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Dr. A. Ezeh, APHRC, Shelter Afrique Center, 2nd Floor, Longonot Road, Upper Hill PO Box 10787-GPO NAIROBI

Dear Sir,

RE:

NON SSC - Nairobi Urban Health and Demographic Surveillance Systems (NUHDSS),

by A.C. Ezeh (APHRC)

NON SSC - Urbanization, poverty and health Dynamics in Sub-Saharan Africa, by A.C.

Ezeh (APHRC)

Thank you for your letter dated 13th November 2006.

The Committee notes with appreciation the level of involvement that the above studies have in the community. This includes the fact that the fieldworkers for the NUDHSS are employed directly from the community. The Committee also notes that the community where the NUHDSS is conducted benefits from the partnership of several organizations within the Nairobi Urban Health and Poverty Partnership which include the construction of toilets and drainage systems. The community also benefit from free annual medical camps and support of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) including those that provide support to people living with HIV/AIDS and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Due consideration has been given to ethical issues and the study is granted approval. You may proceed with the study. You are responsible for reporting to the Ethical Review Committee any changes to the protocol or in the Informed Consent Document. This includes changes to research design or procedures that could introduce new or more than minimum risk to human subjects.

Yours faithfully,

R.C. Kithinji,

For: Secretary,

KEMRI/NATIONAL ETHICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE