# Template 12: Interview consent form

*Please refer to section 3.7 of the MOWIP methodology for details on how to use this template.*

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We are asking you to participate in a research study titled “Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations: Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations (MOWIP) Assessment. We will describe this study to you and answer any of your questions. This study is being led by [INSERT]

**What the study is about**

The purpose of this research is to identify a comprehensive set of opportunities for women and men to participate meaningfully in peace operations as well as best practices for women’s and men’s participation. In particular, the research is part of the Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations that aims to develop innovative measures in order to “move from slow, incremental progress to transformational change regarding women’s meaningful participation in peace operations.”

**What we will ask you to do**

We will ask you to participate in an interview about participation by women and men from your police, gendarmerie and/or military forces in UN peace operations. We will also ask you to rank 10 issue areas we have identified internationally as potential barriers to women’s participation in UN peace operations based on their importance as an obstacle to women’s participation in peace operations in your country. The interview will take approximately 30-60 minutes; however, we are flexible on the time commitment.

**Risks and discomforts (Interviews)**

**There are no risks involved in participation; however, some information we are interested in may be confidential or classified. Please let us know if this is the case and we can skip those questions.**

**Benefits**

**There are no direct benefits to participation. However, participation contributes to data collection that will identify barriers to your country’s participation in UN peace operations. Information from this research will help the Elsie Initiative develop new, innovative measures to increase women’s and men’s meaningful participation in peace operations by identifying the current barriers to participation. Particularly, this research will help identify the strengths of your country’s police, gendarmerie and/or military forces contribution to UN peace operations and will propose strategies to continue to increase the meaningful participation your country’s female and male uniformed officers in UN peace operations.**

**Compensation for participation**

There will be no compensation for participation.

**Taking part is voluntary**

Your participation is voluntary. You may refuse to participate before the study begins, discontinue at any time, or skip any questions/procedures that may make you feel uncomfortable, with no penalty.

**Privacy/Confidentiality/Data Security**

**Data from the interviews will be used to write a report that will be public. We will not use any identifiable information in the report, unless specified above. All information will be de-identified. This form is the only way to identify that you have participated in the study. The forms will be kept in a secure lockbox at the research organization site and then handed over to [insert lead researcher], who will keep them in a lock box in the office at [insert location]. Identifiable contact information (i.e. phone numbers and emails) will be kept at the office in order to follow up with participants for a second or even third interview. They will be destroyed after five years. Because this consent form is the only way to identify participation, you also have the right to verbal consent:**

* **I would like to verbally consent**

**Audio/Video Recording (Interview)**

**If you consent, we would like to audio record your interview. This recording will be used to ensure the accurate reporting of your responses. No one except the interviewer will have access to this tape recording. After completion of this research in one, the tape recording will be destroyed.**

**Please sign below if you are willing to have this interview audio recorded. You may still participate in this study if you are not willing to have the interview recorded.**

* **I DO NOT want to have this interview recorded.**
* **I am willing to have this interview recorded:**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Use of Quotations**

**We ask your permission to use quotations from your interview in our research and future reports based on this research.**

**Please sign below if you are willing to allow us to use your quotes in our report(s). If we use your quote, we may include some identifying information about you, such as your country of service, your rank, and your sex. You will have the right to inspect or approve your selected quotes included in the finished report(s) or published material. You will not receive any financial compensation for the use of your quotations. You may still participate in this study if you do not want us to use your quotations.**

* **I DO NOT want you to use my quotations**
* **I am willing to let you use my quotations:**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

* **I am NOT willing to be identified by name in the publication(s) when using my quotations**
* **I am willing to be identified by name in the publications(s) when using my quotations**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Sharing De-Identified Data Collected in this Research**

De-identified data from this study may be shared with the research community at large to advance science and health. We will remove or code any personal information that could identify you before files are shared with other researchers to ensure that, by current scientific standards and known methods, no one will be able to identify you from the information we share. This will be the case unless you signed above that you consent to being identified.

**Future use of Identifiable Data or Specimens Collected in this Research**

**Identifiers might be removed and the de-identified information used for future research without additional consent.**

**Follow up studies**

We may contact you again to request your participation in a follow up study. As always, your participation will be voluntary and we will ask for your explicit consent to participate in any of the follow up studies.

May we contact you again to request your participation in a follow up study? Yes No

**If you have questions**

The lead researcher conducting this study is [insert name and title]. Please ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may contact *[insert contact information]*. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a subject in this study, you may contact the [name of ethical review board] for [insert contact information for country ethical review board].

*You will be given a copy of this form.*

**Statement of Consent**

I have read the above information, and have received answers to any questions I asked. I consent to take part in the study.

Your Signature Date

Your Name (printed)

Signature of person obtaining consent Date

Printed name of person obtaining consent

This consent form will be kept by the researcher for five years beyond the end of the study.