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| INFORMATION SHEET |
| TO SERVICE PROVIDER/ MANAGER/ SALESPERSON:  [Greeting]  Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I work for [INCLUDE ORGANIZATION NAME],  Why are we conducting this research?  We are conducting a study to determine the availability of antimalarial drugs and malaria diagnostic testing services and products in the private sector in [INCLUDE COUNTRY NAME AND ANY GEOGRAPHIC DETAIL, INCLUDING SPECIFIC REGION/STATES, ETC.]. The study also aims to describe the private sector supply chain for antimalarials, including national and local distribution networks, readiness for digital surveillance and engagement, and digital capacity.  We will be visiting around [APPROXIMATE TOTAL NUMBER OF OUTLETS YOU EXPECT TO INCLUDE] retail outlets and wholesalers in [COUNTRY] The main aim of the survey is to enable the Government of [COUNTRY] and its public health partners to use the aggregated data to design interventions to strengthen the quality of malaria case management in the private sector.  We believe that your experience in providing antimalarials to the community can contribute to our understanding and knowledge of how we can improve malaria treatment in [COUNTRY]. If you agree to take part, you will be one of around [APPROXIMATE TOTAL NUMBER OF OUTLETS YOU EXPECT TO INCLUDE] outlets, wholesalers and importers included for quantitative interview in this study. You were selected to participate because your outlet is located in one of the study areas.  What information do we collect?  We would like to ask you several questions about   * The types of antimalarial drugs and rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) you carry, their prices, and the quantity sold/distributed. * Suppliers of any malaria commodities you stock.   Your name, the outlet name, and the outlet location will not be shared outside of the research team.  We would like to request your permission to view the antimalarials and RDTs available at this outlet so that we can accurately capture their product details. We may also ask to take photographs of each antimalarial product.  How long does the interview last?  We estimate the interview component will take around 45 minutes, but the product audit varies depending on the number of antimalarials and RDTs you have in stock today.  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]. There is no financial benefit associated with this study, nor can we supply or purchase malaria drugs 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 loss of time, breach of confidentiality, or potential retaliation. But we're not here to inspect your business, and no directly identifying information about this outlet or the participants will be passed on to anyone outside our research team. This includes your name, or the fact that you specifically participated in this study. As far as time is concerned, we are available to speak with you now or later today, at a time that is most convenient for you. This survey 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 other participants with anyone outside our research team. The knowledge gained from this research will be shared in summary form, without the identities of individuals or companies. We will share aggregate information with other interested organizations or individuals who find it useful for malaria case management in the private 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:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | [INCLUDE NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS, INCLUDING EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER, OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) HERE] | [INCLUDE NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS, INCLUDING EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER, OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) HERE] |   If you have any concerns about the conduct of this study, you can also contact [INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL FOR IRB HERE]  At the end of the study, a copy of the results will be given to each of the following structures:   * National Malaria Elimination Program (NMEP) * [INCLUDE ANY OTHER RECIPIENTS OF THE RESULTS HERE]   THE PARTICIPANT CAN NOW RECEIVE AN INFORMATION SHEET FOR SAFEKEEPING |