**Combined Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form for Anonymous Online Surveys for Adult Participants**

**Study Title: Content elements of flood risk messages and public intention to flood prepare.**

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**What is the research about?**

My name is *Leen Gammoh* and I am a *final year Business Studies and Management PhD* student at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom.

I am inviting you to participate in a study regarding *investigating how different elements, namely, action guidance and outcome framing, will affect recipients’ flood risk perception and preparedness intentions and adherence to the warning recommended through the messages sent before or during the flood event on their mobile phones as text messages. Moreover, the outcome of the paper will explore how introducing different message contents will prompt flood resilient behaviours, and presents new ways in which risk information could be designed to increase action to limit flood impacts within the country of Jordan.*

This study was approved by the Faculty Research Ethics Committee (FREC) at the University of Southampton (Ethics/ERGO Number: 62001)

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

This study involves completing an anonymous questionnaire, which should take approximately *12 – 15* minutes of your time. If you are happy to complete this survey, you will need to tick (check) the box below to show your consent. As this survey is anonymous, the researcher will not be able to know whether you have participated, or what answers you provided.

**Why have I been asked to participate?**

You have been asked to take part because you are an adult individual living in the country of Jordan, above the age of 18.

I am aiming to recruit a maximum of 350 participants for this study.

**What information will be collected?**

The questions in this survey ask for information in relation to hypothetical flood warning messages, that you need to rate your willingness to abide to, if you received them before or during imminent floods. For example, assembling an emergency kit, keeping important documents safe, raising household items. In addition, some demographic questions will be; age, gender, occupation. *If you feel collecting such information will lead to your distress, below you can find the names and contact information of* charitable local bodies in Jordan *that you can approach.*

**What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

If you decide to take part in this study, you will not receive any direct benefits; however, your participation will contribute to knowledge in this area of research.

**Are there any risks involved?**

There is a slight possibility that taking part in this study could cause you some psychological discomfort and/or distress. If this happens, you can contact the following resources for support:

Al Ghaith & Al Aoun Charitable Society, phone number +962-79-1585646

The Hashemite Charitable Organization, phone number +962 - 6 - 5523190

Jordan Relief Organization, phone number +962-79-5928100

**What will happen to the information collected?**

All information collected for this study will be stored securely on a password protected computer and backed up on a secure server. In addition, all data will be pooled and only compiled into data summaries or summary reports. Only the researcher and their supervisors will have access to this information.

The information collected will be analyzed and *written up as part of the researcher’s dissertation or could be published sometime in the future.*

The University of Southampton conducts research to the highest standards of ethics and research integrity. In accordance with our Research Data Management Policy, data will be held for 10 years after the study has finished when it will be securely destroyed.

**What happens if there is a problem?**

If you are unhappy about any aspect of this study and would like to make a formal complaint, you can contact the Head of Research Integrity and Governance, University of Southampton, on the following contact details: Email: [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk), phone: + 44 2380 595058.

Please quote the Ethics/ERGO number above. Please note that by making a complaint you might be no longer anonymous.

More information on your rights as a study participant is available via this link:

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/governance/participant-information.page>

**Thank you for reading this information sheet and considering taking part in this research.**

Please tick (check) this box to indicate that you have read and understood information on this form,

are aged 18 or over and agree to take part in this survey.