

## TEMPLATE: INTERVIEW CONSENT FORM

## INTRODUCTION

Before beginning the interviews, it is necessary to explain to the individuals why we would like to conduct the interviews, and what they'll be used for. It should always be made clear that taking part in being interviewed is completely voluntary, and that individuals can change their mind about being interviewed at any time during the process.

## INFORMED CONSENT SCRIPT

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. Assisting me is \_\_\_\_\_ who will be taking notes on the discussion. We are from \_\_\_\_\_. We are here to learn about women's and men's rights to land and resources. The information we are gathering will help us to better understand what your situation is and how we can help support you.

For the next one to two hours, we will discuss: land, resources, the rights of men and women, and activities people do to help themselves when confronted by various situations regarding land and minerals. If some of the topics are difficult for you to discuss you have the right not to participate or to skip any questions that you do not want to discuss without any negative consequences. Your participation is voluntary and there is no penalty for refusing to take part.

All information shared here is confidential. Please do not share any of the information you hear today from each other with anyone outside this group. When you are talking about specific events or people in your community, it is important that you do not say their name. We want to be very careful to protect everyone's privacy. We will use each other's first names during the session, but no names will be used in any of the reports we write using the information we discuss today. No one will be able to link your name back to what you said.

We hope that this discussion will be a regular conversation where people agree and disagree. Only one person should speak at a time. Try to speak up so that you are heard and we don't miss any of your comments. When responding to questions please leave enough time for the other group members to also share their thoughts. Please feel free to speak openly, your opinions are very important. There are no wrong answers to my questions. Please respect everyone's opinion, even if you hear something you don't agree with.

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With your permission, we would like to record our session because we don't want to miss any of your comments. Although our note takers will do their best to record all of your opinions on paper, it is likely that they will miss a few of your comments. Having a chance to talk with you is a unique opportunity, and we want to make sure we represent your opinions and thoughts accurately and correctly. We assure you that these recordings and all notes taken will only be used for our research purposes. They will be kept in a secure location that is only accessible to project staff. No information will be shared with the authorities.

**CONSENT FORM**

Do you agree to let us tape record this session for accuracy and completeness?

☐ Entire group does not agree: Continue without tape recording

☐ Entire group agrees: Continue with tape recording

Does anyone have any questions?

Do you agree to participate in the discussion?

**Consent**

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read and discussed the consent procedures with the group and continued only on consent by all participants.

Name of interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_