



# PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

(Healthcare provider)

**PROJECT TITLE: Understanding Healthcare Providers' and Consumers' Perspectives on Sexual Function among Migrant and Refugee Women in Adelaide, Australia**

**HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE APPROVAL NUMBER: H-2023-\*\*\***

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:** A/Prof. Zohra Lassi

**STUDENT RESEARCHER:** Negin Mirzaei Damabi

**STUDENT'S DEGREE:** Doctor of Philosophy

Dear Participant,

You are invited to participate in the research project described below.

## **What is the project about?**

This research project aims to explore the experiences and perspectives of healthcare providers who serve migrant and refugee women, specifically focusing on their sexual well-being and function. The study seeks to gain insights from healthcare professionals to better understand the unique healthcare needs and challenges of this population.

## **Who is undertaking the project?**

This qualitative study is being conducted by researchers at the University of Adelaide in South Australia. This research will form the basis for Negin Mirzaei Damabi's degree of Ph.D. under supervisions of A/Prof Zohra S Lassi, Dr. Jodie Avery, Dr. Mumtaz Begum.

## **Why am I being invited to participate?**

You are invited to participate in this study because of your valuable role as a healthcare provider serving women from migrant and refugee backgrounds, with a specialization in sexual health. Your expertise and experiences are essential in contributing to our understanding of the sexual well-being and function of this specific population. Your insights will greatly inform the research and potentially lead to improvements in healthcare practices and support tailored to the unique needs of migrant and refugee women in Adelaide.

## **What am I being invited to do?**

You are invited to participate in a research study that entails completing the questionnaire and taking part into the interview. The questionnaire is focused on gathering demographic information. This includes



details about your education, occupation, residential address, ethnicity, language, religion, country of origin, type, and length of residency, and etc. During the interview, you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences related to sexual health and any challenges faced by migrant and refugee women. We are particularly interested in gaining insights into whether migrant and refugee women have specific needs and concerns that may not be adequately addressed by existing Australian services.

Your input in both the questionnaire and the interview is highly valuable and will contribute to our efforts to enhance the understanding of sexual well-being and healthcare needs among this population. Your participation will potentially lead to improvements in healthcare practices and support tailored to the unique requirements of migrant and refugee women in Adelaide.

### **How much time will my involvement in the project take?**

The interview will take about 60 minutes to complete.

### **Are there any risks associated with participating in this project?**

Participating in this research project carries minimal risks. The primary objective is to collect your valuable experiences and insights concerning the sexual well-being and function of migrant and refugee women to whom you provide services. While there are no specific risks or concerns associated with participation, it is possible that you may need to share specific information or experiences related to your services.

### **What are the potential benefits of the research project?**

While participants may not directly benefit, the study's outcomes will inform subsequent research directions, thereby providing valuable insights and guidance regarding women's sexual health. This contribution will aid in the advancement of programs and scholarly inquiries in this domain. As a gesture of gratitude, participants will receive a reimbursement of \$100.

### **Can I withdraw from the project?**

Your participation in both the questionnaire and the interview is voluntary, and you have the right to withdraw from the study at any time without any obligation. Importantly, this withdrawal will have no impact on your current or future medical care or any other services they may receive. In the event of withdrawal, all collected data up to that point will be promptly discarded and will not be used for any analysis or included in the final study results. Moreover, no personal information or identifiable data will be stored or retained.

### **What will happen to my information?**

The information gathered will be treated with the utmost sensitivity to uphold privacy and confidentiality. Your name and any personally identifiable information will be safeguarded, using pseudonyms or codes to protect your identity. Interview transcripts and questionnaires undergo a thorough de-identification process, replacing real names with pseudonyms.



To ensure participant anonymity, specific details like names and locations are systematically removed. Following data collection, it will be securely stored in a password-protected cloud system and encrypted platforms at the university of Adelaide. No identifiable information will be used in publications, reports, or academic theses.

Upon request, participants can receive a summary of the results, maintaining transparency and accessibility while preserving confidentiality. Overall, the information will be managed responsibly, adhering to ethical guidelines and regulations. Your information will only be used as outlined in this participant information sheet and will be disclosed only in accordance with the provided consent, unless required by law.

### **Who do I contact if I have questions about the project?**

If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact A/Prof Zohra Lassi via email: [zohra.lassi@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:zohra.lassi@adelaide.edu.au) or by phone at 0883139266, or if you wish to contact someone independent of the study, please email [hrec@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:hrec@adelaide.edu.au) or call 08 8313 6028.

### **Has this study been approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee?**

The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Adelaide (approval number H-2023-xxx). This research project will be conducted according to the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Updated 2018).

### **What if I have a complaint or any concerns?**

The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Adelaide (approval number H-2023-xxx). This research project will be conducted according to the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Updated 2018). If you have questions or problems associated with the practical aspects of your participation in the project, or wish to raise a concern or complaint about the project, then you should consult the Principal Investigator. If you wish to speak with an independent person regarding concerns or a complaint, the University's policy on research involving human participants, or your rights as a participant, please contact the Human Research Ethics Committee's Secretariat on:

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Any complaint or concern will be treated in confidence and fully investigated. You will be informed of the outcome.

### **If I want to participate, what do I do?**

This is a qualitative study that you can participate in by contacting the research team. By doing so, you are indicating that you have read and understood the information provided above and consent to participate in this study titled "Understanding Healthcare Providers' and Consumers' Perspectives on Sexual Function among Migrant and Refugee Women in Adelaide, Australia."



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Yours sincerely,  
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