Board for Research Ethics at Åbo Akademi University

Statement

Project: Domestic violence as a risk for children sleeping in the streets of post-war South Sudan
Principal investigator: Karin Österman
Location: Faculty for Education and Welfare Studies

The Research Ethics Board has examined Karin Österman’s application for ethical approval for the above-mentioned research project.

The Research Ethics Board notes that the project description is clear on its overall management of the project. The sensitive aspect of interviewing children without permission from their parents is in this case well argued for, and in line with the research questions of the project. The idea of only using children who volunteer after being informed about the project is ethically sound. The offering of food and soft drinks before and during the questionnaire should not, though, be emphasized in a way that might jeopardize the motives for taken part of the research.

By taken the last comment into consideration, the research project can be be implemented as planned.

Åbo 29th of september 2016

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