



Gender-based Violence Readiness and Response: In-depth Interviews with Legal Aid Organizations

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Date	
State	
LGA	

Before beginning the interview, read the consent form and obtain the participant’s consent to proceed with the interview. **DO NOT proceed without informed consent.** Inform the participant that you would like to start recording the interview & taking notes, and start the audio recorder.

Introductory Script and Instructions for the Facilitator.

Hello, my name is _____ representing the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP). The objective of RAAMP is to improve help participating states in strengthening their financial, institutional, and infrastructure systems especially the rural areas. We are interested in learning about some of the needs and concerns of people in this community. This we will help us understand some of the issues related to violence against women and girls, men and boys. I hope that your answers to my questions will help improve services for people in this community. I expect our discussion to last about 45 minutes to one hour.

Specifically, we are assessing support services in this community for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). Please note that I am not asking about your personal experiences with GBV. "Gender-based violence" is an umbrella term for any harmful act that is perpetrated against a person’s will and that is based on socially ascribed (i.e. gender) differences between males and females. It can include rape, unwanted sexual contact, intimate partner violence, domestic violence, physical abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, threats, and controlling behaviour. It can also include trafficking women and girls for sex, female genital mutilation, child abuse, child marriage, forced marriage, and other forms of violence. Women and girls are disproportionately affected by GBV across the globe. Again, I am only interested about the issue and concerns of people in this community and not about you personally or about you being a survivor of GBV.

During the interview, audio recording will be done as I take notes in order not to miss all the important points we will discuss. You do not have to mention your name or something you may be identified by. However, if you do not wish that the interview be recorded we will not. You may feel uncomfortable talking about some of the topics or your experiences. You are free not to answer any of the questions we ask, and you can stop your participation in the study at any time. Although we would appreciate your participation, you are free to decide not to participate.

The study findings may contribute to efforts to improve GBV services.

You may call the lead local investigator, Dr. Adetiloye Oniyire (08034463508) or Chioma Oduenyi (08033392814), if you have questions or complaints about being in this study. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may also contact the local Ethics Committee which approved this study about any problems or concerns via Email: bauchismoh@gmail.com

ASK PARTICIPANT: Do I have your permission to continue?

Yes, consent is given → go to question 1

No, consent is not given → Interview with participant must END.

Interviewer's Signature and date: (indicates respondent's willingness to participate): -----

Obtain the following information by interviewing the most informed staff of the facility.

Demographic Information	
Name of Legal Aid Organization	
Type of Organization (Circle one)	a. Governmental b. International NGO c. National NGO d. Community-Based Organization e. Faith-Based Organization f. Other (describe)
Target Populations (Circle all that apply)	a. Women b. Orphans and Vulnerable Children c. Adolescents and Youth d. People living with HIV e. Internally displaced populations f. People with disabilities g. Key Populations
Position of Respondent	
Sex/Gender of Respondent	
Name of Interviewer	

SECTION ONE: SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM AND HELP-SEEKING BEHAVIOUR

1. What are the situations that pre-dispose people to Gender based violence (GBV) in this community? (*Probe: For example, poverty, restricted movement, culture, women's status, etc.*)
2. Which people are most at risk of GBV in this community? (*Probe for groups of people*)
3. What do people do to protect themselves from GBV in this community?
4. What does the community do to protect people? (*Probe for community institutions such as churches, mosques etc.*)
5. Where do people in this community most commonly seek help when they are exposed to gender-based violence?

6. Are there any individuals, organizations or service providers in this community that conduct GBV prevention? Please list them:
7. What are the primary problems GBV survivors usually seek help for when they are not explicit in reporting GBV?
8. How easy is it for clients to access access justice and redress for GBV cases?

SECTION TWO: CASELOAD PROFILE

1. What kind of services do you offer? For example, counseling, legal services etc.? Please tell me more about these.
2. What forms of GBV do you attend to in this facility most often?
3. Can you briefly tell me what happened to those instances of GBV you attended to?

SECTION THREE: POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND DATA

1. Are there laws for accepting/trying and prosecuting GBV cases? Is this in line with national and international best practice? (Please explain these laws) (Probe for whether the laws make provisions for child survivors and survivors with disabilities?)
2. What are the guidelines/laws for accepting evidences regarding GBV cases? (Probe for past cases and precedents for those guidelines)
3. How do you make sure that no one has access to the survivor's personal and medical information outside of the providers directly involved in their care?

SECTION FOUR: INFRASTRUCTURE/SERVICE DELIVERY

1. Are there situations which this facility was not able to defend GBV survivor? Please describe such situations? [Probe: Have you gotten judgement on some cases? If yes, how long did it take? Did the client opt out of the case?
2. How do the existing services to prevent GBV address needs of survivors who are living with disability?
3. Are there alternative dispute resolution options? If yes, what and where are they? Describe instances where clients were intimidated by perpetrators and what was done.
4. What mechanisms are available to ensure capacity and well-being of staff? (Probe: Training, resources, equipment e.g. electronic gadgets, welfare, self-care, etc.)

SECTION FIVE: REFERRAL AND COORDINATION

1. Is there a standard referral pathway for GBV survivors/cases in your organization? If yes, please describe it.
2. Have you ever referred a GBV survivor to other organizations that provide legal advice and support to GBV survivors? If yes, in what ways do you believe these services were beneficial to the survivor? Probe on whether they occasionally need to refer for temporary shelter and the outcome of such referrals].
3. Do you provide referrals for survivors to the police or other law enforcement agencies? If yes, what kind of services do they offer?

4. What is your impression of the ability of the law enforcement agencies and legal system here to respond compassionately to survivors and to provide them with justice?
5. Do you provide referrals for survivors to temporary shelter and safe homes? If yes, what is the ease of accessibility and availability of this service?
6. Do you think economic empowerment programs benefit GBV survivors? If yes, in what ways?
7. Do you have any way to track whether a survivor has contacted the referral organization? If yes, please explain. Probe: For example, do you escort the survivor

SECTION SIX: CHALLENGES/RECOMMENDATION

1. What are your main challenges in providing services to GBV survivors? Probe: issues specific to the agency like service constraint, funding, human resource, infrastructure, equipment, cultural resistance, political interference etc.
2. What are the quality gaps in GBV services provided in this community? (probe: quality service delivery)
3. How can efforts to prevent GBV be improved in this community?

Any other comments?

Thank respondent for taking time to participate in the interview and end interview.