

Haramaya University Kersa Demographic Surveillance and Health Research Centre (KDS-HRC) Data Sharing Agreement Form

This is an agreement between KDS-HRC and _____ (data beneficiary)

The purpose of this agreement is to build the required trust between KDS-HRC and the data beneficiary. The agreement will come into effect according to the items stipulated in the KDS-HRC data sharing policy. It will be signed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specific dataset required and the specific purpose to which the dataset will be used.

Whereas KDS-HRC is willing to make Health and Demographic Surveillance Site (HDSS) data present in a format that will ensure anonymity to _____ (data beneficiary) where possible and as required.

Whereas _____ (data beneficiary) will conduct a research/ teaching for which s/he is entrusted to the data provided ensuring that the participants' identity is not disclosed under any circumstances.

Whereas KDS-HRC pursues the following objectives:

Cultivate a bona fide research activity through: Generation of longitudinal data and analysis that can be used to impact ongoing socio-demographic and health reforms; informing health and social policy and practice and contribute to governmental, NGO, private and community health efforts; coordinated institutional and multi-HDSS research collaborations that evaluate interventions in diverse settings; execution of comparative studies and exchange of experiences on critical common problems and creation and sharing of health status assessments relevant to national and global priority setting;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree that:

1. KDS-HRC will guarantee access to the data requested and allow the use of the HDSS data relevant to analyses and other functions as agreed.
2. The _____ (data beneficiary) shall make use of the data only for the purpose they were originally requested and any change in the original purpose must be communicated to KDS-HRC coordinator for approval.
3. The research centre will not be responsible for any claims that the application of information generated from the data lead to wrong conclusions/decisions by the data user or other third party. Neither the collaborators to KDS-HRC bear this responsibility.
4. The original data remain the property of KDS-HRC with its legally supported proprietary rights.
5. The _____ (data beneficiary) agrees to assure the confidentiality of the study participants and not try to match any personal identifiers which may risk the disclosure of the participants.
6. The _____ (data beneficiary) should submit a written standard manuscript and a policy brief ready for publication according to the submitted objective and title in not more than three months. Failure of the data beneficiary to submit the manuscript in three months would trigger KDS-HRC to withdraw its agreement with the data user and communicates to concerned bodies for necessary disciplinary actions.
7. KDS-HRC would make necessary assessment to the manuscript and give its comment to the data user in not more than one and half months. It is the responsibility of the data user to make necessary amendment before submission to publication. Failure to do so would result in disciplinary action.
8. For all forms of publications the _____ (data beneficiary) agrees to give specific recognition to the contribution made by the centre including rendering the necessary HDSS data.
9. This agreement may be terminated earlier, if found contrary to the data sharing policy or on the request of the data user to terminate, on the receipt of a month written notice, to be given by either party to the agreement.
10. We the undersigned, append our signatures, formally committing our respective institutions to the terms of this agreement.

Centre Coordinator
KDS-HRC
Harar, Ethiopia
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Data Beneficiary (principal Investigator):
Name of Institution:
Tell:
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved by:
Research Director
Haramaya University
Ethiopia
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Seal: _____