

CONSENT FORM EXAMPLE # 4

STUDY DETAILS:

- **CONSENT TYPE: WAIVER OF DOCUMENTATION OF INFORMED CONSENT**
- **PARTICIPANTS: WAIVER GRANTED DUE TO CULTURAL CONCERNS ABOUT SIGNING A DOCUMENT**
- **PARTICIPANTS MUST BE GIVEN AN INFORMATION SHEET**

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CONSENT FORMS MUST BE APPLICABLE TO YOUR PARTICULAR RESEARCH QUESTION AND METHODOLOGY

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH STUDY Waiver

**of Documentation of Consent for Cultural Reasons
(An information sheet will be given to the participants)**

STUDY TITLE: Rural Education in Balan, Haiti

INVESTIGATOR: Valerie Schenkman

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: You are being asked to take part in a research project, which is being organized by RESPE (Research and Engagement Supporting Poverty Elimination), a group of Tufts University students supported by the Tufts Institute for Global Leadership. The purpose of this research project is to learn more about the state of Balan's education system, its effects on the community as a whole, and in turn what factors in the community affect its education. My research is contributing to a greater assessment of where, how, and with whom, Tufts University can mobilize its academic resources in the possibility of supporting Haitian-led initiatives working to eliminate poverty and its effects in the community. As a community member of Balan, you are in a position to provide me with insight into the situation, and I would appreciate it if we could interview you.

PROCEDURES: The format of the interview will be a discussion or perhaps a group discussion. I expect that the interview will take no longer than 1 hour. With your permission, I will audiotape the interview solely for the purposes of accurately transcribing the conversation. With your permission I would also like to take photographs. The audiotapes and photographs, as well as the transcriptions will be stored securely at the Institute for Global Leadership in the USA. The photographs will be used to present our research at various conferences and at Tufts University.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND RISK: There is some risk involved if, for example, you divulge confidential information. Therefore, if you wish pseudonyms to be used to protect your

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privacy and confidentiality, I will be happy to do so. Alternately, if you wish to be quoted by name on anything in particular I am also happy to accommodate this request. Please know though that you do not have to answer any questions or discuss any topics that make you feel uncomfortable.

WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATION: Should you decide at any time during the interview or discussion that you no longer wish to participate, you may withdraw your consent without prejudice.

COSTS BENEFITS TO YOU: There are no direct costs involved with participation, although you may miss an hour of work and possibly pay for that time. There are also no direct benefits to you. However, your participation will contribute to a greater awareness of Haiti and greater awareness of its successes and challenges as you and your community view them, as well as the opportunity to bring those challenges home to Tufts University and make an effort to address them. My final report will be presented at various conferences and your participation will help to bring greater attention to the issues facing Balan and greater Haiti.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION: You may ask more questions about the study at any time. Please contact Valerie Schenkman at valerie.schenkman@tufts.edu or at _____ while I am in Haiti. You may also contact Sherman Teichman at the Institute for Global Leadership in the US by calling + 1(617) 627-3415. This study has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Tufts University, so you may contact the IRB Administrator, Lara Sloboda, by calling + 1 (617) 627-3417.

SIGNATURE: I confirm that the purpose of the research, the study procedures, the possible risks and discomforts as well as benefits have been explained to the participant. All questions have been answered. The participant has agreed to participate in the study.

Signature of Person Obtaining Consent

Date

The participant agrees to be audio-taped YES NO Initial _____

The participant agrees to be photographed YES NO Initial _____

The participant agrees to be videotaped YES NO Initial _____

The participant would like his/her name to be used YES NO Initial _____

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Participant Information Sheet

Rural Education in Balan, Haiti

Purpose of the Study:

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Contact information:

- If you have any questions or would like to receive a report of this study (or a summary of the findings) when it is completed please contact us.

Researcher: Valerie Schenkman

- E-mail valerie.schenkman@tufts.edu
- Telephone while in Haiti _____

Faculty Advisor Sherman Teichman (in the USA) +1 (617) 627-3451

- If you have concerns about this study or your rights as a participant, you are encouraged to contact the IRB Administrator, Yvonne Wakeford (in the USA) at +1 (617) 627-3417