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| **Exemption Template**  **Surveys Based on the Standardized Intersectional Survey Protocols Approved by the MSF ERB** |

**Title:**

**Principal investigator:**

**Other investigators:**

**Affiliations:**

**Collaborating partners:**

**Location of study:**

**Time frame:**

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**Exemption criteria:**

Address each criterion below:

1. **The survey protocol must describe the particular context in which it is to be carried out.**
2. **Approval for the survey must be obtained from relevant local authorities (as appropriate).**
3. **Procedures to protect privacy and confidentiality of participants and communities as well as data security must be clearly outlined.**
4. **Anticipated harms and plans to mitigate them must be described.**
5. **Benefits to the population surveyed and plans for wider dissemination including publication, must be described.**

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If the above criteria and conditions are met, then the authors can insert into their article the following statement that has been approved by the MSF ERB:

***“This survey fulfilled the exemption criteria set by the Médecins Sans Frontières Ethics Review Board for Intersectional Surveys for vaccination, nutrition and mortality, and thus, did not require MSF ERB review. It was conducted with permission from Medical Director, Operational Center\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Médecins Sans Frontières.”***

**Note: This exemption is only valid if the protocol has been approved or formally exempted by the Ethics Committee in the study country.**

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