

**<Insert Name of Organization>  
Consent to Participate in Focus Group Discussion**

**Activity Managers:**

**Sponsor's Name:**

**Date:**

**Introduction**

We are asking you to take part in a discussion about an educational booklet on family planning methods within the Christian context. You have been invited by the <insert name of organization> project staff to participate in the discussion because you are involved in a community church group. We will ask you to provide your opinions about the information in the booklet. We will use your input to make changes to the booklet to improve it for use in this community.

**Information About Activity**

Your participation and information you share during this activity is voluntary. The discussion will be led by a trained facilitator. The group will be composed of 8 to 10 people. The discussion will last about one and a half hours. A notetaker will take notes during the discussion, so that we capture everything that is being said. This discussion group is part of an activity which will take place for one month. Other groups will participate, with a total of approximately <insert #> people.

**Possible Risks**

During the review of the booklet, we will read and discuss information about family planning methods. Some of the detail about how family planning methods work may make you uncomfortable. You do not have to provide input about anything that makes you uncomfortable.

**Possible Benefits**

There is no benefit to you for participation in this activity. There may be a benefit to your community because your input will help us design materials that are clear and easy to understand.

**Confidentiality**

The study team will review the notes to create a report. We will not use your name in any reports. We will not tell your others about your participation.

**Compensation for your participation**

There is no payment for your participation. However, we will offer a light meal.

**Leaving the Activity**

You may end your participation at any time.

**If You Have a Questions About the Study**

Do you have any questions?

If you have any questions about the activity after you leave today, please call <insert name and phone number of Point of Contact>

**Statement to be Made By a Person Willing to Participate in the FGD**

I have either read the consent form or it has been accurately read aloud to me in the language I understand. I have had an opportunity to ask questions, and all my questions were answered. I understand I can withdraw my participation anytime. I understand I do not have to answer any questions I do not want to answer.

By stating yes, I attest that I have given consent to participate in the discussion.  
(Obtain verbal agreement and use the list below with the participant's first name and check the appropriate response):

Do you give consent to participate in the discussion?    Yes     No

**Moderator/Note taker:** please note the response in the separate sheet:  
Documentation of Verbal Consent for Participation in Focus Group Discussion