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**BIRTH TO TWENTY: 15^H YEAR
FATHERHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE**

DATE : Day Month Year

I agree to participate in the Birth to Twenty study.

I understand that the study will involve me completing this questionnaire which focuses of fatherhood.

I agree to participation in the study on the condition that:

1. The Committee for Research on Human Subjects at the University of the Witwatersrand has approved the study protocol and procedures.
2. All results will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.
3. Only group results, and not my/my child's individual results, will be published in scientific journals and in the media.
4. I can chose to withdraw from the study at any time if the procedures cause my discomfort, and I will not be prejudiced or disadvantaged if I withdraw from the study.

Participant _____ Date _____

**Please complete this short questionnaire and return it to Birth to
Twenty in the self-addressed envelope**

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on
(011) 4883609 or (011) 933-1610**

Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.

FOR ALL QUESTIONS PLEASE TICK (✓) THE APPROPRIATE BOX

SECTION 1

Question 1

Are you the biological father of the BTT child?

 YES

 NO

IF you ticked “NO”

What is your relationship to the child?

(For example: grandfather, stepfather, uncle, friend, other- please describe.)

SECTION 2

Question 1

Please tick whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Being a father and raising children is the most fulfilling experience a man can have				
If I had a new child I would want people to know				
Not being a part of my child’s life would be one of the worst things that could happen to me				

Question 2

Fathers do many things for their children. Please tell me how important each of the following activities is to you:

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Do not know
Provide regular financial support				
Teach my child about life				
Provide direct care such as feeding, dressing, and child care				
Show love and affection to my child				
Provide protection to my child				
Serve as an authority figure and discipline my child				

Question 3

In your opinion:

1. If a father provides financial support to the mother for the children, do you think he should have the right to:

See his child on a regular basis	YES	NO
Make decisions about how the child is raised	YES	NO

2. If a father **CAN** afford to provide financial support but **DOES NOT**, do you think he should have the right to:

See his child on a regular basis	YES	NO
Make decisions about how the child is raised	YES	NO

3. If a father **CANNOT** afford to provide financial support, do you think he should have the right to:

See his child on a regular basis	YES	NO
Make decisions about how the child is raised	YES	NO

4. If a mother has a new partner, do you think the baby's biological father should be required to provide financial support to his baby?

YES	NO
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5. If the father has a new baby with another partner, do you think he should be required to provide support to his children from a previous relationship?

YES	NO
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6. If a man gets a woman pregnant and does not want to marry her, how likely is it that he will be required to pay child support for the child? Would you say there is: (SELECT ONE ONLY)

No chance	
A little chance	
A 50-50 chance	
A pretty good chance, or	
An almost certain chance	

7. Can a blood test prove whether a man is really the father of the child?

YES	
NO	
DO NOT KNOW	

SECTION 3

Question 1

Were you living with both of your biological parents when you were age 15?

YES

NO

Were you living with your mother or a female caregiver when you were age 15 years

YES

NO

Question 2

How involved was your biological father in your life? Would you say he was...

Very involved	
Somewhat involved	
Not at all involved	
Never knew my father	

Question 3

Was there another person who was like a father to you when you were growing up?

NO	YES
IF you ticked "NO" go to Question 4	IF you ticked "YES", please answer the following question: 1. Who was this person? (Please circle ONE only) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stepfather• Foster father• Uncle• Grandfather• Cousin• Minister• Teacher• Brother• Mother's boyfriend• Friend• Other – please specify

Question 4

When you think about the kind of father you want to be, what person do you think of?
(SELECT ONE ONLY)

Your real father	
The person who was like a father to you	
Some other man – specify relationship	
Uncle	
Grandfather	
Friend	
Myself	
Bill Cosby	
My mother	
Other – please specify	