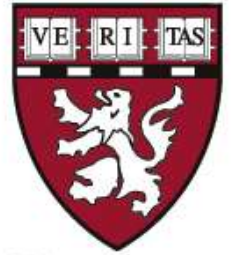


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Systematic Mapping of Gender-based Violence Interventions and Cultural Factors

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Background

- IPV most common form of GBV
- Cultural factors may influence gender roles and norms
- Evidence from IPV interventions suggests
 - Participatory activities, engaging women and men, and mobilizing communities to influence norms
- **Evidence gaps**
 - IPV prevalence in humanitarian settings
 - Fewer data on interventions in humanitarian settings
 - Limited guidelines on how to incorporate cultural factors into IPV / GBV interventions

Study Design

- Aims
 - Document interventions targeting IPV that:
 - Incorporate cultural factors
 - Utilize cultural practices or ceremonies as entry points or as platforms for delivery
 - Identify evidence gaps
 - Inform the development, design, and implementation of IPV / GBV interventions

Methodology

- 1. Systematic mapping of literature
 - Inclusion criteria:
 - IPV* and/or IPV-related attitudes as outcome (*expanded to include other forms of GBV)
 - Population: Sub-Saharan Africa
 - Dates publication: 1990 – 2015
 - Language: English
 - Exclusion criteria: Reviews
- 2. Call for information / online survey

Search Protocol

Databases

- International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS)
- Scopus
- Medline
- EMBASE Global Health
- PsycINFO (Social Sciences)
- Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) + Conference Proceedings Citation Index-Social Science & Humanities (CPCI-SSH)

Other

- ELDIS (www.eldis.org)
- Africa-wide Information
- WHO Library (WHOLIS)
- Gender Studies Database
- Violence and Abuse Abstracts
- Violence against Women

**Culture defined as
shared norms, beliefs, language and customs**

Results

- **Medline:**
 - Globally: 2225
 - Sub-Saharan Africa: 198
- **Embase:**
 - Globally: 3277
 - Sub-Saharan Africa: 305
- **Global Health:**
 - Globally: 619
 - Sub-Saharan Africa: 167
- **SCOPUS:**
 - Globally: 978
 - Sub-Saharan Africa: 131
- **IBSS:**
 - Globally: 621
 - Sub-Saharan Africa: 77
- **SSCI + CPCI-SSH:**
 - Globally: 3384
 - Sub-Saharan Africa: 265
- Duplicates excluded
- Abstract review completed
- Full text review underway
- Categorization of interventions underway

Preliminary results

- Diverse approaches to culture
- Integrated GBV & HIV programming has prominent focus on culture
- Toolkits and frameworks available
 - i.e. ‘Rock’ Integrated Prevention Model, Southern Africa HIV & AIDS Information Dissemination Service (SAfAIDS), Toolkit for harnessing traditional leadership roles in HIV and GBV
- Conceptual term utilized: cultural-based violence

Online Survey

Call for Information

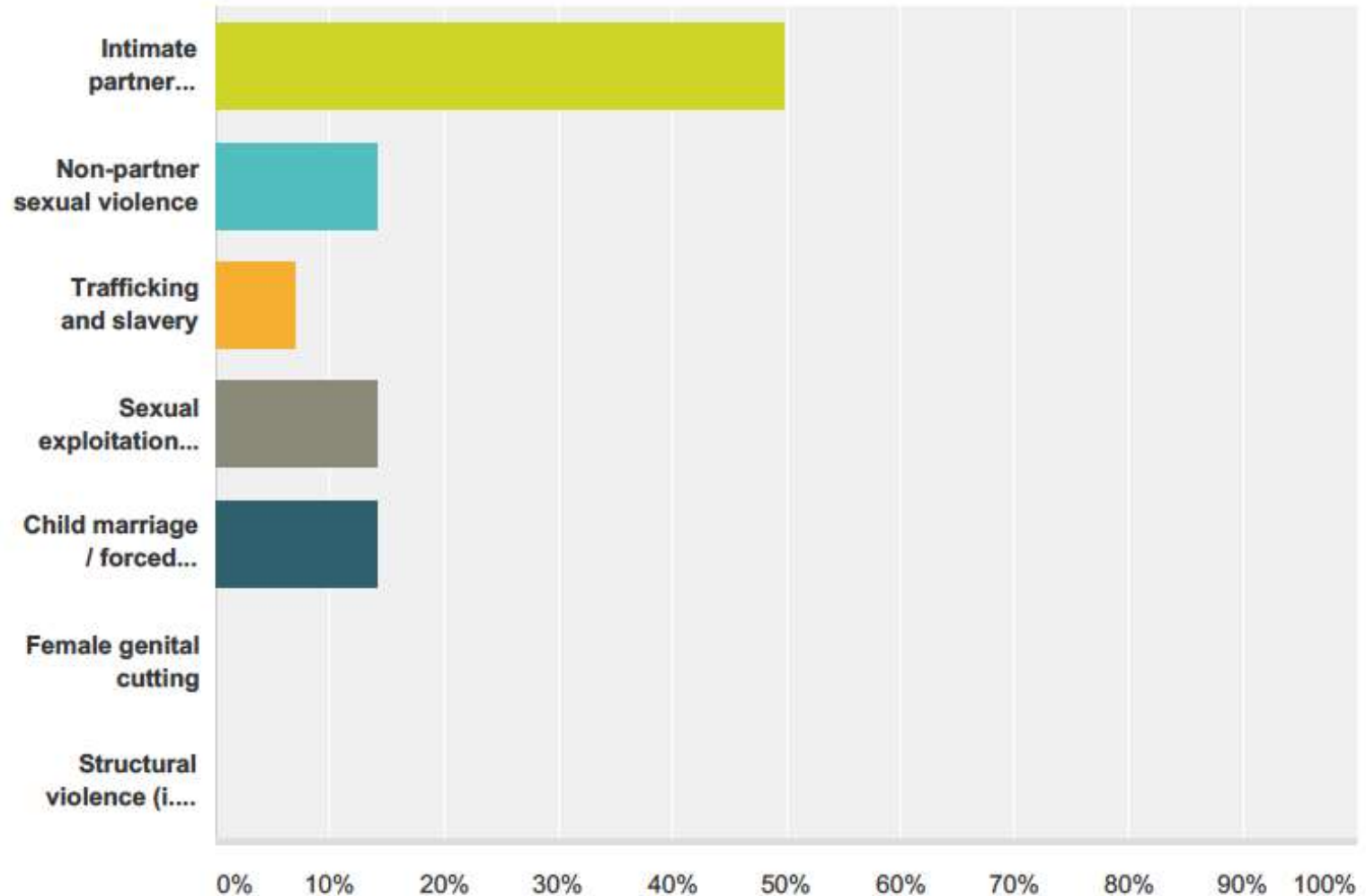
- Distributed August-September 2015
- SVRI newsletter
- Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
- Individual emails and distribution lists

Online Survey

- SurveyMonkey
- 15 questions
- As of 10 September 2015
 - 14 responses
 - Diverse expertise
 - Interventions in 25 countries

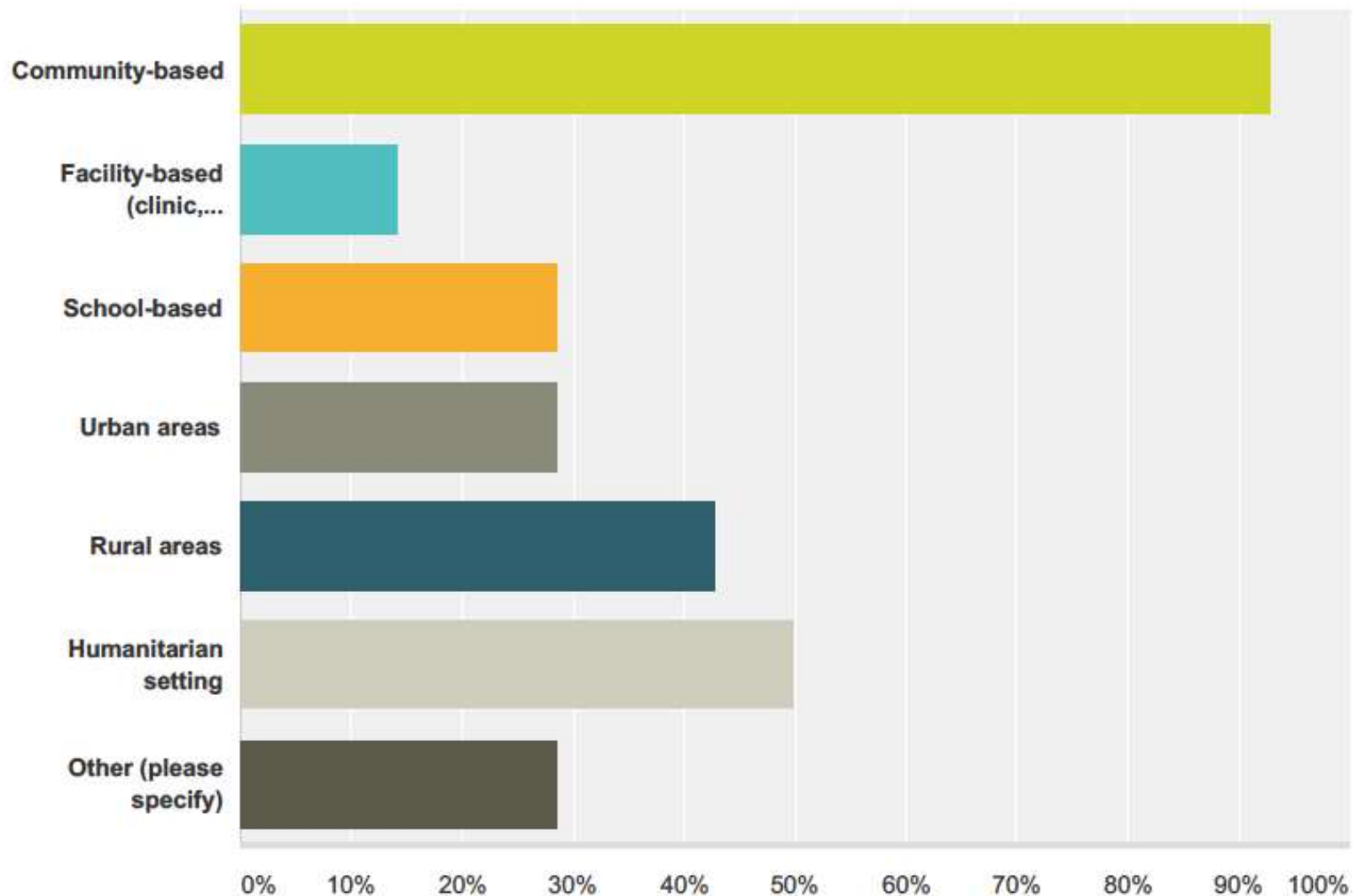
Q7 On which form(s) of Gender Based Violence (GBV) does the program, intervention and/or research focus?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0



Q9 Please describe the setting of your program, intervention, and/or research. More than one response may be selected.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0



How was culture integrated into program / intervention / research?

| Answer Choices | Responses | |
|---|-----------|----|
| Culture was considered in the design of the intervention/program | 85.71% | 12 |
| Intervention/program addresses cultural factors | 85.71% | 12 |
| Intervention/program is delivered via community practices, cultural ceremonies or traditional channels of communication | 71.43% | 10 |
| Intervention/program is culturally appropriate | 57.14% | 8 |
| Research studies associations between cultural factors and GBV | 28.57% | 4 |
| Research assesses how program/intervention addresses cultural factors | 14.29% | 2 |
| Other (please specify) | 0.00% | 0 |
| Total Respondents: 14 | | |

Examples

Programming delivered via cultural / community practices:

- Traditional channels of communication
 - Folk media, storytelling, town criers
- Traditional gatherings
 - Evening gatherings, festivals
- Dancing, theatre, sewing

Comments from survey participants

“A major issue is that what might be culturally appropriate for one group may not be at all appropriate in another. For instance there are hundreds of tribes of indigenous peoples in the US and although some share cultural norms many have very distinct cultural norms and practices in relationship to GBV and status of women as well as other factors.”

– Survey participant

“In order to sustain the project life and hand over the project to the community, we have to consider the cultural sensitivity of the project starting from the designing of the project.”

– Survey participant

Preliminary Conclusions

- Culture is an important component of IPV / GBV intervention design and delivery
- Vast expertise to draw upon
 - Gaps in the literature
- Best practices and frameworks needed regarding culture in the development, adaptation and evaluation of interventions

Next steps

- Complete systematic mapping
- Online survey closes 30 September 2015
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/98DMFCK>

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Additional Slides
(for reference if needed)

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Terminology: Culture

Definition: Shared norms, beliefs, language, and customs

Sample search terms

- CULTURE/ or ANTHROPOLOGY/ or CEREMONIAL BEHAVIOR/ or RELIGION/ or ANTHROPOLOGY, CULTURAL/ or ANTHROPOLOGY, MEDICAL/ or SYMBOLISM/
- ritual* or spiritu* or art or arts or artistic or cultural* or (tradition* custom*) or (cultur* practic*) or (religi* practic*) or ceremon* or religio* or ritual* or tradition* or tribal* or tribe*

Terminology: Intervention

Definition: Designed to accommodate or address a cultural group's shared norms, values, and/or belief

Sample search terms

- HEALTH EDUCATION/ or HEALTH PROMOTION/ or PRIMARY PREVENTION/ or PUBLIC HEALTH/ or PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES/ or PREVENTIVE MEDICINE/ or HEALTH COMMUNICATION/ or GLOBAL HEALTH/ or INTERVENTION STUDIES/ or PILOT PROJECTS/
- TS=(evidence* OR review* OR effect* OR success* OR impact* OR reduct* OR increas* OR recommend* OR program* OR intervention* OR education* OR prevent* OR service* OR approach* OR strateg* OR (behavi* NEAR (change* OR modif*)) OR ((evidence* OR review*) NEAR (effect* OR success* OR impact* OR reduct* OR increas*)) OR "health promotion*" OR "health education*" OR community-based)