

Assent forms for Structured Survey of Aspiring (Class XI) Students (Quantitative Research)

Assent form for Listing Survey:

Hello! We are here on behalf of the World Bank and the Government of [Tamil Nadu / Assam] to conduct survey of school students who aspire to be MBBS doctors or nurses. We have explained the survey purpose to your school's principal and teachers, and they have agreed for the same.

We request you to fill the shared paper-form which has only 4-5 questions and pass it on to us. Based on your answers, we will randomly select 20-30 students for a more detailed survey.

You are not forced or mandated to fill the following form and there will not be any punishment or loss of marks or anything if you refuse to answer following questions. Please tick "Yes" below if you are willing to answer the questions in this form and then complete the form. Or you can tick "No" and don't need to answer survey questions.

Name:

Roll No:

Grade:

☐ Yes, I agree to fill the following form

☐ No, I don't want to fill the following form

Assent form for the Main Survey:

Introduction:

Hello! My name is _____. I am here to conduct your interviews for a study to understand the need, challenges, expectations and preferences for medical and nursing education and future job and career. This study is being conducted by the World Bank in collaboration with the health department of Government of [Tamil Nadu / Assam]. I am from the research organization named NEERMAN.

What are we requesting you to do?

I am requesting you complete this survey questionnaire electronically on this Tablet. I will give the tablet to 2-3 students at a time and I will be here to offer you any help or answer any questions you may have. Filling this form should take on average 40-45 minutes of your time.

The type of information collected from will include but is not limited to: (a) your socio-economic background; (b) perspectives and experiences in your educational and professional life; (c) costs and challenges faced in education; and (f) opinions and suggestions on related topics. Additionally, you will also participate in a 'discrete choice experiment' where we will ask you to choose from 2-3

alternatives related to [medical/nursing] education and career, and offer 5-6 such sets. There are no questions that can harm you financially or emotionally, but you can refuse answering any questions you don't want to.

The benefits or risks of participating

By participating in this study, you will not receive any money or extra marks or any other direct benefits. However, you may derive a sense of contribution by being a part of this study which is expected to help future generation of doctors and nurses.

You do not have any additional risk or loss or punishment by participating in this discussion or refusing to partake in this survey. It is possible that you may feel hesitant to answer some of our questions or may not know answers to those, but please note that you have the right to refuse answering any questions or just state that you don't know.

We would like to assure you that in this interview all your information will be kept safe and confidential. We will delete all your personal details after this study is completed in next 3-4 months. No one can know what answers you gave (not even me) unless you only disclose it to others.

Rights as Study Participants

- You have the right to decide whether you want to participate in this study or not
- Even if you agree to participate in the study, you can refuse to answer any questions and even stop the interview at any time without any loss to you.

Do you have any questions about this study?

If you have any questions related to the study which I cannot answer, then you can contact my seniors with help of your teachers. I have given their contact details to your teachers.

Assent

☐ I don't want to participate in the study

☐ I agree to participate in the study

(date-time stamp to be automatically captured in the tablet)