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## COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

Your Ref:

Our Ref: MAKSS REC 08.20.440/AR

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Dear Sir,

#### Initial Review - Expedited

**Re: Approval of Protocol titled: "Demand and Supply factors constraining the emergence and sustainability of an efficient seed system"**

This is to inform you that, the Makerere University School of Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee (MAKSS REC) granted approval to the above referenced study. The MAKSS REC reviewed the proposal using the full board review on **20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**. This has been done in line with the investigator's subsequent letter addressing comments and suggestions.

Your study protocol number with MAKSS REC is **MAKSS REC 08.20.440**. Please be sure to reference this number in any correspondence with MAKSS REC. Note that, the initial approval date for your proposal by MAKSS REC was **20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**. This is an annual approval and therefore, approval expires on **19<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. Please note that, final approval should be done by Uganda National Council for Science and Technology. You should use stamped consent forms and study tools/instruments while executing your field activities at all times. However, continued approval is conditional upon your compliance with the following requirements.

#### Continued Review

In order to continue on this study (including data analysis) beyond the expiration date, Makerere University School of Social Sciences (MAKSS REC) must re-approve the protocol after conducting a substantive meaningful, continuing review. This means that you must submit a continuing report Form as a request for continuing review. To avoid a lapse, you should submit the request six (6) to eight (8) weeks before the lapse date. Please use the forms supplied by our office.



**Please also note the following:**

- No other consent form(s), questionnaires and or advertisement documents should be used. The Consent form(s) must be signed by each subject prior to initiation of your protocol procedures. In addition, each research participant should be given a copy of the signed consent form.

**Amendments**

During the approval period, if you propose any changes to the protocol such as its funding source, recruiting materials or consent documents, you must seek Makerere University School of Social Sciences Research and Ethics Committee (MAKSS REC) for approval before implementing it.

Please summarise the proposed change and the rationale for it in a letter to the Makerere University School of Social Sciences Research and Ethics Committee. In addition, submit three (3) copies of an updated version of your original protocol application one showing all proposed changes in bold or "track changes" and the other without bold or track changes.

**Reporting**

Among other events which must be reported in writing to the Makerere University School of Social Sciences Research and Ethics Committee include:

- i. Suspension or termination of the protocol by you or the grantor.
- ii. Unexpected problems involving risk to participants or others.
- iii. Adverse events, including unanticipated or anticipated but severe physical harm to participants.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the protection of human subjects in research.

The legal requirement in Uganda is that, all research activities must be registered with the National Council for Science and Technology. The forms for this registration can be obtained from their website [www.unsct.go.ug](http://www.unsct.go.ug)

Please contact the Administrator of Makerere University School of Social Sciences Research and Ethics Committee at [makssrec@gmail.com](mailto:makssrec@gmail.com) OR [bijulied@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bijulied@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone number +256 712 207926 if you counter any problem.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Stella Neema  
Chairperson

Makerere University School of Social Sciences Research and Ethics Committee



c.c.: The Executive Secretary, Uganda National Council for Science and Technology