

<i>AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION CONSENT FORM</i>
<u>An Impact Evaluation of a Mobile Agricultural Extension Program</u>
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<p>The purpose of this study is to understand how different sources of agricultural information affect your agricultural practices. The study will take one year from the initial survey to the last survey. In the study, you will participate in an initial survey, routine monthly phone surveys and a final survey. Your participation in this paper survey will take about two hours and your participation in the phone survey will be about 30 minutes monthly for the next 12 months. If you have any questions about the study, they will be answered for you. In this study, you will also have occasion to receive agricultural information on your mobile phone in the form of push calls from CMF; these push calls will be delivered weekly and each message will be about 3-5 minutes in length. You will also be able to use your mobile phone to call into a phone line and ask questions and hear pre-recorded advice about agriculture; your questions will be answered within two days. Other than the weekly push calls, your involvement with the service will be at your discretion. Whether you receive this service or not will be decided in a random and fair manner with all participants having an equal chance of winning.</p>
<p>For your participation in the study, you will receive a phone top-up value of Rs. 50 for the paper surveys and a Rs. 20 top-up for the phone surveys as an official thank you from the researchers at Harvard University. In addition, you will play "games" in this survey where you will have a chance to win some additional top-ups, with a maximum of Rs. 100.</p>
<p>Your participation in this study is purely voluntary, and you may withdraw your participation or your data at any time without any penalty to you. You may decline to answer any question. Additionally, your relationship and activities with DSC, Sajjata Sangh (SS) or other NGOs will not be affected by your answers in this survey at all. No one except the CMF research team will be able to see your personal information. Your responses will also not be shared in an identifiable manner with DSC, SS or other NGO staff</p>
<p>Furthermore, we will be asking you some questions about your top agricultural contacts. We will ask you to provide us with their contact information, after which we will contact them to ask them the same questions that we ask you today and offer them the same compensation. By doing this, we hope to understand with more accuracy how you and your contacts discuss and make decisions about agriculture. You may refuse to give this information; your contacts may also refuse to participate in the study at any point. In the latter case, any information you have provided about them will be deleted from our data.</p>
<p>Your data will be kept completely confidential in a secure location in the Ahmedabad CMF office. Once the research is completed, the paper documents will be destroyed. An electronic version of the data will be stored at Harvard Business School, without any personally identifiable information. These data may be made available to other researchers, again without any personally identifiable information.</p>
<p>You can also contact Niharika Singh (email <a href="mailto:niharika.singh@ifmr.ac.in">niharika.singh@ifmr.ac.in</a>) or Shahid Vaziralli (email <a href="mailto:Shahid.Vaziralli@ifmr.ac.in">Shahid.Vaziralli@ifmr.ac.in</a>) at +91 79 4007 3682/3 at the Ahmedabad Office of Centre for Microfinance. You can also contact Toni Wegner, Coordinator, Protection of Research Participants by phone +1 617 496-9952, email <a href="mailto:twegner@hbs.edu">twegner@hbs.edu</a> at Harvard Business School.</p>
<p>Do you agree to participate in the study?</p>
<p>YES..... 1</p>
<p>NO..... 2 → END</p>
<p>We may record this survey to improve the quality of our survey in future rounds. This recording will be kept completely confidential following already outlined data security procedures.</p>
<p>Do you agree to have this survey recorded?</p>
<p>YES..... 1 → BEGIN SURVEY</p>
<p>NO..... 2 → DO NOT RECORD, BEGIN SURVEY</p>