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| INFORMATION SHEET |
| TO THE BUSINESS FOCAL POINT:  [Greeting]  Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I work for [ENTER SURVEY TEAM INFO e.g. Transsil, conducting research for Population Services International, a non-governmental organization that focuses on the health of Nigerians].  **Why are we conducting this research?**  We are conducting a study to determine the availability of antimalarials and malaria diagnostic testing services and products in the private health sector in [COUNTRY/ SURVEY AREA]. The study also aims to describe the private health sector supply chain for antimalarials, including national and local distribution networks.  We will visit the head offices of registered medicine importers / distributors / manufacturers in [COUNTRY/ SURVEY AREA] and invite them to participate in the study. The main purpose of this survey is to enable the [NATIONAL MALARIA PROGRAM] and its public health partners to use the aggregated data to design interventions aimed at strengthening the quality of malaria case management in the private health sector.  We believe that your experience in the supply chain of antimalarials and RDTs in [COUNTRY/ SURVEY AREA] can contribute to our understanding and knowledge of how we can improve malaria treatment in [COUNTRY/ SURVEY AREA]. If you agree to take part, you will be one of around [#] importers included for qualitative interview in this study. You were selected randomly from our list of all importers in the geographic areas covered by the study.  **What information do we collect?**  We would like to ask you questions about   * The types of antimalarials and rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) you stock, how you decide on your pricing structure, and the revenues these products generate for your business. * Your distribution network and distribution practices, including the size and coverage of your distribution network and the location of your own distribution centers and/or wholesalers. * Your main commercial competitors for antimalarials and RDTs. * Your views on the regulation of importation, distribution, wholesale and retail businesses in your sector.   With your permission, we would like to record details of the antimalarials and RDTs you usually stock, including information on your purchase and sales prices. We would also like to record details of the location of your branches or warehouses and the quantity of products they usually receive, to help us better understand how antimalarials and RDTs circulate in the country.  We would like to audio record the interview for transcription and analysis later; however, you may consent to the interview but not the recording.  **How long will the interview last?**  The interview with you should take around 60 minutes, depending on the size and scope of your sales network.  **Are there any advantages to taking part in the study?**  There is no individual benefit to participation, but by answering our questions you will help us improve our understanding of how to increase the availability of malaria diagnosis and treatment for the benefit of the population living in [COUNTRY/ SURVEY AREA]. There is no financial benefit associated with this study, nor can we supply or purchase medicines from your point of sale or store.  **What are the risks of participating in this study?**  The potential risks for participants in this study are breach of confidentiality and loss of time. Rest assured, we are not here to inspect your business and no directly identifying information about this company will be passed on to anyone outside our research team. As far as time is concerned, we are available to talk to you now or can arrange a time that is most convenient for you. This interview is not intended for tax or legal purposes. Your information will be aggregated with others and treated in the strictest confidence.  **Who will have access to the information I provide?**  We will not share individually identifying information about you or your business practices. The results of this research will be shared in summary form, without the identities of companies or individuals. For example, we will present average results based on information received from all importers / distributors / manufacturers included in this study. We will not associate you with a certain brand of antimalarial or RDT if you are the only importer of that product in [COUNTRY/ SURVEY AREA]. We will share this information in summary form with other interested organizations or individuals who find it useful for malaria case management in the private health sector. We may produce reports, presentations and publications using the data collected in this study, and anonymized data may be used by others for future research without the need for further informed consent.  **What happens if I refuse to participate?**  Participation in this study is voluntary. You are free to decide whether to participate. Even if you agree, you can change your mind at any time. You can refuse to answer any specific question or stop the interview at any time. If you choose not to answer a question, stop the interview, or not participate in the study at all, this will not affect your working conditions now or in the future.  **And if I have any questions?**  If you have any questions, you can ask them now or later. If you have any questions at a later date, please contact the following people:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | [ADD RELEVANT CONTACT e.g PI, co-PI, Field coordinator, etc.] | [ADD RELEVANT CONTACT e.g PI, co-PI, Field coordinator, etc.] |   If you have any concerns about the conduct of this study, you can also contact [ADD RELEVANT CONTACT e.g PI, co-PI, Field coordinator, etc.]  At the end of the study, a copy of the results will be given to each of the following structures:   * [ADD RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO WILL HAVE OWNERSHIP/ ACCESS TO DATA]   THE PARTICIPANT CAN NOW RECEIVE THE INFORMATION SHEET FOR SAFEKEEPING |