

Appendix 4. Research assistant confidential form

General Statement of Confidentiality for Research Assistants

Full name of Research Assistant: _____

Title of Research Study: Study on menstrual product choice, accessibility and practices among Nepali girls and women

An important part of conducting research is having respect for privacy and confidentiality. In signing below, you are agreeing to respect the participant's right to privacy and of the people that may be included in the information collected. Such information include interviews and questionnaire. You are asked to respect people's right to confidentiality by not discussing the information collected in public, with friends or family members. The study and its participants are to be discussed only during research meetings with the Principal Investigator, and/or others identified by the Principal Investigator.

In signing below, you are indicating that you understand the following:

- ☐ I understand the importance of providing anonymity and confidentiality to research participants.
- ☐ I understand that the research information may contain references to individuals in the community, other than the participant. I understand that this information is to be kept confidential.
- ☐ I understand that the information collected is not to be discussed or communicated outside of research meetings with the Principal Investigators or others specifically identified by the Investigators.
- ☐ I understand that I must not make copies of any raw data in any form or format, unless specifically requested to do so by the Principal Investigator
- ☐ I understand that all research information in any form or format that is not returnable to the Principal Investigator upon completion of the research tasks must be destroyed
- ☐ I understand that the data files are to be secured at all times (e.g., not left unattended) and returned to the Principal Investigator when the data collection process is complete.

In signing my name below, I agree to the above statements and promise to guarantee the anonymity and confidentiality of the research participants

Signature Research Assistant: _____

Date: _____