

ANNEXURE I

Informed Consent Form

The buddy programme for people living with HIV/AIDS - COCEPWA Botswana

Dear research participant,

COCEPWA is conducting research on the impact of the buddy programme on the general well-being, disclosure rates and stigmatization of PLWA/Hs. In order to find out if the buddy programme is helpful to the target group, questionnaires will be administered at the inception of the programme and 6 months into the programme. Analysis of the questions will enable COCEPWA to tell if the buddy programme is meeting its intended purpose and/or how to improve it in order to make it beneficial to the recipients.

COCEPWA is asking you to participate in this survey by answering the questionnaires on: general questions, therapy adherence (if you are on ARVs), social support and the quality of life of PLWA/Hs.

By participating in this study, you will not directly benefit, but your responses together with those of others will possibly help other women living with HIV and AIDS.

The findings of this study will be reported as group findings and no names shall be used, the information about you will be kept as **confidential** as legally possible. During the completion of the questionnaires, you may feel uncomfortable and anxious about giving personal information, please inform the researcher about this so that further help can be arranged if necessary.

We expect you to be as truthful as possible.

I have received a copy of this consent form, read and understood the above, and I agree to participate in this study.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____