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Evidence for initiatives to reduce risk and incidence of sexual violence in conflict, post-conflict and other humanitarian crises in low and middle income countries: (SyLVIE)

Conceptual framework for a systematic review

Presentation Outline

- ❖ Describe rationale for and realist approach to review
- ❖ Outline conceptual framework
- ❖ Invite feedback on face validity of conceptual framework and proposed underpinning mechanisms

Prevalence: Sexual violence in conflict/ crisis

29% ♀ in Northern Uganda

([Kinyanda, Musisi et al. 2010](#))

23% ♀ East Timor (1999 crisis) 10% post-crisis.

([Unifem 2010](#))

40% of ♀ and 24% ♂ DRC

([Kirsten Johnson 2010](#))

61% rape victims in Liberia aged 10-19 years old

13% aged 0-9 years

([United Nations Mission for Liberia 2008](#))

3x increase in SV in Sri Lanka after 2004 tsunami

([Enarson 2006](#))

1325+10 WOMEN COUNT FOR PEACE

SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY: Gender-Sensitive Peacemaking, Peacekeeping & Peacebuilding



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DESCRIPTION

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FOCAL POINT/ LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE UN

<p>Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Women and Gender Equality Issues</p> <p>Revised by UN Women, 2010</p>	<p>Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Women and Gender Equality Issues</p> <p>Revised by UN Women, 2010</p>	<p>Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Women and Gender Equality Issues</p> <p>Revised by UN Women, 2010</p>	<p>Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Women and Gender Equality Issues</p> <p>Revised by UN Women, 2010</p>
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MONITORING AND REPORTING MECHANISM

<p>The Secretary-General's Report on Women and Gender Equality Issues</p> <p>Revised by UN Women, 2010</p>	<p>The Secretary-General's Report on Women and Gender Equality Issues</p> <p>Revised by UN Women, 2010</p>	<p>The Secretary-General's Report on Women and Gender Equality Issues</p> <p>Revised by UN Women, 2010</p>	<p>The Secretary-General's Report on Women and Gender Equality Issues</p> <p>Revised by UN Women, 2010</p>
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ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM

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RESOURCES

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The challenges

- Low likelihood of finding robust evidence for reduced SV because...
- Crisis setting not conducive to research/monitoring
- Prevalence studies influenced by under-reporting ← fears + risks to confidentiality
- Multiple intervention types

And...

- RCTs don't tell the whole story - need for multiple sources

Realistic Evaluation



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Another approach to systematic reviews

- Realism - social science - between constructivist and empiricist
- Not “what works?” but “what works for who in what circumstances?”
- By what mechanisms?
- Recognition of complexity and impact of context

Contextual typology



Intervention types

Primary prevention

- Combatant initiatives
- Peace building
- Community mobilization
- Intervention with Peacekeepers/ humanitarian personnel
- Systems and security
- Infrastructure

Secondary/ Tertiary prevention

- Survivor responses
- Legal interventions

Realist building blocks

CONTEXT	+	MECHANISM	=	OUTCOME
Conditions necessary for mechanism to be triggered to produce outcome		Operation of choices in light of program resources / other contextual factors		Positive or negative intended or unintended outcomes
eg. Resourcing of firewood patrols		eg. “Rape is risky”		eg. SV is reduced

Context-Mechanism-Outcomes

eg. Community Mobilization

CONTEXT	OUTPUT	INTERM. OUTCOME	INTERM. MECHANISM	INTERM. OUTCOME	MECHANISM	OUTCOME
Community consultation to identify existing capacity & needs	Awareness raising initiatives conducted	Community aware –eg i) rights to say no to sex/	“Its safe to tell” AND “I have rights”	Survivors get help and/ or report SV/ SEA		Harm from SV reduced
Community safe from immediate threats	Participatory activities undertaken	ii) services available/ iii) would assist others abused	“We can work together to achieve safety”	Community assists and protects survivors	“Rape is risky”	SV is reduced
Resources allocated	Rights documented			Community sanction offenders	“Rape is risky”	SV is reduced

Proposed mechanisms, actors and interventions

mechanism	actor	Intervention types
“Rape is risky”	Perpetrators/ potential perpetrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Combatant initiatives ~Women in peace building ~Community mobilization ~Security & systems ~Infrastructure ~Legal action
“Rape is unacceptable”	Potential perpetrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Combatant initiatives / DDR ~Men’s groups
“We have rights”	Survivors/ potential victims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Community mobilization ~Personnel measures ~ Legal action
“There is help for this problem”	Survivors/ potential victims Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Survivor care/ assessment
“Its safe to tell”	Survivors/ potential victims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Survivor care/ assessment
“We can together solve this”	Community Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Women in peace building ~Community mobilization ~Systems and security
“We take this seriously”	Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~Systems and security ~Infrastructure

Probable contextual factors

- Conflict situation vs humanitarian crisis
- Context for sexual violence
- Country
- Signatory to International Criminal Court?
- Gender/ age
- Degree of community engagement
- Gender norms prior to crisis



Photo: Anthony Zwi

So far and where to...

So far ...

Search of 19 data bases and 29 websites, 3 journals hand searched

Identification of 3500 titles

Title and abstracts screened -> 260 titles

What next?

Full text screening

Data extraction and quality assessment

Analysis against conceptual framework

Feedback

Mechanisms plausible ?

Other likely mechanisms?

Other probable contextual factors?

Other feedback?

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