# VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: CONSENT FORM I
# FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION and IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW
# ADULT FORM

STUDY TITLE: An investigation into the transmission and total cases of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) in Uganda

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Dr Emma Thomson
FUNDER: Wellcome Trust and Medical Research Council

This study is part of a bigger study in understanding the transmission risk of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) in Uganda. The study is being conducted by the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) and the MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research, UK (CVR).

CCHF is present in Uganda, with sporadic outbreaks and deaths, but also high exposure in the community has been detected. The study aims to understand better, how you and your community might be exposed to the disease and how much knowledge is available about CCHF. This will guide us through our further research and will help us to understand better how to prevent people from getting ill with this infection.

We will include people from all over Uganda, from different regions and districts. We will ask about different life experiences and life situations, to help us to understand how the infection is transmitted in your community.

**BEING IN THE STUDY**
If you want to be in the study, you should understand that:

- Being in the study is up to you.
- All participation in this study is voluntary. You are free to decide if you want to take part. You are free to withdraw at any time. This will not affect you in any way, now or in the future.

If you decide to take part in this study, several things will happen:
- You will be asked to give consent to take part in the study. The consent will be written, or thumbprint on a form and you will be given a copy of it.
- You will be requested to take part in a **group discussion/individual interview** (circle applicable) with our study team. This interview will be tape-recorded to be able to get the interview clearly and possibly present parts of it for the wider scientific community (cross if not applicable).

**RISKS**
We do not anticipate any risks from taking part in this study. Anything you tell us as part of the study will be kept confidential. We will not discuss the things you tell us. We will not discuss the names of participants in anything we say or write.

**BENEFITS**

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There are no individual benefits for you in taking part in this study. However, by participating you will help us improve our understanding of the transmission of CCHF. If you decide to enrol on this study, you will be provided with a sum of fifteen thousand Ugandan Shillings to compensate you for your time spent during the interview.

**PRIVACY**

All our research records are stored securely in locked cabinets and password-protected computers. You will be assigned a unique identifier number that will be used instead of your name. The consent form and any other main list with your name and unique identifier will be securely kept in a restricted locked cabinet at the research site in the Uganda Virus Research Institute. Your name will never be used on any presentation or publication from this study. The people who may review your records include study investigators, Research Ethics Committee (UVRI-REC), study collaborators, funders, and research staff at the site. Short parts/few sentences might be used for presentations to the wider scientific community. By signing the assent/consent form, you authorise this access.

**COSTS**

You will not need to pay anything for being in this study. You will not be paid for being in the study.

**QUESTIONS**

If you want to ask questions about this project, please talk to the study team or contact Dr Stella Atim or Marina Kugler on the study phone at +256 706 486 207.
If you have questions about your rights being in this study, please contact Dr Tom Lutalo, Uganda Virus Research Institute Research Ethics Committee; Office phone 041-4321 962.

This study has been approved by Uganda Virus Research Institute Research and Ethics committee.

If you sign or make your thumbprint on this form it means that you have read what it says, or that somebody has read it to you and that you agree to participate in the study.
We will give you a copy of this letter.

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