**Informed consent sheet for participants in a trees and food security study in Manafwa district as part of the project**

**“Trees for Food Security”**

**Introduction**

*We are doing research for Bangor University in the UK and the World Agroforestry Centre in Uganda, on farming and food security issues in Manafwa district. We are conducting interviews in the area for two months and invite you to be part of this research. If you have questions, please ask them any time.*

**Purpose of the research**

*There are issues of food security and land degradation in your local area. We believe that you can help us understand the issues better by telling us about your farming system and the foods you rely on throughout the year in order to sustain your household.*

*This research will involve your participation in one visit from us. If you agree to participate in this study, we will talk to you today about your farm, your household’s use of tree products, and food consumption. Towards the end of the research we will hold feedback sessions to let you know some initial findings and discuss as a group.*

**Voluntary participation**

*You are being invited to take part in this research because we feel that your experience can contribute to our understanding of use of trees and household food security. Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary so please do not feel under pressure to take part if you don’t want to.*

**Use of data**

*As part of the survey we would like to know some of your household details - this information will be treated as confidential and anonymous. If you do not wish to answer any of the questions during the interview, feel free to say so and we will move on to the next question. No one outside the research team will have access to the information documented during your interview nor will anyone outside the team be able to link you to the information you provide us.*

**Benefits/reimbursements**

*There will be no financial benefit to you, but your participation will help us find out more about the role that trees play in your community and the agroforestry options suitable for different types of household.*

**Sharing the results**

*The results will be published as part of our studies so that other interested people may learn from the research but there will be no direct link made to your personal information.*

*Signature:*

* *You can ask us questions about any part of the research study if you wish to. Do you have any questions?*

**Do you agree to participate in this study? Yes/ No**