

Household Survey - Consent Script

My name is _____. I am working with a survey firm, Forcier Consultants. We are conducting a survey to learn about water access and use by households in various areas across Lesotho. Forcier has been contracted by a US-based firm, Social Impact, to carry out this study, and it has been approved by the Government of Lesotho. The study is funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a US government agency that provided funding to the Government of Lesotho for development projects between 2008-2013.

We plan to interview about 6000 households as part of this study. Your household has been randomly selected to participate in this study. As part of the study our intention is to speak with the female member of household who is over 18 and most knowledgeable about water affairs in the household. If you agree to participate in this interview, we will discuss topics related to household water sources, water consumption, water use and storage within the household, water collection, and sanitation.

This interview is expected to take up to 60 minutes. There are no right or wrong answers in this questionnaire; we just request that you answer as honestly as possible. Any information you provide that can identify you will be kept strictly confidential by the parties conducting this study, including the evaluation team, employees of the survey firm, MCC employees, and other researchers, to the maximum extent permitted by the laws of the United States of America and Lesotho. These users will use data for statistical purposes only.

Your participation is voluntary, and you may choose not to answer any or all questions for any reason. You have the alternative to not participate and there will be no consequences for nonparticipation. There are no risks to participating, other than the time you could spend doing other things. There are also no direct benefits to participate, other than helping to contribute to this research project which could benefit the Basotho community.

Your views are important, and we hope that you will take the time to participate in this survey. If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints about the study or your rights as a participant, you may contact [survey firm name & phone – redacted] or you may contact the Social Impact IRB at +1-703-465-1884 or irb@socialimpact.com. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to ask at any time during the interview. We would appreciate your participation in this interview. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to ask at any time.

Before we begin, do you have any questions?

Do you understand and agree to participate in the study? (Y/N recorded as part of survey form)

We would like your permission to receive a call back for quality control purposes, about the interview you are participating in today. Not every household will receive a call back, so you may or may not receive this call. This call would be expected to last a maximum of 5 minutes. If you do not agree, it will not affect your participation in the survey. Do you agree to possibly receive a call back? (Y/N recorded as part of survey form)

We also want to let you know that we may randomly audio record parts of the interview, for quality control purposes to monitor the interview team. These recordings will be accessible by the research team only and will be destroyed once the research is completed. This is voluntary, and you may opt out of this. If you do not agree, it will not affect your participation in the survey. Do you agree to possible audio recording? (Y/N recorded as part of survey form)