

Participant Information Sheet

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Remitting for Resilience: A study of remittance practices among migrant households in the UK

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Invitation paragraph

You are being invited to participate in a research study. Before you decide whether or not you wish to participate in this study, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. If you have any questions, please email Prof Kavita Datta at k.datta@qmul.ac.uk or Prof Tim Brown at tim.brown@qmul.ac.uk.

What is the purpose of the study and what would taking part involve?

This project looks at how families and communities in sub-Saharan Africa, including Zimbabwe, use the support they receive from loved ones—whether as money or food—to deal with the effects of climate change, like droughts or floods and changing weather patterns. We want to understand how these kinds of help, also known as remittances, can make people's lives more secure and help them adapt to changing weather patterns. Your responses will help us learn how to strengthen these support systems in the future.

By climate change, we mean that the general weather patterns we are accustomed with are changing over time. This can lead to changes in our environment such as extreme heat, hotter summers, colder winters, stronger storms (floods) and cyclones, or more severe droughts. It is affecting how we live, work, and even grow food.

Food security means having enough good food to eat every day. It's about making sure you and your family can always get the food you want to eat and need to stay healthy and strong.

We would like to invite you to participate in this study. You will be asked to take part in a household survey which will take 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

You may also be asked to participate in a follow-on in-depth interview which will last no longer than 60 minutes. If you agree to participate, the interview will be held in a place and at a time that is convenient for you.

Why am I being invited?

You are being asked because you have been identified as someone who has moved to the UK from Zimbabwe or as a relative of someone who has moved to the UK from Zimbabwe and may send or receive remittances to or from your family or household members.

You should not take part in this study if you are not aged 18 years or older.

Do I have to take part?

This participant information sheet has been written to help you decide if you would like to take part. It is up to you whether you wish to take part. If you do decide to take part, you are still free to skip any question that you are not comfortable with at any point and you can withdraw at any time without giving a reason, and with no penalties or harmful effects.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The project findings will potentially result in greater awareness of the ways that remittances are used can make people's lives more secure and help them adapt to changing weather patterns. Your responses will help us learn how to strengthen these support systems in the future.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

The risks associated with participating in this survey are minimal. We guarantee that all information and responses you provide in this survey will be kept confidential. The data collected will be used solely for research and will not be used for any commercial activities. You have the right to refrain from answering any questions or to stop the survey at any time.

Expenses and payments

You will have the opportunity to participate in a prize draw. This prize draw offers each participant the chance to win one of twenty e-vouchers for the amount of £50 to compensate for the time that you have spent undertaking the survey.

What information about me will you be collecting?

We will collect information regarding household demographics, working lives and remittance sending patterns. We will collect information on why you send remittances, who these remittances support and how remittances are used. We will also ask about your experiences of sending or receiving remittances.

How will my data be stored and who will have access to it?

We will use a number, not your name, on data collection forms to identify you. All the forms that include information about you will be kept in locked cabinets or on a password-protected computer that is only seen by the research team. When we write reports, we will not use any information that could allow people to know that you took part in the survey.

When and how will my data be destroyed?

The data collected for this project will be deleted from the password protected hard-drive 5 years after the end of the project. This is in line with the Queen Mary University of London, UK Records Retention Policy.

How will my data be used and shared?

The information gathered in the project will be used in academic writing, report writing and for writing policy briefs. Academic writing will be published in peer reviewed journals. We will ensure that participants are not identifiable from the use and sharing of the information gathered in this project unless otherwise specified by you.

Under what legal basis are you collecting this information?

Queen Mary University of London **processes personal data** for research purposes in accordance with the lawful basis of 'public task'.

Please read [Queen Mary's privacy notice for research participants](#) containing **important information about your personal data and your rights** in this respect.

If you have any questions relating to data protection, please contact Queen Mary's Data Protection Officer, Queens' Building, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS or data-protection@qmul.ac.uk or 020 7882 7596.

What will happen if I want to withdraw from this study?

You can withdraw your participation in the study at any time up to 30 days of data collection, and you do not need to give a reason for doing so. Any subsequent data will be confidentially destroyed. To enable this, you must keep a note of the unique identification number given to you when you complete this survey. If you wish to withdraw from the survey, you will need to provide this unique identification number when you ask for the information you provided to be destroyed within 30 days of the date of data collection.

Any data which has already been collected after 30 days will be included in the study.

What should I do if I have concerns about this study?

If you have any concerns about the manner in which the study was conducted, in the first instance, please contact the researchers responsible for the study, Professor Kavita Datta or Professor Tim Brown.

If you have a complaint which you feel you cannot discuss with the researchers, then you should contact the Research Ethics Facilitators by e-mail: research-ethics@qmul.ac.uk.

When contacting the Research Ethics Facilitators, please provide details of the study title, description of the study and QMERC reference number (where possible), the researcher(s) involved, and details of the complaint you wish to make.

Who can I contact if I have any questions about this study?

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