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INTRODUCTION

- Conflict sexual and gender-based violence and torture a major problem in Great Lakes
- Priority to tackle SBGV (Kampala Declaration, 2003; ICGLR, 2011)



Helen and Gladys SGBV training in Orom, Kitgum District

OBJECTIVES

- Implement holistic feminist approach: health and justice 'hand-in-hand' (Liebling-Kalifani, 2010; Liebling & Baker, 2010)
- Evaluate local impact on survivors resilience, health and rights



METHODS

- Qualitative, feminist, participatory methods
 - ❖ Projects and training in Uganda
 - ❖ Research in eastern DRC
 - ❖ Trauma services evaluation in Uganda
- Focus groups and individual interviews
- Evaluation used thematic analysis



Church Leader, Women's Support Group in DRC

RESULTS

- Reproductive health, support groups, income-generation, and clean water led to community empowerment and psychological growth
- Physical health treatment decreased stigma and increased quality of life
- Psychosocial support groups tackled social rejection and promoted solidarity
- Creative writing empowers and breaks silences
- Counselling and medication valued: reduced depression, increased empowerment and social engagement
- Limits to holistic approach without justice

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Holistic gendered model: adapt to context
2. Builds on survivors' resilience: tackles stigma and shame: engagement in peace-building
3. Extend reproductive and psychological support and treatment
4. Model limited without gendered structures for justice, capacity building and social support
5. Engage survivors in evaluation; enhance service quality, policy and legislation implementation e.g. Sustainable Development Goal 5
6. Further evaluation of creative methods

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