

Land Reform Survey Human Sciences Research Council

CONSENT FORM FOR RESPONDENT

Hello, my name is.....and I am asking people from your community to answer a few questions, which we hope will benefit your community and possibly other communities in the future.

I am undertaking this work on behalf of the Human Sciences Research Council in Pretoria. The purpose of the study is to understand how people perceive of land reform in South Africa and how this relates to general views of their living conditions. The survey also aims to better assess people's views of land reform and democracy in South Africa.

We have randomly chosen you and your household as one of our sample of 1400 in the Limpopo, Free State and Eastern Cape provinces and are requesting one adult in the household to respond to a few questions. We are doing this among various groups of people, such as people living in towns and in rural areas as well as on farms and in tribal areas.

Please understand that you are not being forced to take part in this study and the choice whether to participate or not is yours alone. However, we would really appreciate it if you do share your thoughts with us. If you choose not take part in answering these questions, you will not be affected in any way whatsoever. If you agree to participate, you may stop me at any time and tell me that you don't want to go on with the interview. If you do this there will also be no penalties and you will NOT be prejudiced in ANY way.

The information will remain confidential and there will be no "come-backs" from the answers you give. Researchers may conduct random back-checks to check whether I have interviewed you and recorded your responses accurately.

The interview will last between 40 and 60 minutes. I will be asking you a few questions and ask that you are as open and honest as possible in answering these questions. Some questions may be of a personal and/or sensitive nature. I will be asking some questions that you may not have thought about before, and which also involve thinking about the past or the future. We know that you cannot be absolutely certain about the answers to these questions but we ask that you try to think about these questions. When it comes to answering questions there are no right and wrong answers.

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I hereby agree to participate in this research on land reform. I understand that I am participating freely and without being forced in any way to do so. I also understand that I can stop this interview at any point should I not want to continue and that this decision will not in any way affect me negatively.

I understand that this is a research project whose purpose is not necessarily to benefit me personally.

I have received the telephone number of a person to contact should I need to speak about any issues that may arise in this interview.

I understand that this consent form will not be linked to the questionnaire, and that my answers will remain confidential.

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Signature of participant

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Full names

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Date