

Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)

CONSENT FORM – FOCUS GROUP

1. I have read the *Information Sheet* provided and agree to take part in the following research study:

Title:	COVID-19: gendered risks, impact & response in the Indo-Pacific
Ethics Approval Number:	2021/147

1. I have had the study, so far as it affects me, fully explained to my satisfaction by the research team member. My consent is given freely.
2. Although I understand the purpose of the research study it has also been explained that involvement may not be of any benefit to me.
3. I have been informed that, while information gained during the study may be published, I will not be identified and my personal results will not be divulged.
4. I understand that I am free to withdraw from the study at any time.
5. I understand that if I have any additional questions, I can contact the research team lead – Naomi Woyengu – navzhi.woyengu@gmail.com.
6. I understand that if discussing my experiences causes any distress to me or my family, I can access free support services accessible through the Haus Kuk Initiative, through Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pg/theinitiativeprojectpng/posts/> or by phoning the Haus Kuk Initiative directly on (+675) 7334 61645.
7. The conduct of this research involves the collection, access, storage and/or use of my identified personal information. As outlined in the separate participant information sheet, I understand that my identified personal information may be transmitted, stored or appear in the publications/reports arising from this research that may be available to overseas recipients. This is occurring with my consent. Any additional personal information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. A de-identified copy of this data may be used for other research purposes, including publishing openly (e.g. in an open access repository). However, my anonymity will at all times be safeguarded, except where I have consented otherwise. For further information consult the University's Privacy Plan at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/plans-publications/griffith-university-privacy-plan> or telephone (07) 3735 4375.
8. I understand that the Manager, Research Ethics, Griffith University will be promptly notified if any adverse events occur or if any concerns or complaints are received about the ethical conducted of this research, of if the project is suspended or discontinued for any reason. Any complaint or concern will be treated in confidence and fully investigated. I will be informed of the outcome.
9. I agree to the focus group being documented and recorded. Yes No

- 10. I acknowledge that it is important to respect the privacy and opinions of others whilst in the group session.
- 11. I am aware that I should keep a copy of the Participant Information sheet that details the study should I have any concerns or complaints.

Participant to complete:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Research Team Member to complete:

I have described the nature of the research to _____

(print name of participant)

and in my opinion, she/he understood the explanation.

Signature: _____ Position: _____ Date: _____