

## Participant Information Sheet (Young Person)

**Title of the Project:** The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Transnational Young People of African Migrant Background

**United Kingdom Fieldwork:** Birmingham and London

**Name of Researchers:** Dr Dominic Pasura, University of Glasgow (Lead Researcher)  
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You are being invited to take part in a research study conducted by the University of Glasgow, the University of Zimbabwe, the University of Calabar (Nigeria) and the University of Pretoria (South Africa). Before you decide to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve.

Please read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask the researcher/s if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Researchers' contact details are included at the end of this information. Take some time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. If you are happy to participate, you will be asked to sign a consent form prior to your interview. If you are happy to participate but prefer not to sign a consent form, you may give oral consent at the start of the interview. Thank you for reading this!

### What is the research about?

This project will explore the role of religion and spirituality in constructing youth identities and a sense of belonging among transnational young people (aged 15-35) of Nigerian and Zimbabwean migrant backgrounds in London and Birmingham (UK), Lagos (Nigeria), Harare (Zimbabwe) and Johannesburg (South Africa). In doing so, the project will advance our knowledge of the ways migration impacts young people's religious and spiritual lives at home and abroad.

### Why have I been chosen?

You are invited to participate in this study because you self-identify as a 'first-generation' or 'second-generation' youth from Nigerian and Zimbabwean migrant backgrounds residing in London or Birmingham for the past five years.

### What will happen if you take part?

We would like to undertake a 45 to 90-minute interview with you during which we will ask you a series of questions: your migration story, your religious and spiritual life, and your transnational ties to your or your parents' country of origin. Some consider these topics very personal and sensitive, so please think carefully whether you feel comfortable talking to us about your experiences. Having said that, your participation in this research is completely voluntary and you have the right to opt out of any questions you do not wish to answer. You will be interviewed by a member of the research team. If you are comfortable with us doing so (we will ask your permission beforehand), the interview will be

audio-recorded and later transcribed into text. You also have the right to withdraw from the process (either before, during or after the interview) and without giving any explanation. If you decide to withdraw, please contact one of the research team members using their contact details below and they will be able to help. Please keep in mind that data withdrawal might not be possible once the team have begun data analysis, so if for any reason you decide to withdraw your data, please contact us within a month of the interview.

### **What happens to the data collected?**

The data will be analysed by members of the research team along with other interviews. On the basis of this analysis, we will write a report from the project, articles in academic journals and an edited book. The study's findings will also be presented in public discussion events and community dissemination workshops in the four countries studied (UK, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe) and via podcasts available from the project website. You will be given the opportunity to attend these project feedback events and to receive a copy of the project report if you wish to do so. We might cite something that you said in the interview or use parts of your story in these written materials; however, any information provided by you will be fully anonymised, meaning we will not use any information by which you might be identified (name, place of residence, place of worship, etc.).

Moreover, if you agree, we would like to submit fully anonymised transcripts of interviews to the UK Data Archive, a UK-wide archive of qualitative research material which other researchers can use. In the consent form that you will be given to sign prior to the interview, you will be asked whether you agree or disagree for the interview to be audio-recorded and for the transcript of your interview to be offered to the archive.

### **How is confidentiality maintained?**

The research data collected from this study, including your personal details, will be stored in a locked filing cabinet at the University of Glasgow. All computer files will be password protected and will only be shared with the research team. To ensure confidentiality, all the data collected from this interview will be deidentified and personal details will be kept separately from personal identifiers. Following transcription, your name will be removed entirely from the research and replaced with a pseudonym of your choosing. Any specific locations and other names that you might mention will also be pseudonymised. Please keep in mind, however, that due to the narrative, story-telling character of this research and the relatively small sample size, you could be identifiable to people familiar with your story (e.g., your friends and family) if they come across any of our research outputs, e.g., reports or journal articles.

All personal data will be physically destroyed using approved shredding and disposal procedures at the end of the project. However, the research data will be kept for a maximum of ten years and will be made available for authenticated researchers to use.

Please note that assurances on confidentiality will be strictly adhered to unless evidence of wrongdoing or potential harm is uncovered. In such cases, the University may be obliged to contact relevant statutory bodies/agencies.

### **Who is funding this research?**

This research is being conducted by researchers at the University of Glasgow, University of Zimbabwe, University of Calabar and the University of Pretoria and is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.

### **Review of the study**

This research project has been considered and approved by the College Research Ethics Committee at the University of Glasgow.

### **Where can I get more information?**

If you would like further information on the project, please contact any member of the research team:

- Dr Dominic Pasura, Lead Researcher: Email: [Dominic.Pasura@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Dominic.Pasura@glasgow.ac.uk)
- Sarah Kazira, PhD student, [2943727k@student.gla.ac.uk](mailto:2943727k@student.gla.ac.uk)

To pursue any complaint about the conduct of the research: please contact the College of Social Sciences Lead for Ethical Review, email [socsci-ethics-lead@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:socsci-ethics-lead@glasgow.ac.uk)

Thank you for reading this.