benefit from participating. We hope that in the future the information learned from this study will benefit other people in this area and help to prevent human and animal disease.

WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

All information that is collected about you, or responses that you provide during the course of the research study will be kept strictly confidential. The data that we collect about you and your household will be analysed and stored securely at KCMC and at the University of Glasgow in the UK. Only project researchers will have access to these full datasets. You will not be identified by name in the study results or records shared outside KCMC or the University of Glasgow. If study results are given to other researchers, you will be identified by a code number, and any information about you will have your name and household location removed so that you cannot be recognised from it.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH STUDY?

The data that we collect about you and your household will be analysed and stored securely at KCMC and at the University of Glasgow in the UK. Your data will form part of the study results that will be published in expert journals, presentations and student dissertations. Your name or any other facts that might identify you will not appear in any reports or articles. Summaries and subsets of the data generated may also be shared with and stored at other partner institutions. The results from this study may be used by local and international institutions, responsible ministries, individuals and scientists. Data from the

study will be stored for up to 10 years in the University of Glasgow archiving and storage facilities in accordance with relevant policies and regulations.

WHAT ABOUT COMPENSATION?

No compensation will be provided for your taking part in this study.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AS A RESEARCH SUBJECT?

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. You may choose not to take part in this study. Your decision will not affect your ability to take part in other studies or result in the loss of any benefits that you are entitled to. You can request access to the information we process about you at any time. If at any point you believe that the information we process relating to you is incorrect, you can request to see this information and may in some instances request to have it restricted, corrected or, erased. You may also have the right to object to the processing of data and the right to data portability. Where we have relied upon your consent to process your data, you also have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

WHO HAS REVIEWED THIS STUDY?

This study has been approved by the Ethics Committees of KCMC, the Tanzanian National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and the University of Glasgow.

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

For questions about this study contact: Dr Gabriel Shirima at 0763 973 003 or Dr Venance Maro at 0754 581 444. For questions about this study, to discuss problems, concerns or suggestions related to the study or to ask for information about this study, contact the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre Ethics Committee at 027 275 3909. You can also contact the National Health Research Ethics Committee at 022 212 1400.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the project team we would like to thank you for agreeing to take part in this study