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Dr. Sakshi Ghai (PI- London School of Economics and Political Science)

Dr. Patrick Forscher, Dr. Mario Schmidt, Joel Wambua, Salome Njambi, Mellan Lilumbi

Dear Sir/madam

RE: Impact of Digital Connectivity on Family Well-being in Kibera: A Participatory Approach.

This is to inform you that **MIRERC** has reviewed and approved your above research proposal. Your application approval number is **MIRERC 033/2025**. The approval period is **20th May, 2025 – 19th May, 2026**.

This approval is subject to compliance with the following requirements;

- i. Only approved documents including (informed consents, study instruments, MTA) will be used
- ii. All changes including (amendments, deviations, and violations) are submitted for review and approval by **MIRERC**.
- iii. Death and life-threatening problems and serious adverse events or unexpected adverse events whether related or unrelated to the study must be reported to **MIRERC** within 72 hours of notification
- iv. Any changes, anticipated or otherwise that may increase the risks or affected safety or welfare of study participants and others or affect the integrity of the research must be reported to **MIRERC** within 72 hours
- v. Clearance for export of biological specimens must be obtained from relevant institutions.
- vi. Submission of a request for renewal of approval at least 60 days prior to expiry of the approval period. Attach a comprehensive progress report to support the renewal.
- vii. Submission of an executive summary report within 90 days upon completion of the study to **MIRERC**.

You may also be required to obtain a research license from National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI), visit: <https://research-portal.nacosti.go.ke> and also obtain other clearances that your study may require.

Yours sincerely

Prof. Peter Masinde, Ph.D.
Chairperson, MIRERC



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Date: 5th August, 2025

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Dear Sir/madam

RE: The Impact of Affordable High-Speed Internet on Youth and Family Well-Being in Informal Settlements in Nairobi.

This is to inform you that MIRERC has reviewed and approved your amendment as attached. Your amendment approval number is **MIRERC(A) 033/2025**. The approval period is **5th August, 2025 – 4th August, 2026**.

This approval is subject to compliance with the following requirements;

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Your amendment request was approved as follows:

1. **Study Title:** The Impact of Affordable High-Speed Internet on Youth and Family Well Being in Informal Settlements in Nairobi
2. **Addition of Mukuru as a Study Site:** Approved based on the logistical and methodological rationale provided, including alignment with Konneet's broadband rollout schedule (October–November 2025) and the site's comparability to Kibera.
3. **Adjustment of Eligible Participant Age:** Approved inclusion of adolescents aged 16–17, contingent on: Written assent from participants, Guardian/parental consent and Age appropriate study materials and privacy protections.
4. **Revised Consent/Assent Process:** Approved



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