

# Interim guidance on social and behavioural research for mpox

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**Rationale:** data and evidence on the lives and realities of people impacted by mpox outbreaks is needed for public health response.

**Aim:** to clarify standards for **high quality, ethical**, social and behavioural research for mpox community protection

**Guidance developed:** over 4 months with 170+ people involved – Ministries of health, operational partners, ethics experts, academics, civil society – based on rapid review of international ethics guidance and frameworks for research in emergencies and multiple rounds of consultation.

**Content:** (1) Design and delivery, (2) Stakeholder engagement, (3) Ethical conduct and oversight, (4) Data protection and sharing, (5) Environment for social and behavioural research

**Using the guidance:** operational support tools and HIVE community of practice

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