

# **GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AMONGST A DISPLACED POPULATION**

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# ***BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY***

- High levels of domestic violence were noted in the Districts of
  - Moyo
  - Adjumani
  - Arua
- In order to determine contributing factors, a survey was conducted

# ***OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY***

To identify:

- ❖ Causes of domestic violence
- ❖ Types of domestic violence
- ❖ Consequences
- ❖ Intervention / handling of cases
- ❖ To develop strategies for intervention

## ***AREA OF STUDY***

- Districts: Adjumani, Moyo and Arua  
– 20 Refugee Camps
- Target Population: Married and Divorced/Separated Persons

# ***METHODOLOGY***

**Sample size:            Total of 955**

- Adjumani     607
- Arua            204
- Moyo            144

## **Data collection Methods**

- Individual Questionnaires
- Key informant interviews
- Focus group discussion
- Document review (monthly reports)

# ***SURVEY FINDINGS***

- Quantitative results
- Qualitative results were used to complete quantitative research findings

# ***FINDINGS: DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS***

## **Gender**

- Male 441
- Female 514
- Total 955

## **Nationality**

- 93% Sudanese
- 4% Congolese
- 3% Other

## ***MARITAL STATUS***

	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Married	861	90
Divorced/separated	81	9
Co-habiting	13	1

### Kind of marriage ceremony

	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Customary	896	94
Civil	5	0.5
Wedding	28	3
Co-habiting	26	3

## ***DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS***

- 88% of those interviewed were 21 – 50 years of age
- 5% were between 10 and 20 years of age
- 8% were over 50 years of age
- Age at marriage for majority is 18 – 20 years of age
- Mean age at marriage for females is 19 and for males is 23

# ***DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS***

- Majority of respondents had 3 or 4 children
- Number of children ranged from 1 – 16
- 97% of respondents are Christian
- 3% are Muslim
- Education:
  - 47% had completed primary school
  - 27% had completed some or all of secondary school
  - 10% had vocational training

# ***OCCUPATION***

- Cultivation (61%)
- No occupation (22%)

## ***CAUSES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

- Alcohol abuse (36%)
- Poverty (33%)
- Field-work (17%)
- Domestic chores (13%)
- Misunderstanding/mistrust (10%)
- Others (70%)

*\* Percentage of cases.*

# ***COMMON TYPES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

- Physical fights
- Verbal fights
- Sexual violence
- Withdrawal into silence
- Withholding of financial assistance/support

# ***WITHHOLDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE***

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>44%</b>

# ***FACTORS BINDING RESPONDENTS TO ABUSIVE PARTNERS***

- Children (62%)
- Have nowhere to go (32%)
- Parents' inability to refund bride-wealth (11%)
- Inability to look after self (11%)

*\*(Percentages are of cases)*

- Due to abuse, 35% of the respondents have thought of leaving their spouses but are held by factors mentioned above

# ***HANDLING OF CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

- Family (57%)
- Clan leaders (50%)
- Local administrative structures e.g. Refugee Welfare Committees (RWCs) (40%)
- Police (2%)
- Others (11%)

# ***PUNISHMENT FOR OFFENDERS***

- Caning
- Fines

# *CONSEQUENCES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE*

- Divorce/separations
- Maiming
- Abuse resulting in death
- Suicides

# ***PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS***

- ✓ Improve alcoholic treatment programs
  - Alcohol Detox Center in Moyo
  - Reintroduce Alcoholics Anonymous Groups
- ✓ Improve access to opportunities for income generation through referrals to other programs
- ✓ Campaign for increased counseling of offenders