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ORAL CONSENT SCRIPT
Head of household

Study Title: Evaluation of a Program to Prevent Pre-Eclampsia and Eclampsia through Calcium Supplementation for Pregnant Women in Nepal

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“Hello, my name is _____. I am a research assistant with the Nepal Ministry of Health and Population. The District Public Health Office in Dailekh district, in collaboration with Nepal Family Health Program II and the Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program has distributed calcium tablets to pregnant women during antenatal care services.

First, may I confirm that you are the head of this household/the senior member of this household available at the moment?

[IF NO]: “Okay, thank you for your time. Have a good day!”

[IF YES] Thank you. We are inviting you and other head of households in this district to participate in a survey to screen the recently delivered women. I would like to ask you few questions about your family size and the availability of RDW in the household and the details of the RDW, if there is any. If there is any RDW, we will be interviewing her regarding her experiences with the care she received during pregnancy, whether she received calcium during her pregnancy, and if so, her experience with calcium. This information will be used by the Ministry of Health and Population to improve its antenatal care services.

I will keep your name and residence confidential. Our study records will not be shared with anyone outside of the study.

A benefit of participating in this study is that the RDW of your family, if any will have the opportunity to share her ideas and experiences during pregnancy with the Ministry of Health and Population. You may be glad to know that Ministry of Health is concerned about pregnant women. Her feedback may influence future antenatal calcium distribution for pregnant women in Nepal. You will receive no direct benefit from the survey. You will not receive any payment or compensation for participating in the survey. The only risk related to your participation is if someone overhears our conversation and your answers are no longer private.

The interview will take 5-10 minutes.



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You are free to participate or not. If you feel uncomfortable and distressed to answer any questions, you can skip that question; and can stop the interview at any time if you wish.

If you have questions or problems with the study you can contact:

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May I have your permission to proceed with the survey? Thank you.