

FREO₂ Uganda

Plain Language Statement - FREO₂ Health Centre Survey

This statement contains some information about a survey you have been asked to fill in.

Who is FREO₂?

FREO₂ is an Australian foundation who have been working in Uganda and other countries developing and implementing technology to provide cheaper, more reliable oxygen to children who present at health facilities with respiratory problems. FREO₂ is working with the Ugandan Brick by Brick Foundation and BAMA (Babies and Mothers Alive) to work on scaling up the implementation in Uganda.

What is the purpose of this survey?

We are planning to develop our knowledge of implementing oxygen technology by choosing 20 health facilities across south western Uganda. Our headquarters will be in Mbarara. This survey is being sent to about 60 facilities as part of our initial screening in order to find suitable facilities. Over the next 12 months we will be making follow up visits to around 30 facilities to choose the most appropriate ones to learn about how to implement our systems.

Is the Ministry of Health supportive of this project?

The Ministry of Health and District Health Officers are assisting us in this project and have sanctioned this survey.

How do I fill out the survey?

Our preferred method is to use the on-line version that you have received a link to. There is also a printed version if your Internet access is not so good. Because this survey is only for initial screening, we don't need very accurate answers to all the questions. Where we ask for numerical answers, please give your best estimate of the numbers. Feel free to discuss with your colleagues in your health facility to make your estimate. There are no right or wrong answers. We are looking for facilities with a range of sizes, locations and prior use of oxygen.

FREO₂ Uganda**Is the data I provide private and confidential?**

Data from this survey will be used by FREO2 and BAMA to conduct a pilot program of supplying oxygen to health centres. We will only ever publish the results of this survey as statistical aggregates. No data will be published in a form that allows individual people, health facilities or hospitals to be identified without seeking their prior written consent. No data about individual facilities will be shared with the Ministry of Health of District Health Officers. The names and contact details collected will only be used to further the aims of this project.

The Head of your health facility may withdraw consent to use this data at any time until 31st December 2020.

Does completing this survey commit my health facility to anything?

No, the information we gather is only to help inform us about which facilities to have more discussions with. When we have selected facilities to implement our systems in, we will make a written agreement with each facility.

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