SCREENING FOR INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

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Project Goals and Objectives

Goal: To expand access to comprehensive SGBV services for women experiencing IPV in Kenya

Objective: To assess the acceptability & feasibility of screening for IPV in Kenyan public health care settings

- Assess acceptability from provider + client perspectives
- Describe client flow and referral systems for survivors
- Design & test utility of an IPV screening tool for response and referral
Planned Project Activities

Project coverage areas:

- Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), Nairobi
  - ANC, CCC, GBV, and Youth centers

Activities:

- Diagnostic study
- IPV screening tool development
- Feasibility study
Measurement Strategy

- Diagnostic Study (Feb-March 2011)
  - Patient flow analysis
  - Semi-structured interviews (clients, providers, stakeholders)

- IPV Screening Tool Dev’t; Training (Mar-Apr 2011)

- Feasibility Study (April-Sept 2011)
  - Focus group discussions (providers)
  - Semi-structured interviews (clients: compliant & non-compliant)
  - Service statistics
Activities to date

- Population Council Institutional Review Board approval obtained
- Local ethical approval obtained
- Study tools developed
- Partnership established with the Gender-Based Violence Recovery Centre, KNH
The Challenges

- Study approval processes
  - Ethical issues around interviewing GBV clients
Lessons Learned to date

- The importance of partnerships (just a reminder!)
  - Eases entry into study sites
  - Project benefits from partner’s knowledge of study site (e.g., addition of KNH’s Youth Center as a study site)
  - Prevents duplication of effort, which saves time (e.g., KNH’s GBV taskforce/working group)
Next steps

- Establishment of IPV Hospital Task Force (HTF)
- Sensitization of departments
- Recruitment and training of data collectors
- Data collection
- Data analysis
- Screening tool dev’t in collaboration with IPV HTF
Need for Technical Assistance

- Development of IPV screening tool
- Development of training curriculum for hospital staff (administering the screening tool)