



Participant Information Sheet

Title of Project: International citizen project COVID-19

Ethics Committee Ref: 22309

Introduction

We would like to invite you to take part in this research study. Joining this study is entirely up to you. Before you decide, you need to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve. Ask questions if anything you read is not clear or you would like more information. Please feel free to talk to others about the study if you wish. Take time to decide whether or not to take part.

What is the purpose of the study?

MRC Unit The Gambia at LSHTM is conducting a survey to describe the level of adherence of the population to the current Covid-19 response measures recommended by the Gambian government since their implementation.

Why have I been asked to take part?

You have been invited because we would like to learn from your experience of applying the instructions that The Gambian government has recommended in response to COVID-19. The information you will provide will help us understand the feasibility and effectiveness of implementing preventive measures for the COVID-19 at the individual and country levels. Your information will also help us investigate which COVID-19 response measures are effective as regards The Gambian context.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide to take part or not. If you don't want to take part, that's ok.

What will happen to me if I take part?

Nothing. The information you will provide will be anonymous.

What will I have to do?

You will have to fill out the form and submit your responses online.

What are the possible risks and disadvantages?

There will be no risk nor disadvantage.

What are the possible benefits?

This study will provide us evidence about people's adherence to the Government's COVID-19 response measures. It will also inform us about which measures are effective for reducing the spread of the disease across the country.

What if something goes wrong?

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please contact Dr Brahim A. Diallo, phone number (+220) 2224959, who will do his best to answer your questions. If you remain unhappy and

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Can I change my mind about taking part?

Yes. You can withdraw from the study at any time.

What will happen to information collected about me?

All information collected about you will be kept private. Only the study staff and authorities who check that the study is being carried out properly will be allowed to look at the information. Data may be sent to other study staff in Antwerp but will be anonymised.

At the end of the project, the study data will be archived at MRC Unit The Gambia. The data will be made available to other researchers worldwide for comparison purposes between study countries. Your personal information will not be included and there is no way that you can be identified.

What will happen to the results of this study?

The study results will be published in a medical journal so that other people can learn from the way The Gambian authorities respond to Covid-19. Your personal information will not be included in the study report and there is no way that you can be identified from it.

Who is organising and funding this study?

MRC Unit The Gambia is the sponsor for this research, and they have full responsibility for the project including the collection, storage, and analysis of your data.

Who has checked this study?

All research involving human participants is looked at by an independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee, to protect your interests. This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Research Ethics Committee (Ethics Ref: 22309). This Committee has also reviewed this study and has agreed that it is okay for us to ask people to take part.

Further information and contact details

Thank you for taking time to read this information sheet. If you think you will take part in this study, please click on "THE GAMBIA ICPCOVID QUESTIONNAIRE". By clicking on this link, you indicate that you understand what this study involves, and that you agree to take part.

If you would like any further information, please contact Dr Brahim A. Diallo who can answer any questions you may have about this study.

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