

A TEMPLATE/SAMPLE OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

NAME OF THE RESEARCHER/STUDENT.....

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL/PROTOCOL.....

Introduction

The COVID-19 is a disease that is transmitted by people carrying the virus. The disease can be spread by person to person through respiratory droplets expelled from the nose and mouth when a person coughs or sneezes. It can also be transmitted when humans have contact with hands or surfaces that contain the virus and touch their face, mouth or nose with the contaminated hands. There is currently no vaccine or treatment for COVID-19. Due to the rapidly increasing number of cases in the country, there is a great danger posed among communities to have cross infection from either symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals if mitigation or prevention measures are not well observed.

The research team engaging study participants using face to face approach to collect data may be at high risk of infection which may potentially increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19 between study participants, their household members, participant to study staff and vice versa. This Plan is designed to ensure the health and safety of research teams, support staff, participants and community members against COVID-19. To ensure the protection of study participants and the research team, the following protocol will be observed;

1. All persons involved in the study (principal investigator and research assistants) will put on masks and covering the mouth and the nose properly and consistently.

2. All research assistant/s will be given alcohol based sanitizer to be used during training and collection of data.
3. Social distance of two meters will be maintained at all times during training of research assistants and during data collection.
4. All research assistant must undergo screening for CORVID-19 through temperature check at all check points at the study sites.
5. Study participants without masks will not be recruited in the study
6. No exchanging hands/sharing of pens, books and other items during data collection with the study participants
7. The research team will be trained on risk prevention and identification of COVID-19 disease symptoms prior to data collection
8. The study team will on a daily basis conduct reviews of risk prevention and management procedures based on need of risk awareness, identification, documentation and communication.

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