

Evaluation of a Comprehensive School Health Programme in Zambia

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Participant information sheet and
consent forms

INFORMATION SHEET - HEADTEACHER

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Who is carrying out this study and what is this study about?

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What does participation in this study involve?

If you agree to participate, we would need your support for two different activities involved in this study.

Activity 1: School survey

We would like to ask you a few questions about your school, its infrastructure and staff. This will take approximately one hour 30 minutes to complete and will be organised at a time that is convenient for you.

Activity 2: Attendance spot check

We have a list of children whose attendance we would like to check at regular intervals. We would also like to choose two different classes (one Grade 6 and one Grade 7). For each one, we will copy the names of all children, then we will check who is at school today. We will also come back a few times this year (between 3 and 5 times) and we will repeat the same process in the same classes. For each class, this should not take more than 10 minutes.

Are there any disadvantages or benefits to me of taking part?

To compensate for your time and effort to take part in the study, you will receive Kw 50.

In addition, this study will provide useful information about the effects of the potential benefits of school health.

Taking part in this study will not cause any harm to you.

Who will have access to the information I give?

- We will use the information you provide for this research project. All information collected about you will be kept private. We will keep all information about you safe and secure.
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- At the end of the project, the data will be archived and made available to other researchers worldwide for research and to improve knowledge about health and education of school children. Your personal information will not be included and there is no way that you can be identified.

What will happen if I refuse to participate?

All participation in research is voluntary. You are free to decide if you want to take part or not. Even after agreeing, you can still change your mind at any time without any consequences, or choose to not answer specific questions if you are uncomfortable.

What if I have any questions?

Do you have any questions? You are free to ask me any question about this research.

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CONSENT FORM – HEADTEACHER

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Name of Researcher responsible for the project: Dr. Mylene Lagarde

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I understand that my consent is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw this consent at any time without giving any reason and without any negative consequences .	
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Your school has been chosen to take part in the study because it is either implementing some school health activities or it is currently in the comparison group but will introduce school health activities later.

What does participation in this study involve?

If you agree to participate, we would like to ask you a few questions about your school, its infrastructure and staff. This will take approximately 45 minutes to complete and will be organised at a time that is convenient for you.

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INFORMATION SHEET – PARENT (1)

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Your child has been chosen to take part in the study because s-he attends a school that is either introducing some school health activities now or is currently in the comparison group but will introduce them later.

What does participation in this study involve?

If you agree to participate, there are three different activities involved in this study. Activity

1: Interview with parent

This interview will take approximately 30 minutes to complete and will be organised at a time that is convenient for you. We will ask a few questions about yourself and members of your household. This will be arranged in the next few days, probably at school. Activity 2: Interview with your child

This interview will take approximately 45 minutes to complete and will be organised at a time that is convenient for you. The interview will focus on your child's health and learning. We will also administer some tests to your child to monitor their learning throughout the program. This will be arranged in the next few days, probably at school. Activity 3: Symptom diaries

Next year, we will ask you to record over several weeks symptoms of diseases (e.g., fever, stomach pain) that your child may experience. We will also ask you to record if you seek care for any of this (either at home, in a pharmacy or somewhere else). We will provide a simple notebook to record all of this and arrange for collection at school.

Are there any disadvantages or benefits to me of taking part?

To compensate for your time and effort to take part in the study, you will receive Kw 50.

In addition, this study will provide useful information about the effects of the potential benefits of school health. Taking part in this study will not cause any harm to you or your child.

Who will have access to the information I give?

- We will use the information you provide for this research project. All information collected about you will be kept private. We will keep all information about you safe and secure.
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Learner name:_____ **ID:** _____ **Gender:** F / M **Grade:** 1 / 3 / 5

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I understand that the information about me / my child provide may be shared via a public data repository or by sharing directly with other researchers, and that neither I nor my child or their school will not be identifiable from this information.	
I agree to me / my child taking part in the above named study.	

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INFORMATION SHEET – CHILD

Introduction

Good morning/afternoon. My name is [_____], and I am working for the **“School Health Evaluation” study** run by the University of Zambia (UNZA), the London School of Economics in the UK and the University of Virginia in the US.

Overview of the study

The objective of the study is to measure the effects of a school health program run in some schools.

What is involved?

If you agree to participate, we would like to ask you some questions about your health, your school, teachers, and your schoolwork. These questions should take about 30 minutes to complete.

Confidentiality

The information I write down about you and other children will be kept safely locked up. When I tell other people or write an article about my research, I will not use your name so no one will know what you said. Remember there are no right or wrong answers.

Voluntary participation

Please talk this over with your parents before you decide whether to participate in the research study. We will also ask your parents or legal guardian if it is alright for you to take part in this study. But even if your parents say “yes” you can still decide not to do this.

You do not have to speak with me. It is okay if you decide you do not want to speak with me. Also, you can start to speak with me and then change your mind and stop at any time. No one will be mad at you. You can say no even if the headteacher said yes.

Potential Benefits and Risks

Nothing bad can happen if you decide to talk to us.

If you decide to participate in the study, you will help us learn more about what can be done to help students stay healthy in schools. We will also give you a little gift as a thank you.

Questions

You can ask any questions that you have about the study, and I will answer them for you.

If you have a question later, you can call me or contact at the following address:

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ASSENT FORM - CHILD

You and your parents will be given a copy of this form after you have signed it. Signing your name at the bottom means that:

- You have understood what I explained;
 - You were able to ask questions if you wanted, and I answered them; -
- You agree to be in this study.

PARTICIPANT:

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

RESEARCHER:

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

INFORMATION SHEET – HEALTH FACILITY

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We are interested in finding out the perspectives of health workers and effects on the healthcare system.

Your facility has been chosen at random together with about 160 other facilities located in these six districts.

What does participation in this study involve?

If you agree to participate, we would like to interview you.

This interview will take approximately 45 minutes to complete and will be organised at a time that is convenient for you. The interview will focus on your experience, facility patient volume, waiting times, staff availability and expertise.

Are there any disadvantages or benefits to me of taking part?

This study will provide useful information about the effects of the potential benefits of school health. Taking part in this study will not cause any harm to you or affect your reputation or role within this health facility. We will never share the information you provide with your employer.

Who will have access to the information I give?

- We will use the information you provide for this research project. All information collected about you will be kept private, safe and secure.
- With your permission, we will keep the data you give us until the end of the project (in 2026), after which we will remove personal information about you from our data servers. We may contact you again using these details before the end of 2026 and you can choose whether or not to speak to us again.
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