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Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed as part of our study '**Parenting adolescents in Sub-Saharan Africa: Building a rigorous evidence base**'

The study is a collaboration between UNICEF's Office of Research and the University of Oxford. The researchers carrying out the qualitative research of which this interview forms a part are Heidi Loening-Voysey (Research and Evaluation Specialist (Child Protection) and Dr Jenny Doubt (Co-Investigator, University of Oxford).

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This study is a qualitative process evaluation of the Sinovuyo Teen parenting programme and its intended outcomes. It also considers the wider policy and socio-economic context in which the programme is taking place. This study complements the Sinovuyo Teen Randomised Controlled Trial and together they address the effectiveness and scalability of the Sinovuyo Teen Parenting Programme.

One of the key outputs of this research is an easy-to-use process evaluation toolkit that can be applied by parties from Lower and Middle Income Countries who are considering implementing adolescent parenting programmes.

You have been selected for interview because you are a key actor involved in the delivery of adolescent-parenting related services through Isibindi. Our goal is to ascertain your views and experiences in providing such services in collaboration with Sinovuyo in the Eastern Cape in South Africa.

We would like to ask a set of questions which should not take longer than **ninety minutes**. The semi-structured interview will be conducted, as arranged, at your offices at

The information you provide will remain anonymous. We would like your permission to record it – for ease of note taking and also to ensure we get everything you have to say. Only the two named researchers (Heidi Loening-Voysey and Jenny Doubt) will have access to the interview data. The information you give us will be stored in a secure place and archived anonymously once we no longer need to use it.

Data collected in this study will be used towards a comprehensive evaluation and a set of relevant publications (academic peer reviewed as well as UNICEF working papers). The latter will speak to lessons learnt on the implementation of the programme as well as the receptivity of the programme. Direct quotations and contextual information will be verified with you.

We assure you that the information will remain anonymous. Code numbers will be used in all records and care will be taken to ensure that contextual information will not reveal your identity.

Ethical approval for this study has been provided by the Universities of Oxford and Cape Town.

Kind regards