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Re: Human Subject Research Determination Request

Title: "Coupling participatory mapping and GIS to inform village-level agricultural land use in the Democratic Republic of Congo and lessons learned"

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The request for determination of human subject research for the above-cited project has been reviewed by the University of Maryland College Park Institutional Review Board Office. According to the information provided, it has been determined that this project does not meet one or both of the following definitions and therefore does not require further evaluation by the University of Maryland College Park Institutional Review Board.

**§46.102 - (d) *Research* means a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.**

**§46.102 - (f) *Human subject* means a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains:**

- (1) Data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or**
- (2) Identifiable private information.**

If the scope of your project changes and meets one of the above definitions, an IRB protocol must be created and submitted to the UMCP IRB for approval. For further clarification, questions or concerns please contact the IRB Office at 301-405-0678.