Appendix 2: Consent script

Oral consent for surveillance will be sought from pregnant women.

The information below will be provided orally to pregnant women in Oio, Biombo and Farim and a written copy will be left at the households of the included women.

Bandim Health Project is carrying out a study on the health and survival of children in Oio, Biombo and Farim. Therefore, we would like to follow your pregnancy and your child within the first months.

This aim of the study is to assess the effects of how vaccines are provided at health centers.

All information collected here will be used only for the study and will be kept confidential.

Participation in this study is voluntary. If you do not want to participate, you and your child will continue to be treated in the same way as others who have accepted.

If you accept now and later do not want to continue, you can withdraw your consent at any time.

If you have any questions about this work later, you can contact us by phone: 969006817 / 956701084.

Note: The following two questions are part of the consent script shown at the data collectors’ tablets, but are not included in the written copy left at the women’s households

Do you have any questions now?

Do you accept that you and your future child will participate?