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**March 19, 2013**

**TO: ELIZABETH KIMANI (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)**

**THROUGH: DR. ALEX EZEH  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, APHRC,  
NAIROBI**

Dear Madam,

**RE: NON-SSC PROTOCOL No.327 - REVISED (REQUEST FOR STUDY RENEWAL):  
EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMUNITY-BASED NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING ON  
INFANT FEEDING PRACTICES**

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Thank you for the Continuing Review Report for the period **March, 2012** to **January, 2013**.

This is to inform you that at the 213<sup>th</sup> meeting of the KEMRI Ethics Review Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013; your request for continuing approval was considered. The Committee reviewed the above referenced application and made note of the following:

- (a) The study begun on March 2012 and the objectives of the study are to determine the effectiveness of personalized home-based nutritional counselling on Maternal, Infant and Young Child feeding practices and consequently morbidity and nutritional outcomes in two slums of Korgocho and Viwandani.
- (b) Formative interviews have been conducted and data is being analysed.
- (c) 300 participants have been recruited as at January, 2013 and baseline data has been collected. 50 women have dropped out/ lost to follow up.
- (d) The planned activities for the next project period are: continue with recruitment and follow up of study participants for the intervention as well as in the control villages, qualitative data analysis and disseminate the findings, publish findings of the study

The Committee concluded that the progress made in the reporting period is satisfactory and grants approval for continuation with the study effective **19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013**. Please note that authorization to conduct this study will automatically expire on **March 18, 2014**. All study activities must stop on this date. If you plan to continue with data collection or analysis beyond this date, please submit an application for continuing approval to the ERC Secretariat by **February 5, 2014**.

Any unanticipated problems resulting from the conduct of this protocol should be brought to the attention of the ERC. You are also required to submit any proposed changes to this protocol to the SSC and ERC prior to initiation and advise the ERC when the study is completed or discontinued.

You may continue with the study.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EAB', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Dr. Elizabeth Bukusi,  
ACTING SECRETARY,  
KEMRI ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE**