## Story collection template

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### Project overview

Provide a few sentences of project overview, including who is organizing it, when and why it is happening, and outcomes. Explain how the reader/audience can contribute or get involved.

**Point of contact for project**

XXXXX, can be reached at 555-123-4567 or [XXX@organization.org](mailto:XXX@organization.org)

Learn more at organization.org/story-project

**Why participate?**

Explain benefits and risks of participating as a storyteller. Outline expectations of storyteller. Of what you want potential storytellers to do, including providing instructions to fill out the form below (or if online, how to upload). If form is designed to schedule interview slot for storyteller to tell story, modify accordingly.

### Story submission

Name of storyteller:

Location of storyteller:

Storyteller phone number:

Storyteller email address:

Story title:

*For the next part, we are interested in hearing a story from you on [health topic] in [community of focus]. We have provided a few prompts to help you in writing your story. Your story should have a beginning, middle and end and highlight a change or impact you experienced. What is most important is to understand how [health topic] affected you, so please write from your experience.*

(provide a prompt which focuses on understanding a perspective, a reaction or change related to health topic and information environment). Potential prompts may include:

* + Can you tell us about a time when you experienced…
  + How did recent discussions and information about [health topic] affect you?
  + What happened recently that affected how you perceive [health topic]?
  + How did you feel when [public health event] happened? What did you do next?
  + How did the information environment change for you as [public health event] happened?
  + When X happened, how did you look for information on [health topic]?
  + How did you feel and respond when [health topic] became a challenge in your life?
  + What were some of the positive or negative impacts you experienced around [health topic]?
  + What change have you seen in relation to [public health event] and how it affected you?

Story:

Develop informed consent statement and instructions on how people can sign.