



## Exercise: Consent for data sharing and reuse

Consider the various reasons why you gain consent from research participants:

- Agree voluntary participation in the study and what it involves
- Inform participants about information you will collect
- Inform participants how you will maintain confidentiality
- Inform participants how you will use the collected information in your research
- Inform participants about plans for future data sharing of personal information and de-identified information

Evaluate the statements used in the Kyrgyz UN Women Gender in Society Perceptions Study (GSPS) for interviews and focus group discussions. These statements were read out to participants at the start of an interview or focus group, with the consent recorded. What might you change about the wording (if anything) to facilitate the sharing and future reuse of the data?

### Statement used in GSPS interviews

*Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a Field Researcher at the Gender in Society Perceptions Study, a UN Women-funded project. Your participation in this project is very important to us, as your life experiences will help us understand the political field in Kyrgyzstan and women's roles in it. The interview will take about 2 hours of your time. In appreciation for your time, you will receive a 200-unit prepaid phone card for your participation in this interview.*

*If you don't mind, we will be recording this interview with a tape recorder. This is to help us properly process the results of our conversation later. The tape recording and all other materials that you provide will be used solely for research purposes and will not be made publicly available at any point. You have the right to terminate this interview at any time and not to answer certain questions should you so choose. There are no right or wrong answers. It is important for us to hear your honest opinion, and we are very thankful for you sharing your unique insights with us.*

### Statement used in GSPS focus group

*Thank you for agreeing to participate in a focus group. I am going to give a 5-minute introduction to our discussion and then we will begin. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. My assistant's name is \_\_\_\_\_. We are part of the project "Gender in Society Perceptions Study," commissioned by the international organization UN WOMEN. In this study, we are trying to understand the various aspects of life of men and women in the Kyrgyz Republic. This focus group will discuss women's involvement in your community's political sphere.*

*We expect the discussion to take 2 to 3 hours. In appreciation to you for taking the time to talk to us, you will each receive a card with 300 cell-phone units at the end of the focus group. We are thankful to you for providing your thoughtful comments and sharing your experiences and these cell-phone units are a token of our gratitude.*

*My assistant is a fellow researcher and will help me make sure I am asking all the questions I should and getting everybody speaking. She will (he will) also be helping write down key words in your responses as reminders of what was said. Please do not be offended if (s)he whispers to me during our discussion; (s)he's just trying to make sure we do not miss anything.*



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*Some ground rules for our discussion: there are no right or wrong, good or bad answers. It is important that your answers are truthful, sincere, and reflect what you really think. Do not be afraid to express an opinion that differs from others'. And please respect one another's right to their own points of view. This should be a safe place to express opinions and, if they differ, to discuss and debate them in a respectful way.*

*Our conversation is being recorded on an audio tape. This is done to help us process the results of our conversation later. I guarantee you that the recording and all other materials that you provide will be used solely for research purposes and will be kept anonymous. We have provided you with nametags to help make it easier for you to address one another. If you do not want to use your actual name, please feel free to use a nickname or pseudonym on the nametag.*

*As our conversation is being recorded, I ask everyone not to interrupt each other and also to speak loudly and clearly, one by one. For us, it is important that everyone has an opportunity to express his or her views on each issue we discuss.*



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