**Multi-Level Behavioural Economics and Community Psychology Approaches to Strengthen HIV Prevention Cascades in Adolescent Girls and Young Women in East Zimbabwe**

**Youth Advisory Board**

**Terms of Reference**

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In this research study, we aim to get a better understanding of factors affecting the use of HIV prevention methods in Manicaland and of how to improve uptake of these methods among adolescents and young women and men. In support of the study, this Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is being established to provide input from the unique perspective of adolescents and young adults in Manicaland. The following are the key functions of the YAB:

1. To provide advice on the scientific design and practical implementation of the study in Manicaland, Zimbabwe
2. To provide advice on the appropriateness of the research and intervention methods and tools for use with young people in the study areas
3. To provide advice on methods of recruitment and retention of young people into the study
4. To provide regular feedback on how the study is being received by young people and other groups in the study areas and suggestions as to how problems arising can best be addressed
5. To advise and assist with dissemination of results from the study and with formulating appropriate policy recommendations based on these results

All advice the YAB can offer will be much appreciated but responsibility for final decisions on the study will remain with the study team. The YAB is strictly an advisory group and members roles do not include acting as representatives of the study within the research communities or acting as representatives of these communities in the study. It is not envisaged that the role will involve any activities outside of or beyond YAB meetings.

The YAB will meet approximately every 3 months during the implementation of the research and associated interventions in Manicaland and at other important times of the study. These meetings will be organised by the study team.

Participation in the YAB is voluntary. YAB members will each receive a sitting allowance of $25 per YAB meeting attended and will be reimbursed for any actual travel costs incurred in attending YAB meetings. Food and drinks will also be provided at the meetings.

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