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Study Title: **Effects of Menstrual Hygiene Products on Female Life Outcomes, and Polygyne and Household Resource Allocation in Sierra Leone**

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Local Collaborator: BRAC Sierra Leone

Submission Type: First protocol version submitted for Review

Committee Action: Expedited Review

Approval Date: 28 June, 2018



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The Sierra Leone Ethics and Scientific Review Committee (SLESRC) having conducted an expedited review of the above study protocol and determined that it presents minimal risk to subjects, **hereby grants ethical and scientific approval for it to be conducted in Sierra Leone.** The approval is valid for the period, **28 June, 2018 – 27 June, 2019.** It is your responsibility to obtain re-approval/extension for any on-going research prior to its expiration date. The request for re-approval/extension must be supported by a progress report.

Review Comments:

- **Amendments:** Intended changes to the approved protocol such as the informed consent documents, study design, recruitment of participants and key study personnel, must be submitted for approval by the SLESRC prior to implementation.
- **Termination of the study:** When study procedures and data analyses are fully complete, please inform the SLESRC that you are terminating the study and submit a brief report covering the protocol activities. Individual identifying information should be destroyed unless there is sufficient justification to retain, approved by the SLESRC. All findings should be based on de-identified aggregate data and all published results in aggregate or group form. A copy of any publication be submitted to the SLESRC for its archive.
- ***Under Participants' ethical rights, add the mobile number +23278 366493 for Edward Foday***
- ***2.2.1 Under menstrual survey: use 'mother' or 'caretaker' separately***
- ***The data collection team should be sensitive to related cultural practices of the community and be fluent in the local language***


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Chair