

RESEARCH ASSISTANT CONTRACT

This Agreement is made and entered into on this 6th day of February, 2025, by and between:

Principal Investigator: Dr. Tamale Elvis
Affiliation: St. Mary's Hospital Lacor

And

Research Assistant Name: AHURIRA CELINE
Address: NAKIVALE, ISINGIRO DISTRICT
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1. Position and Scope of Work

The Research Assistant agrees to assist in conducting the study titled: **"Assessing Capacity for Diagnosis and Management of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Primary Healthcare Facilities in Isingiro District"**, supported by the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH). The study has been approved by the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST) and the St. Mary's Hospital Lacor Research Ethics Committee.

The Research Assistant's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

- Attending all training sessions on study protocol, data collection methods, and ethical considerations.
- Conducting structured and in-depth interviews with healthcare workers and key informants.
- Facilitating focus group discussions (FGDs) and recording participant responses.
- Ensuring ethical and quality data collection, including informed consent procedures.
- Transcribing and securely storing collected data.
- Submitting timely reports to the Principal Investigator.
- Adhering to all research ethical guidelines and confidentiality agreements.

2. Duration of Engagement

This contract shall be for 1 year. Any extension shall be subject to mutual agreement.

3. Expenses incurred

The Research Assistant shall receive a stipend of £100. Reimbursement of other expenses incurred during data collection process shall be made upon submission of receipts.

4. Confidentiality Clause

The Research Assistant agrees to maintain strict confidentiality regarding all study data,



participant information, and discussions. Any breach of confidentiality may result in immediate termination of the contract and legal action.

5. Code of Conduct

The Research Assistant is expected to:

- Demonstrate professionalism and ethical conduct at all times.
- Adhere to research ethics, including voluntary participation and informed consent.
- Report any ethical concerns to the Principal Investigator immediately.

6. Termination Clause

This contract may be terminated by either party with a **7-day written notice**. Immediate termination may occur in cases of ethical misconduct, breach of confidentiality, or failure to perform assigned duties.

7. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising under this agreement shall be resolved through mutual discussions. If unresolved, the matter shall be referred to an independent mediator agreed upon by both parties.

8. Acceptance and Agreement

By signing below, both parties agree to the terms outlined in this contract.

Principal Investigator:

Dr. Tamale Elvis

Signature: 

Date: 6th February, 2025

Research Assistant:

Name: AHURIRA CELINE

Signature: 

Date: 6th February, 2025

Witness (if applicable): NSIIMA NDYAKIRA_____

Signature: 

Date: 6th February, 2025

