

## **Ethics:**

The IHDS survey protocol for dealing with human subjects was reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Boards of the University of Maryland, as well as the National Council of Applied Economic Research. Informed consent was obtained from respondents at each interview, where they were informed that the interview was voluntary and that they could withdraw at any point in time. Consent was obtained for the retention of their personal information for follow-up interviews.

In accordance with Indian ethical protocol, no compensation was provided for the interview.

Our ethics approval does not permit us to release any identifying information below the district level, as it may lead to the identification of individuals when combined with other information collected in the survey. Hence, names of villages/blocks will not be made publicly available.

### ORAL CONSENT FORM FOR IHDS-3

#### [For Panel Sample (Intro)]

Namaste, around 2011-12, we interviewed your household for a research study. We would like to update the information, and interview you and some members of your household about your health and family life.

#### [For New Sample (Intro)]

Namaste, we are conducting research on health and family life in India and would like to interview you and some members of your household about the same.]

This study is conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi, and the University of Maryland, College Park, USA (just as the last time), and its partners, the Universities of Michigan and Indiana. We will also ask for contact information from you and other family members so we can update this information again in a few years. We are asking many people all over the country to participate in this same interview.

The interview is voluntary. During our visit, we would like to ask you about various aspects of your life including work, finances, education, health, and family. In addition, we may ask to measure the height and weight of men, women and children in the household, and administer a short reading, writing and arithmetic exercise to some children.

If you choose not to reply to any of the questions in this questionnaire, you are free to do so. If you decide to answer some or all of the questions, we will use the information you give us only for the purposes of research and publication. People will be able to learn about the health and well-being of the people of India, but not what you personally said.

**Your name and other personal information will be retained by NCAER and University of Maryland in a confidential manner in India and USA.**

[For interviews in COVID Affected Areas:]

[It may not be possible to fully eliminate the COVID-19 transmission risk during this interview. However, we take full precautions to minimize the risk. I have received one/ two doses of COVID vaccine (or have fully recovered from COVID in recent times). Moreover, to reduce the risk of transmission, I will sanitize my hand and wear a mask during the interview. I have an extra mask for your use if you need it.]

If you need any more information about the survey, please let me know and I can give you the appropriate contact details.

\*If respondent asks, give the following information:\*

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**Audio recording consent:**

My supervisors want me to audio record the interview to be sure that I am asking the questions correctly. Do you agree to let me audio record the interview?