



INFORMATION SHEET & CONSENT FORM

Consuming Urban Poverty Project

Introduction

Good day, my name is [provide name]. The Consuming Urban Poverty Project, an international research project trying to understand urban poverty and its consequences in respect of food systems planning and governance in Africa's secondary cities. We are interested in understanding how communities access food and the role that food retail plays in food security. [Detail university] University in partnership with Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, Maseno University, Copperbelt University and the University of Cape Town is conducting this research. As part of this research, we would like to include your retail outlet in a survey exercise and ask you a few questions to understand a bit more about your trade.

Your identity will remain strictly confidential and will not be revealed to anyone. If you need any further information, please contact research leader [to be inserted at each city] at [insert appropriate contact number].

There are no right or wrong answers.

The interview will take about 45 minutes.

Your answers will be combined with those of over 200 other food retail outlets we are talking to in [Insert City] to get an overall picture.

Any answers you provide will be kept absolutely confidential, and there is no way anyone will be able to identify you by what you have said in this interview. We are not recording either your address or your name, so you will remain anonymous so please feel free to tell us what you think.

The data we collect from these interviews will always be kept in a secure location. You have the right to terminate this interview at any time and you have the right to refuse to answer any questions you might not want to respond to.

At no time will your responses be sold or traded.

Participation is voluntary:

I would like to reiterate that participation in the interview is completely voluntary. If you choose not to participate there will be no negative consequences.

Again, to reiterate, we are asking for your views on the questions asked. There are no right or wrong answers. As a person who is directly connected to the food system of [insert city] your own personal knowledge is of value to our research.

Any direct benefits to participant:

There will be no direct benefit to you as a participant in this research.

However the responses from all the interviews will be fed back into other ongoing research. There is a likelihood that the overall research project could generate information that could improve policy and food system functioning.

At this stage we cannot claim that this is going to take place.

We would like to stress that it is seldom that the general public are engaged on their views of the food system of a city. As we are all connected to the urban food system, it is felt that it is important to get your views and to use these to inform processes and planning in the future.

Risk of harm to participants:

We do not anticipate that you will be at any risk in answering questions or participating in the research process. We have obtained all the necessary permissions to conduct this research.

I would also like to remind you that your responses will remain anonymous.

Level of permission required:

If you agree to participate in the interview but would like a specific response to not be noted or disregarded please advise us accordingly.

Should you have any questions please feel free to ask:

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the research manager on:

Number: _____ *[to be filled in by the research manager in each country]*

Name: _____ *[to be filled in by the research manager in each country]*

Department: _____ *[to be filled in by the research manager in each country]*

Are you willing to participate in the interview?

Yes		No	
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Signature of participant		Date	
Signature of enumerator		Date	

