

## Approval Notification for Initial Review Application: Protocol # TASOREC/011/2020-UG-REC-009

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**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 2:53 AM

**Subject:** Approval Notification for Initial Review Application: Protocol # TASOREC/011/2020-UG-REC-009

Dear Prof. Bonnie Fournier,

TASO IRB/REC reviewed your correspondence with revisions to the non-academic research protocol,

Protocol REC Application Title: **Reducing HIV-Related Stigma in School Children in Northern Uganda: A Multi-level Arts-Based Population Health Intervention**

In the matter concerning the review, we are pleased to confirm a favorable ethical decision for the above research project.

Effective **17/04/2020** the REC approved the initial application request for the research.

Protocol expiration date: **16/04/2021**

Annual review due date: **15/02/2021**

### **To Note**

Submit two final clean versions (hard copies) of the revised protocol bearing the date and version number, data collection instrument (s), and consent/assent forms with translations (where applicable) for approval with a TASO REC Stamp.

You will also be availed with the ethics approval letter upon submission of the foregoing.

The approval provides permission to begin the research activities outlined in the REC-approved protocol and supporting documents.

All research activities must be conducted in accordance with only approved (stamped) protocols.

We wish you success in the conduct of your study.

Please contact TASO REC if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Bonnie,

**RE: ANNUAL RENEWAL OF RESEARCH PROTOCOL "REDUCING HIV-RELATED STIGMA IN SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NORTHERN UGANDA: A MULTI-LEVEL ARTS-BASED POPULATION HEALTH INTERVENTION."**

Thank you for submitting the progress report and an application for annual renewal for the protocol titled "Reducing HIV-Related Stigma in School Children in Northern Uganda: A Multi-level Arts-Based Population Health Intervention" Version 2 dated, **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.**

In the matter concerning the continuing review of the application and progress report, the committee has renewed the study for one year.

This approval is valid until **15<sup>th</sup> April 2022**, after which you will be required to make a request for extension to the Chairperson TASO REC in case of continuation with the study.

Study Reports: It is a requirement by the REC that you submit timely progress reports.

Proceed with the registration of the continuing review approval by the Uganda National Council of Science and Technology (UNCST) before commencement.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr. Jjuuko**  
Chairperson, TASO RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (REC)

CC: Executive Director, TASO (U) Limited

CC: Uganda National Council for Science & Technology (UNCST)