

NuSocia Research Ethics Protocol

1. Researchers are mediators between the informants and the concerned stakeholders

At NuSocia, the researcher and participant relationship are held sacred and there is a need to seek information and clarifications while taking notes/translation without confronting with one's personal biases. We explain the role, limitations and expectations of the research as well as the role of the researcher beforehand so that there is no conflicts/communication gap between the researcher and the participants in the process of the conducting the research.

2. Researchers have great responsibility especially in dealing with sensitive issues

NuSocia promotes the need to practice beforehand and predict which situations might lead to distress. If there is a need to make the records public, we take informed consent (in writing or recording) and share the data with them, if requested, so that there are no gaps.

3. Researchers are responsible for the safety of informants

It is mandatory to ensure that no undue harm/unintended consequences befall on the informants. At NuSocia, we take special care for vulnerable groups-especially women and children and more so if they have suffered any form of abuse. For children especially, informed consent of their guardians/parents is essential.

4. Researchers are wary of labelling and attributing unworthy traits

At NuSocia, we aim to have a thorough understanding of the values and views of the research participants especially when they differ from the views of the general perception in society. Special supporting documentation are collected for confirmation to ascribe unworthy attributes.

5. Researchers observe good publication practices

Good citation practices, acknowledging authorship and taking care of plagiarism are the basic hygiene tenets the researchers would follow in NuSocia behind the publication of any research.

6. Storage of Personal Data

Data privacy matters to NuSocia. Any data related to individuals would be stored responsibly and such data would not be stored beyond which it has achieved its objective.

7. Independence of the Research and Conflict of Interests

At NuSocia, the researchers are obliged to report and consider any possible conflict of interests. There will be complete transparency about who is funding the research so that there is no undue pressure on the researchers and thus will ensure freedom and independence of the research being conducted.