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WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VAWG IN CONFLICT AND HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS? CAPTURING PREVALENCE, FORMS AND TRENDS OF VAWG IN CONFLICT?

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WHO WE ARE

The Consortium

- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Global Women's Institute, George Washington University (GWI/GWU)
- CARE International UK (CIUK)

Research Partners

- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)
- Africa Population Health Research Center (APHRC)
- Forcier Consulting
- Johns Hopkins University (JHU)



RESEARCH QUESTIONS

What are the forms, trends and prevalence of VAWG in conflict and emergency contexts?

What interventions are **most effective for prevention of and response to VAWG** in conflict and emergency settings?



MIXED METHODS STUDY IN SOUTH SUDAN



- Newly independent in 2011 after decades of war
- New conflict erupted in December, 2013- tens of thousands killed, approx. 2 million displaced, and sexual violence on a massive scale
- No population based estimates to date on any form of GBV



MIXED METHODS QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE STUDY

Research Components:

- Formative research
- Population-based household survey (n=3000, w=2000, m=1000) in 2-3 sites.
Based on WHO questionnaire and expert meeting.
- Qualitative research with survivors and community members.



FORMATIVE RESEARCH (FIELD WORK IN AUGUST, 2015)

■ Locations:

Juba City, Juba County (Lologo, Rajaf), Rumbek, Protection of Civilian (POC) Camps 1 and 3 (Juba)

■ Participants (23 FGD, 27 Interviews):

- Community members (men and women over 18)
- Community leaders
- Local, national, and international stakeholder
- Local governmental representative
- Health service providers
- Legal authorities
- POC managers





FORMATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

- Semi-structured interviews
- Participatory methods:
 - Free-listing
 - Open-ended stories
 - Venn Diagrams



FREE LISTING- WHAT TYPES OF VIOLENCE ARE MOST COMMON?



INCOMPLETE STORIES AND VENN DIAGRAMS – WHO CAN HELP PONI?



CHALLENGES: RAPIDLY SHIFTING CRISES AND SECURITY CONCERNS



SAMPLING STRATEGY – COMMUNITIES OR CAMPS?



SELECTION AND TRAINING OF FIELD WORKERS: ENSURING GENDER AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY



ENGAGING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



RESEARCH FATIGUE AND ETHICAL CONCERNS



- Multiple studies ongoing
- Safety of respondents and field staff
- Maintaining confidentiality/privacy
- Referrals for services