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P: Participant

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PARTICIPANT ID (P) : 001

NAME OF RECRUITER: TEBATSO

LANGUAGE : ENGLISH

DATE : 14/OCT/2014

TIME : 12:51

RA: My name is {} {staff name} I work as a recruiter here at the {A}urum institute. The time now is 12:51 and now I am going to do a… to conduct an interview with a former participant of the contact tracing study that was done here at the {}{A}urum institute. Ok so I’m going to refer to you as participant 001.

P: Ok.

RA: For confidentiality reasons we don’t want to mention names in the interview so I’m going to refer to you as participant 001 okay?

P: Ok.

RA: So do you agree to this uhmm being recorded, voice recorded?

P: I fully agreed.

RA: You fully agree?

P: Yes.

RA: Alright so ma’am what have you heard about TB?

P: Err… well TB I’ve heard about TB that uhmm it’s about coughing and it’s a disease that spreads yeah. So I came… err my husband got TB so that {is} why I came here to {}{participate} in this project. So that I think maybe in the near{} future maybe if you guys can get err… cure then a lot of people can be saved from this disease.

RA: Ok what, {} in what form can TB be spread?

P: TB can be spread in coughing err… maybe like if somebody has drink something urh… maybe something like a drink and then you drink out of the same cup. Maybe he left a bit of there and then you come and drink after{} from that. There is a possibility that you can get TB also.

RA: Alright ok can you talk about TB in your house?

P: Err… can I understand the question more?

RA: Alright can you be able to talk about it openly in your household with?

P: Yes I can do that.

RA: You can do it?

P: Ya.

RA: What did you like us, about us visiting your house for this project that we’ve been conducting?

P: Well at first I was very surprised because{…} and shy because I didn’t know what was it all about you know. And then the car came there and then a lot of people was starting staring and wondering what’s the car doing there. So I, but after they explained to me why they there and what’s going on and all that. So I just thought I just told myself that it’s our health and if we are sick and we need help then so be it. I don’t care what anybody else think{s} about me.

RA: Alright so what is it, how did that make you feel if community members were, you know, wondering what this car is doing at this house? How did that make you feel?

P: Well at first it did make me urh… I did feel a bit off that urh… I felt offside. But the following day when they came because at first when they came it felt offside but afterwards urh…urh… it’s like they were friendly neh. All that burden fade{d} away. So they were friendly they talk with us with mercy and all that stuff so I felt a bit comfortable with everything. So when they came back the following day then I was open. I didn’t even think about what people say. I welcomed them in my house with open arms.

RA: Alright okay so in future would you prefer us to come with a branded car or just a normal car, the one that is not branded?

P: I won’t even care you can come with any car because it doesn’t matter to me.

RA: Alright okay and what do… what is it that you didn’t like about us? If there is one thing that made you feel uncomfortable or what is it that maybe we can improve on?

P: Urhm… well so far there is nothing I can say because everything went well I’m comfortable with everything.

RA: So does that mean that its… its more comfortable for you? Do you think it will be easy for other community members for us to I don’t know contact them like we did with you? Do you think they would feel comfortable as well or{…?}

P: Yah.

RA: Based on community{?}

P: Like one day they… you people came there by my (inaudible) I think because of the… the concept in the way they talk and you know the friendliness. So I think urh… everyone will open urh… allow them into their house you know yah.

RA: Okay (sound of paper) urhm… and would you have preferred to be at the clinic or have someone be with you at the home?

P: Urhm… I think I prefer at home because its more comfortable.

RA: It’s more…

P: Its more comfortable yah.

RA: Alright and{?}

P: The clinic there is a lot of people. And you also… maybe by that time you also urh… I think maybe urh… I will go to the clinic or I want people to come to the clinic. But afterwards when you at the clinic maybe people are staring at you, you won’t feel comfortable afterwards you know yah.

RA: And what is the best time for us to be at your home?

P: I think during the day.

RA: During the day?

P: During the day yah?

RA: Alright so when we come we must come during the day?

P: Yah.

RA: So you don’t work, you don’t go to work?

P: Yah me I’m not working at the moment. My husband is working so.

RA: Alright, alright okay I’m gonna ask you about HIV testing. Urh… How do you feel about HIV testing at the house?

P: Urhm… the time they test because we were sitting in the car so the time the lady asked me to do HIV test so there was a person passing. But she said to me urh… before you want to do the HIV testing I want you to feel comfortable. Urh… should we do it in the house or should we do it in the car? Urh… I will close the door if you are comfortable either way. I said no we can do it in the car so we should close the door its fine with me.

RA: Its fine in the car as long the door is closed?

P: Yah.

RA: Alright then tell me about HIV and how does it affect your community?

P: Urhm… (P sigh) well HIV urh… is like…. Its killing people, when you have. Urh… if you have it neh it’s like… by that time if you have it you feel that you have it by the time it’s coming to an ending. Then its urh… in your blood man, it’s really in your blood and then you start getting sick. It’s a pity because of… because by that time when it started you could have prevented it neh. But when you start to want to prevent it when its late its useless. Because if you are sick I think it’s better than starting it urh… starting (inaudible) because you know.

RA: Yah it’s a problem.

P: Yah.

RA: And how do you feel about us offering that HIV test at the household?

P: What you say?

RA: How do you feel about us providing that HIV testing at the house? How do you feel about that?

P: Urhm… well I don’t see a problem with it because it’s just the same. Like, to me is that, at the clinic there is a lot of people in it. Where I’m staying the clinic is next to the rank and that clinic gets full. And by the rank its full so where we stand you have to stand by the door out… And you have to fold a line outside so people are watching so it’s just a sign… It’s just a sign because people always talk and they will always talk.

RA: Alright.

P: Yah.

RA: And did they explain what kind of kit are they gonna be using when they were offering the HIV test? Did they explain the negative and positive results? The difference between them did they explain that to you?

P: Urhm… they told me that urh… they going to test me for HIV neh. And if it comes out negative urh… if it comes out negative it just means that we are urh… I can… if I don’t have it, it does not mean that it’s not there because sometimes it can hide itself. That’s why they have to test every 3 months yah. So and if you… if you don’t have it aah… don’t have it, if you… They said that if you don’t have it then you can test after 3 months.

RA: Yah.

P: You should test in 3 months.

RA: Yah for the 3 months window period.

P: Yah and if you do have it and then there is a medication that you can take. Because urh… I think it’s even better now because first you had to take a lot of pills. But now it’s only one pill I don’t really think there is a problem with that yah.

RA Mmm and have you done it recently, have you tested for HIV recently?

P: Yah I tested HIV urh… I think 3 weeks ago.

RA: And did you understand the results?

P: I did understand the results they came out negatively. And they told me I must come after 3 months again and so then I tested on Wednesday. The Aurum people came and I tested on Wednesday and it came out negatively. So I… I came today again on the 15 of my 2015 and it came out negative again.

RA: Alright… alright so did you have any difficulties during the test like before they offered the test did you have any difficulties for them to go on with the test?

P: No I don’t, I didn’t yah I didn’t.

RA: And did they offer you different tests or did they give your options of tests? Or they told you that we have a standard test and it’s this kind of a test?

P: Yah they did explain it to me.

RA: That they have different tests?

P: Yah.

RA: If they urh… which test did they use?

P: Urh… I can’t actually say because I don’t understand this type of…. Urh at first when I tested I do remember that they told me urh this is the test we are going to test you like this. And then today they tested differently.

RA: How did they test you?

P: Urh… they tested on my arm… here.

RA: Ooh they draw blood from your arm?

P: Yah they draw blood from my arm and then at first I tested on my finger.

RA: They did the finger prick?

P: Yah.

RA: Alright alright okay so this time… where did you test? At the clinic?

P: I tested at the clinic and then the very first time in my house. And…and at a different place yah. And today I did the arm one because that one it was a different one because it was like it came out negative you see. This one they tested at the lab or something.

RA: Okay let me get this straight the…the blood drill was done by the {Aurum} institute?

P: Yah and then that side the {Aurum} did that too. The first 3 urh… the first 3 weeks I did that one at the clinic.

RA: Alright alright urhm… is there anything that it could be done differently when the health workers visit your home?

P: No I don’t know.

RA: So you are fine with the services?

P: I’m fine with everything because I urh… I actually understand everything so I don’t see a (inaudible). I do understand everything about what’s this thing urh…. Process all about so I don’t have any questions I do understand everything.

RA: And would you allow {A}urum staff to come into your house for contact tracing for future studies? Would you allow them to come into your house again?

P: Yes I would.

RA: Alright and do you have any thoughts about TB house hold contact tracing or any other issue you would like to discuss about it?

P: Urh… I woul{d}… one thing I will ask is that urh… like my husband is got TB right now neh urh… I’m a bit shy to ask this but I’m going to ask it anyway. My husband has TB at the moment neh but he is a person like urh he is a loving person. So I just want to know urh because since he tested HIV he… his status is urh… positive. And he was tested for TB also. He’s got TB so I just want to know urh… since that time I found out that he has HIV we haven’t had sex. So urh… so he wants to have sex so I just want to know if it’s okay for me to have sex?

RA: Okay urhm… as much as I’m concerned about that it… it… as long as you are protected.

P: Yah.

RA: Yah but I think that one you really need someone to talk to, I don’t know if you would be comfortable for me to refer you to someone who can talk to you about that?

P: Okay the urh… urh the kissing. I want to know about the kissing also because he’s got TB so I would want to know about that also.

RA: Alright I will also refer that one question as well to whoever you will be speaking to. But with this TB tracing contact tracing we just concerned about your TB experience within your house hold and what you prefer to be done in future in this kind of project.

P: Okay.

RA: So with that one I think we can refer it to someone who can professionally deal with that.

P: Okay.

RA: So I’m going to switch off my recorder the time is now 13 zero 8.

P: Okay.

RA: Yes thank you so much mam for your time.

P: Pleasure.

RA: Thank you so much.

P: Alright.

RA: Alright.