

# tool 30 Informed Consent

## Checklist

Informed consent is about ensuring that sources understand the consequences of taking part in the monitoring process. The difficulty arises in assessing how much and what information is necessary in each different situation. There needs to be a balance between making sure that the interviewee is aware of any potential risks involved in providing information and obtaining as much useful information as possible. Emphasizing the potential risks may discourage the interviewee from talking, but it would be unacceptable to prioritize information over the well-being of an individual for whom there may be a real risk. The following checklist highlights key information that should be communicated when seeking consent.

- The child is able to understand the points detailed below.
  - The child is not able to understand the points detailed below, but a parent or guardian is present and able to understand the points detailed below.
  - Understands that refusing to provide information does not restrict in any way the possibility of obtaining assistance and that conversely, agreeing to provide information does not bring additional assistance.
  - Understands that he/she can stop the interview and withdraw his/her testimony at any moment.
  - Knows how to get in touch with your organization if need be.
- The child/parent/guardian:**
- Is informed of the identity and mandate of the person and organization conducting the interview.
  - Understands why the information is being collected.
  - Understands how the information is going to be used (documentation, communication, possibly verification by the UN) and who will be allowed to access information.
  - Understands the risks of providing such information.
  - Understands what confidentiality and security measures can be taken to mitigate risks.
  - Has specified any conditions or limitations to his/her participation in the interview or any other stage of the documentation process.
  - Understands that his/her collaboration is a choice and not an obligation.

## related tools

-  [tool 27 – Factsheet ‘Guiding Principles for MRM’](#)
-  [tool 46 – Factsheet ‘Information management’](#)
-  [tool 29 – Checklist ‘Confidentiality’](#)