**Consent Form**

**TITLE OF STUDY**

Youth Entrepreneurial Readiness: Entrepreneurial Self-efficacy and the Moderating Role of Entrepreneurial Training

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**RESEARCHERS’ STATEMENT**

We are asking you to be in a research study.  This consent form gives you the information you will need to help you decide whether to be in the study.  The purpose of the research, what we would ask you to do, the possible risks and benefits, and your rights as a volunteer are stated in the Form. This process is called “informed consent.”  Before you decide to participate in this study, you must understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please read the following information carefully.

**RESEARCH PARTICIPANT RECRUITMENT**

The target population for this study is 127 individuals who took EDI training from January to March 2023 in Addis Ababa.  Out of these, 75 were aged 18-35. Conducive sampling will ensure eligible participants meet the inclusion criteria to select between ages 18 and 35 until a sample size of 63 is attained.  To participate, you must be between ages 18 and 35 when you took the training at Entrepreneurship Development Institute.

**PURPOSE OF STUDY**
This study investigates the difference between entrepreneurial readiness to start or develop a business based on entrepreneurial self-efficacy of the youth who have taken EDI entrepreneurship training and those who have not to determine if there is a significant difference in entrepreneurial readiness among youth in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.  Participation in this study will help to demonstrate whether the training moderates entrepreneurial readiness for new venture creation or business development. Study results will be used to inform the Country better about the need to develop more awareness of the youth to engage in entrepreneurship as a potential career choice and help them be active in the economic development of Ethiopia.  This will also help to scale up the training activities to meet the entrepreneurial needs of the Country.  Your participation in the research is voluntary, anonymous, and confidential, and there is no right or wrong answer.  If anything is unclear or you need more information, please get in touch with the Researcher at the address above.

**STUDY PROCEDURES**
The entrepreneurial readiness questionnaire consists of two sections: ten socio-demographic questions and 20 entrepreneurial self-efficacy questions.   It will take 15 minutes to fill in.   The research data will be collected within two weeks.

All responses are identified only by a number and associated with you only by a unique code associated with your record.  The data is used for academic purposes, research, and potential funding for future projects to improve entrepreneurial training and startup businesses.  The completed questionnaires will be secured for at least three years.

**RISKS**
No harm will be done to those who will respond to the questionnaire.  The person who fills out the questionnaire will not write his/her name.  The information filled in the questionnaire will be used for research purposes.  The research does not involve any vulnerable groups.

**BENEFITS**

There will be no direct benefit to you for your participation in this study. However, we hope that the information obtained from this study may benefit from assessing Ethiopia’s efforts to meet the sustainable goal by 2030 by identifying how the youth and young adults are contributing to the economic development efforts of the Country.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

Your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Please do not write any identifying information on your questionnaire. Every effort will be made by the researcher to preserve your confidentiality for participating in the research.

Data collected in this research will be provided to a personal repository for future use by other researchers. This data will not contain information that could directly identify you.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Suppose you have questions at any time about this study or you experience adverse effects as a result of participating in this study. In that case, you may contact the researcher whose contact information is provided on the first page. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, or if problems arise that you do not feel you can discuss with the Primary Investigator, do not hesitate to contact one of the Institutional Review Board members at + 1 307 871-4569.  If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, you can call the Human Subjects Division at + 1 206 543-0098.

**VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION**

Your participation in this study is voluntary. It is up to you to decide whether to participate in this study. If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to sign a consent form. After you sign the consent form, you can withdraw anytime without giving a reason. Withdrawing from this study will not affect your relationship with the Researcher, if any.  If you withdraw from the study at any time of data collection, your data will age.

**DATA COLLECTION PLAN**

Data collection is planned to start on October 9, 2023, and is anticipated to be done in less than a month or reaching 63 research participants.

**SUBJECT’S STATEMENT**

I understand the purpose of the research and volunteered to take part in this research.  If I have questions later about the research, I can contact one of the researchers listed on the first page of this consent form. If I have been harmed by participating in this study, I can report to the OGS internal review board.  If I have questions about my rights as a research subject, I can call the Human Subjects Division at (+206) 543-0098.

I have received an electronic copy of this consent form.

The printed name of the Subject                  Signature of the Subject Date

The printed name of the Researcher (PI)       Signature of the Researcher (PI) Date