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Project abstract:

This project seeks to investigate the impacts of micro-financing schemes on regional human and economic development in England. I will travel to an organisation in the southeast of England to understand their mission, how the finance is delegated, and what impact it is having on the local economy. Further to this, I intend to interview the recipients of micro-finance (small to medium-sized businesses) to find out how the money is being spent, and how this has affected human and economic development in the region.

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Please summarise your research question in no more than three sentences.

This project uses qualitative interviews to investigate how microfinance is being used as a development tool in England. I interview an organisation that delegates microfinance to recipients and then interview the recipients who receive the microfinance to understand how the scheme has affected their human and economic development.

Data collection

Briefly describe the data that will be used, including any secondary sources, noting content, coverage, cost, availability, and terms of use.

I interview different organisations who have come into contact with microfinance. Their answers are the data used in the research. This will be recorded safely and securely.

Informed consent and anonymisation of primary research data

If you are collecting primary data, describe your process of obtaining informed consent.

Consent forms will be given and signed by the participants. The consent forms will indicate what the research is about, and ask for their express consent to part take in the study.

If you are collecting primary data that can identify living individuals, how will you anonymise that data to prevent identification?

Their names will not be taken, nor will their organisations be named. Only the participants voices will be recorded. There will be no data taken that can identify the individual/organisation.

Research ethics

Does your research involve human participants (living or dead), or involve data about directly identifiable human subjects?

- Yes

Storage and back-up

How will data be stored and backed up during the research? How will you manage access and security? Is the size of your data likely to be a problem?

The interviews will be recorded on a mobile phone (Android). We will use a Android voice recorder app, called Voice Recorder by Quality Apps. The mobile phone is not synced to a cloud server, so everything is recorded and initially saved locally on the device. Data size is not an issue. The data will initially be securely stored on the password-protected mobile device, and will later be transferred over to the LSE storage (One Drive). The device will be fully encrypted (this is done in the Android settings section). The original recording will subsequently be deleted. The interviewer will be the only one with access to the data. The data will be transferred to the One Drive from the device, so no computer will be needed.

The interviews will be transcribed and will be anonymised. The data on the One Drive will be played on the secure mobile device, and then I will transcribe the anonymised data onto a word document in the computer. The recordings and transcripts will be stored separately.

The General Guidance has been read and understood and will be followed closely.