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Privacy Assurance Statement
for the Feed the Future FEEDBACK Impact Evaluation (IE)
Public Use Dataset:
Ethiopia PRIME Interim Monitoring Survey 2014-2015

Under the terms of the Executive Order *Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information* and the Administration's *Open Data Policy*, the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID's) Bureau for Food Security is making data from Feed the Future FEEDBACK (FTF FEEDBACK) performance monitoring surveys available as open and machine-readable public use datasets after publication of the country reports.

An essential step in the preparation of FTF FEEDBACK datasets for public use is ensuring respondent privacy and confidentiality. Respondent privacy and confidentiality are ensured and protected by removing identifying information from the datasets, including *direct identifiers* (information such as names, addresses, Global Positioning System coordinates, or any other personally identifying number or characteristic) and *indirect identifiers* (data that do not specifically identify a person or location, but that can be used to do so, one variable at a time or in combination, by uniquely describing a person or household).

FTF FEEDBACK datasets are freely available to the public without restriction. However, all personal identification information that was present in the original data was removed. In addition, variables that could potentially be used indirectly (in combination with other variables or with other data sources) to identify any particular household or respondent were recoded to prevent that disclosure.

Because of these modifications, it may not be possible for analysts to exactly reproduce all of the results in published reports and indicators.

FTF FEEDBACK interviewers administered the following informed consent statement at the beginning of the questionnaire (translated, as appropriate) during the 2014-2015 Ethiopia PRIME IE Interim Monitoring Survey:

“Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you. We are from the Green Professional Services and the Central Statistics Agency for the government of Ethiopia. We are conducting a survey to learn about agriculture, food security, food consumption, nutrition and wellbeing of households in this area. Your household has been selected to participate in an interview that includes questions on topics such as the stresses you have been exposed to and your family’s food consumption. These questions in total will take approximately a half hour to complete and your participation is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate, you can choose to stop at any time or to skip any questions you do not want to answer. Your answers will be completely confidential; we will not share information that identifies you with anyone.

Do you have any questions about the survey or what I have said? If in the future you have any questions regarding the survey and the interview, or concerns or complaints we welcome you to contact the Central Statistics Agency. We will leave one copy of this form for you so that you will have record of this contact information and about the study.”

This statement is included in Module 1a of the USAID-approved questionnaire for the 2014-2015 Ethiopia PRIME IE Interim Monitoring Survey.