

ETHICS –FAQ

Q: Do you accept **oral informed consent** when someone does not want to sign the Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) form?

A: Yes, but there is a procedure to that too. ERC is very strict about FPIC. So a witness (research assistant/ translator etc.) has to sign the form assuring that you are asking for consent in every interview.

Q: Can we **audio-register the interviews or take pictures/videos?**

A: Yes, but only if the interviewee agree. You have to include it in the free prior informed consent forms and before starting the interview they have to sign the document allowing you to 1)do the interview and 2)take pictures or video recordings.

Q: What about **ethics committee authorization?**

A: If your institute has an appropriate bioethics committee (for animal and human experiments) we advise you to get their approval. If you don't have a committee you should at least sign the LICCI collaborator agreement before going to the field

Q: What other **levels (national, local) of authorization** do I need?

A: It will depend on the context, but we advise to at least request authorisation from the local administrative government (community leaders or council) and from the village representatives. Some countries (Brazil) require also a national authorization.

Q: Regarding the **anonymization of data**, isn't the GPS data that we collect in the field too specific that someone can figure out which village was visited for interviews? Is that potentially an issue? Also, the signed consent forms have the villager's name...

A: There will be no household GPS data, and interviewee names are not stored, only written in the FPIC forms. So anonymity of interviewees should be kept, even if we show GPS data for the area.

Q: Can we give the community some sort of "reward"like being mentioned in a newspaper article, in the project website or something like that etc...

A: Yes, we encourage everybody to do some sort of community feedback activity or product (booklets, videos, posters etc.)

Q: The collaborator agreement is personal or institutional?

A: It is an agreement between the data contributor and the project.

PUBLICATION POLICIES –FAQ

Q: Can I use **my site's data** for publications on my own and without telling anyone?

A: The disaggregated data for your fieldsite is yours and you can do as you please with it. In fact, nobody else can use that data alone. We would encourage you however to at least mention in your publications the project funding (in the acknowledgement section) and the data collection protocols (in the methods section).

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Q: Will I be included in **any publication using my data in an aggregated manner?**

A: Following our publication policies, anyone using aggregated LICCI data should invite data contributors of each site to the writing of the publication. However, the inclusion on the final list of authors will depend on significant contribution to the writing and/or commenting of the publication.