

Resource 2.3: Example introduction and informed consent form

Introduction:

Hello, my name is, and I work for We are conducting a research study on routine domestic practices and child care. Is there a child under 5 years in your household?

Interviewer: If yes, continue. If no, thank the household for their time; explain that the household is not eligible for the study and leave.

I would like to speak with the person of the household that is responsible for childcare and preparing food.

Interviewer: If the target person has not been present before, repeat your introduction to her/him.

Informed consent:

If you don't mind, I would like to interview you. It will take about an hour.

Other households in your community and other communities in Ethiopia are being interviewed as well. Your participation in this study will help us better understand domestic practices and child care in your region. You may leave the interview with a better understanding and appreciation of your routine domestic practices and child care.

During the interview, I will ask you several questions about your routine domestic practices and child care. You will be asked to give your thoughts and opinions. There are no correct or wrong answers, and we are not interested in any particular answers, just in the answers that really represent your opinion.

If the household belongs to the campaign group: If you agree, I will interview you again in some weeks. In between there will be some activities related to handwashing and childcare in your community.

In case the interviewed household belongs to the comparison group, replace the previous sentence: If you agree, I will interview you again in some weeks. After the second interview, there will be activities in your community related to handwashing and childcare.

All the information you provide is confidential. Your name will not be disclosed anywhere and the results will be treated anonymously.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You don't have to answer any question you don't want to. If you decide not to participate, there will not be any negative consequences.

Do you have any questions? Do you agree to participate in this interview? If so, could you please sign this form?

Note: The specific purpose of this study, handwashing, is not being disclosed. Instead, only the general purpose is mentioned: routine domestic practice and childcare. This is necessary to minimize any potential influence of the introduction on subsequent questions. In addition, the introduction serves to identify whether the household is a target household (i.e. with a child under the age of 5 years), and who is the target participant (i.e. the main person responsible for childcare and food preparation).