

## Rapid Ethical Appraisal Prior to Study of Genetics in Podoconiosis

### Information Sheet

My name is ..... I am working with a study team from the Institute of Tropical Diseases and Environment, Buea. The topic of our study project is '*Rapid Ethical Appraisal Prior to Study of Genetics in Podoconiosis*.'

The study is a collaborative study with investigators from the Institute of Tropical Diseases and Environment, Buea (Researcher Name, Researcher Name) and Brighton and Sussex Medical School/Sussex University (Dr Researcher).

The objective of the study is to explore issues and concerns associated with ethical issues in general and informed consent in particular to genetic research requiring the collection of biological samples in Cameroon. At the end of the study we aim to find out how research is understood in Tubah and Ndop districts; to discover community perceptions surrounding who should give permission for genetic research within the family and to explore understanding of informed consent for medical or genetic research. Finally, the findings will be used as input to the upcoming project which aims to investigate the genetic basis of podoconiosis in Tubah and Ndop districts. We also believe that the outputs of this study will be useful to future researchers planning biomedical research in Cameroon.

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## **Consent Form**

Hello and welcome to this session. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am working with a study team from the Institute of Tropical Diseases and Environment, Bueal.

The study team is currently undertaking a *Rapid Ethical Appraisal Prior to Study of Genetics in Podoconiosis* in Cameroon. We are doing this interview to learn from your experiences, perceptions and knowledge about conditions related to ethics and research related to genetics. You were invited because we think you have sufficient knowledge and experience about what we are trying to know. We are having similar interviews and discussions with scientists/researchers; field workers; and the community of Tubah and Ndop districts.

I will ask you very general questions being interested in all your ideas, comments and suggestions. There is no right or wrong answer. All comments-both positive and negative-are welcome. Whatever you say will not make us feel good or bad or affect us in any way. So feel free to give frank and honest answers.

You have probably noticed the voice-recorder. If you don't mind, I will record the interview. The purpose is to ensure I don't miss anything you said. Since people often say very helpful things in these interviews and I can't write fast enough to get them all down, I prefer to use voice-recorder.

We won't use any names in our reports. All comments are confidential, used for research purposes only. If you wish to discontinue the questionnaire at any time, you may. However, all the information you give us is highly valuable to the study.