

Information sheet

Collecting information about you

You are being invited to have an interview with a representative of our organisation during which you will provide information that will be collected and stored safely. Before you decide whether or not to take part, it is important for you to understand why this work is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully.

What is the purpose of the interview?

This interview intends to help us better assist you to receive HIV and other health related services where you may be experiencing rights-related challenges accessing them, for instance as a result of stigma, discrimination against you. We would also like to use the information you share with us as evidence to influence changes in HIV and health related laws, policies and programmes to promote individuals' rights to health that are free from stigma and discrimination.

Why have you been invited to participate?

You have been invited to participate because we believe your story/testimony can help us better support you and other people in your community.

Do you have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. We will spend time explaining everything we can, and answering any questions you might have to help you in making this decision. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign consent forms based on what you agree to. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. During the interview, we will discuss with you the various options for how your data could be used and it will be up to you to give consent.

What will happen to you if you take part?

We will be asking you some questions about you, your community and yourself. It will take around one hour. We will talk privately in an interview format. I may record our conversation so that I can focus on talking to you, but your name or any other identifiable details about you will not be on the tape. We will keep your contact details in an encrypted information management tool which is stored privately on international servers. This way nobody can link your identity with the interview that was recorded. You can refuse to answer any particular question. You can also stop the interview at any time and ask to erase the recording at any time during the interview.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

I have to emphasise that there may not be direct benefits for you if you take part in the exercise. But hopefully, your answers will help us provide services to you or refer you to other organisations, which can respond to the challenges you are experiencing. We also hope that your testimony will help us to help others to get the health services and rights that they deserve, free from stigma or discrimination through changes in the way laws, policies and services are designed and implemented.

What will happen to the information you give us?

Our first priority is to help you, and thereafter, we can discuss how we might use your story to promote the rights of people more generally. Some of your answers may be used in advocacy, academic or other publications. It is unlikely that you will see your exact answers and you will in no way be identifiable as having provided them. If we want to single out your story to share, it will always be done anonymously, and you will need to consent specifically to this. Otherwise, your information will always only be a part of larger data analysis with others, and your own story will not be specifically shared.



Who is organising the data collection exercise?

I am carrying out this work on behalf of (your organisation) _____

Contact for further information (your organisation) _____

Consent form

1. Personal information consent:

I agree that my personal information is stored on the information management system. I understand that such information will be treated strictly confidential and handed in accordance with the Law. I also understand that I can terminate this interview at anytime and the recording erased if I so wish.

Name/UIC: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Name and signature of a REActor: _____

Further information / restrictions:

Consent to highlight case for research and advocacy purposes

I consent to my case being used for the purposes of education, advocacy or research and may be shared with a wider public audience. I understand that if my case is used, it will be anonymised. I understand that such information will be treated strictly confidential and handed in accordance with the Law.

Name/UIC: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Name and signature of a REActor: _____

Further information / restrictions:
