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**TO: DR. GWENDOLYN MORGAN, (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)
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AFRICAN POPULATION AND HEALTH RESEARCH CENTER (APHRC)**

**THROUGH: DR. CHIMARAOKE IZUGBARA,
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Dear Madam,

**RE: NON SSC PROTOCOL NO. 217 (STUDY CLOSURE): REVERSING THE STALL
IN FERTILITY DECLINE IN WESTERN KENYA; A BASELINE EVALUATION
STUDY.**

This is to inform you that at the 250th Committee B meeting of the KEMRI Scientific and Ethics Review Unit (SERU) held on **20th April 2016** the above study closure report was reviewed.

The Committee noted the following:

1. The study was conducted between 21st May, 2010 and 20th May, 2011.
2. The main objective of the study was to assess knowledge and use of contraception, perceived availability and accessibility of FP services at the community level, desired number of children, planning of pregnancies, women's ability to make decisions and control selected resources.
3. Some of the findings from the study included:
 - a. Kenya's western region has youthful population with majority of the people being in the age category of 0-24 years (70% males and 65% females).
 - b. Overall, there was a widespread desire for children with more than half of the women indicating that they would like to have between 3-4 children and a quarter desired to have 5 or more children.
 - c. Knowledge of family planning was universal with over 90% of women reporting awareness of a modern or traditional method of family planning.