



Consent Form

Title: ENabling Girls in AI and Growing Expertise (ENGAGE) in Data Science for Public Health

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SECTION A: PARTICIPATION INFORMATION AND CONSENT

1. INTRODUCTION

The ENGAGE Project is a training initiative by the University of Nairobi Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID) and Data Analytics and Scientific Computing LAB (DASCLAB) in collaboration with the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). The training is conducted in partnership with regional universities across Kenya, namely, Pwani University, South-Eastern Kenya University, Meru University of Science & Technology, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Kabarak University and Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science & Technology.

The purpose of this consent form is to give you the information you will need to help you decide whether or not you should participate in the project. Feel free to ask any questions about the purpose of the project, what happens if you participate, the possible risks and benefits, your rights as a participant, and anything else about the ENGAGE project or this form that is not clear.

When we have answered all your questions to your satisfaction, you may decide if you want to participate in the project or not. This process is called 'informed consent'.

You should understand the general principles which apply to all participants such as:

- i) Your decision to participate is entirely voluntary
- ii) You may withdraw from the project at any time without necessarily giving a reason for your withdrawal
- iii) Refusal to participate in the project will not affect any services you are entitled to now or in the future

This consent form is intended for individuals aged 18 years and above who are able to provide informed consent on their own behalf. A copy of this form will be provided to you for your records.

We are committed to protecting your personal data and respecting your privacy in compliance with the Kenya Data Protection Act, 2019.

2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGE PROJECT?

The ENGAGE Program is designed to empower young women and girls from underserved communities with skills in data science, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. Our goal is to build a pipeline of female data scientists who can use these skills to solve problems in the field of public health.

3. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT?

If you agree to participate in this project, the following will happen:

- We will collect some data and information from you such as your name and contact information for identification purposes
- You will be enrolled in a 20-day training on data science, artificial intelligence and machine learning for use in the field of public health
- During the training, you will participate in all training activities including a 6-week internship
- We will retain your data and information for a period of 5 years
- We will request a telephone number where we can contact you if necessary. Your contact information will be used only by people working on this project and will not be shared with unauthorized parties. Reasons for contact may include: communication regarding your application status.

4. ARE THERE ANY RISKS OR HARMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT?

This project involves training young women. There are no anticipated risks or harms associated with participation in this project.

5. ARE THERE ANY BENEFITS OF BEING IN THIS PROJECT?

a) Individually

- You will gain skills in data science, artificial intelligence and machine learning
- You will have an opportunity to interact with and be mentored by University faculty members
- You will expand your professional and peer network
- You will participate in an internship that will allow you to experience real-life applications of data science, artificial intelligence and machine learning in community health facilities
- You will receive a package of personal items to support you during the training
- You will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the training

b) Family and Community-wise

- You may share acquired skills with peers and others in your network
- Skills gained may contribute to improved future employment opportunities, which can positively impact the family household over time
- Skills gained may contribute to improved public health outcomes that benefit your community

6. WILL PARTICIPATION COST YOU ANYTHING?

The project will cover the basic requirements during the training period.

7. IS THERE REIMBURSEMENT FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT?

Your transport costs to and from the training venue will be reimbursed by the project.

8. WHAT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns about your participation in this project, please call or send a text message to the project's official phone number **0112 323451**

You may also write to us at **engage@uonbi.ac.ke**

9. WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER CHOICES?

Your participation in this project is voluntary. You are free to decline or withdraw from the project at any time without penalty or loss of benefits. Simply inform the project team, and your participation will be discontinued. You are not required to provide a reason for withdrawal.

SECTION B: DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY CONSENT

The ENGAGE Project processes personal data in compliance with the Kenya Data Protection Act, 2019. This section explains how data will be collected, used, stored, and protected.

1. PERSONAL DATA COLLECTED

We collect and process the following categories of personal data:

- **Participant Information:** Demographics, geographical details, education background, academic and co-curricular records
- **Parent/Guardian/Contact Person information:** Demographics including full name, phone number, and ID number
- **Socio-Economic Information:** Household background, sources of income, living conditions, access to utilities, and assets
- **Supporting Documentation:** Identification documents required for verification

Before providing personal data relating to other individuals (e.g., parent/guardian or contact person), please ensure that:

- You have informed those individuals that their data is being shared with the ENGAGE Project
- You have obtained their consent to share their information
- You have directed them to this privacy notice for information on how their data will be processed

2. PURPOSE OF PROCESSING

Your personal data will be processed for the following purposes:

- Verification of submitted information to evaluate eligibility
- Verification with sponsors, partners, or relevant authorities where necessary
- Communication regarding application status and program activities
- Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting
- Compliance with legal and regulatory obligations

3. DATA SHARING

Your personal data may be shared, where necessary and with appropriate safeguards, with:

- Donors supporting the program
- Authorized personnel from partner universities
- Relevant regulatory or legal authorities where required by law

4. DATA SECURITY

We implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect personal data, including:

- Secure digital storage systems
- Restricted access controls
- Confidentiality obligations for authorized personnel and partners

5. DATA RETENTION

Personal data will be retained for a period not exceeding five (5) years for program administration, reporting, and compliance with the Kenya Data Protection Act, 2019. Thereafter, data will be securely deleted or anonymized.

6. YOUR RIGHTS

Under the Kenya Data Protection Act, 2019, you have the right to:

- Access your personal data
- Request correction of inaccurate or incomplete data
- Request deletion of personal data
- Restrict or object to processing
- Withdraw consent at any time (without affecting prior lawful processing)
- Lodge a complaint with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC)

Requests to exercise these rights may be submitted via: engage@uonbi.ac.ke

7. CONSENT DECLARATION

By proceeding with your application, you confirm that: You consent to the collection, processing, and sharing of your personal data for the purposes described above.