

Data Use Agreement for Public-Use Data Collected as Part of the Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)

By signing this form and obtaining the requested data set from the **Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)**, the User of any MLSFH public use data agrees:

1. To use the data set solely for research purposes, including statistical reporting and analysis.
2. To obtain relevant IRB and possibly other required approvals before using MLSFH data.
3. Not to share these data with, or provide copies of these data to, any other person or organization.
4. To return or destroy the data set, and any derivative data files, upon request from MLSFH.
5. To make no attempt to link this data set with individually identifiable records from any source, or in any other way attempt to identify the persons in this or other MLSFH datasets.
6. That if the identity of any person or establishment in this data set is inadvertently discovered, then (a) no use will be made of this knowledge, (b) the Principle Investigator of the MLSFH (Hans-Peter Kohler) will be advised of this incident immediately, (c) the information that would identify any individual or establishment will be safeguarded or destroyed, as requested by the MLSFH, and (d) no one else will be informed of the discovered identity.
7. No data or results will be reported in any papers, publications, presentations, maps, etc, that will allow the identification of individuals who have participated in the MLSFH, the households of MLSFH participants and/or their villages of residence. This includes adhering to the following guidelines when producing tabulations for distribution:
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8. Aggregate statistical summaries of the data and analyses (frequency tabulations, magnitude tabulations, means, variances, regression coefficients, and correlation coefficients): These are approved under this agreement and may be freely published by the User, subject to the provisions above.

9. To cite the MLSFH as the data source in any publications or research based upon these data, and to provide a copy of any publications to the MLSFH (mailto:hpkohler@pop.upenn.edu). The following citation should be included in any research reports, papers, or publications based on these data:
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11. To maintain a secure computing environment for storage and use of this data set and any data sets derived from it.
12. To hold harmless and indemnify the MLSFH and the University of Pennsylvania, its agents and employees, for any claims of breaches of confidentiality arising out of my research, defined as failure to abide by any section of this agreement or any accidental or intentional violation of privacy of any contributor to any MLSFH data resource.

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