



## **INFORMED CONSENT AGES 18+:**

### **CROSS-NATIONAL ONLINE SURVEY**

**Sponsor / Study Title:** **US NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH:** Capitalizing on the power of the Internet to survey Ugandan LGBT.

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### **Background / Purpose**

This survey is about what it is like to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, attracted to people of the same sex, transgender, or a gender that is different than the one you were born (LGBT) and east African. The answers will help researchers design programs that help LGBT people make healthy sexual decisions and reduce their risk for HIV and STDs.

This research study is being done by the Center for Innovative Public Health Research in the United States (US) and is funded by the US National Institutes of Health.

### **Procedures**

You are invited to take this survey.

The survey is online, so to take part, you need to access it on your mobile phone, computer, or tablet.

The survey will ask about your experiences with sex, health programs, and being LGBT. Some questions will be very sensitive. You may skip any question that you do not want to answer.

It will take about 45 minutes to finish the survey. If you need to take a break, you can click the [“Resume Later”](#) button to email your survey to yourself.

This survey is anonymous. This means we will not ask you for your name or contact information, except your email address if you decide to pause and finish the survey at a later time.

### **Risks and Discomforts**

It is possible for your privacy to be broken. This can happen if someone sees your computer or mobile phone screen. If someone sees your answers, it may reveal details about your sexual experiences or about being LGBT.

It is very important that you take this survey in a private place. If you do not have a safe and private space, taking this survey may not be a good idea for you. If the area around you becomes unsafe, you can use the yellow **“Get me out of here”** button at the top of the page to exit the survey completely.

It also is possible that a question we ask might make you feel uncomfortable. If this happens, you can skip the question or stop the survey altogether.

### **Benefits**

We do not know if it will help you to be part of this study, but your answers are important: Your answers will help us design programs for LGBT people that help them live healthier lives.

### **Confidentiality**

We will keep a copy of your answers after the survey ends so that we can look at them later. Only researchers in this study will be able to see your answers. We will not know who you are, and your individual answers will not be linked to any reports or articles we publish.

The sponsor, the sponsor’s representatives, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (US DHHS), and Chesapeake Institutional Review Board (IRB) may have access to the study data.

To help us protect your privacy, we have gotten a Certificate of Confidentiality from the US DHHS. This Certificate means that we can keep your information private even if we get a US court or US government order telling us to share your information. We will use the Certificate to try to stop anyone, including a foreign government, from taking information that will identify you, except when you tell us it is okay to do so.

### **Rights of Refusal and Withdrawal**

It is your choice to take this survey. If you decide not to participate, nothing bad will happen.

If you change your mind after you have started answering the questions and you decide that you no longer want to take part, you are free to stop.

### **Questions and Contact Numbers**

If you have any questions about the research study, please email the Study Coordinator, Emilie Chen, at **Support@InnovativePublicHealth.org**. You may also text or call her at 000 256 792 456090, which is a Ugandan phone number. Please note that your mobile phone provider will charge you accordingly. If you contact us, we will be sure to respond to you within 24 hours.

An IRB is a group of people who review research studies to protect the rights and safety of research participants. If you have any concerns about your rights in this research, you can contact the Study Subject Adviser at Chesapeake IRB in the US by email at **adviser@chesapeakeirb.com**. Say this number to refer to our study: Pro00013202.

If you would like a copy of this information, please [click here](#) to save this consent form as a file on your device, or we can email it to you if you enter your email address here: [email field]

Do you agree to participate in this study?

No

Yes



If no (do not consent to participate):

[new page] Thank you for your time. We respect your decision not to take part. To help us design future research activities for East Africans, can you please tell me why you decided not to take part?

[text box]

If yes (consent to participate):

[new page – forwards to survey]