

Monitoring & evaluation:
ideas emerging from the meeting

Key questions:

- *#1 Conceptual issues*
- *# 2 What is the size of the prostitution industry?*
- *# 3: What are the circumstances under which men and women start to sell sex?*
- *# 4 What are the circumstances under which sex is sold in South Africa?*
- *# 5 stigma, societal attitudes and prostitution:*
- *#6 sex work and men*
- *#7 could legal change bring benefits to prostitutes and the community?*

#1 Conceptual issues:

- What is the definition of prostitution?
- (How) should it be differentiated from transactional sex?
- What are the opportunities & limitations of defining it according to self-identification?
- What are the implications of the definition for establishing all of the locations in which prostitution occurs?
- What are the implications of such differentiation for research and policy?

Monitoring magnitude

- # 2 What is the size of the prostitution industry?
- How is the industry segmented? What is the size of the segments?
- How many sell sex?
- How many institutions involved?
- How many intermediaries? What is their nature/activities?

- Can one methodology to determine size be used across geographical settings in South Africa?
- What are the strengths and limitations of different methodologies for assessing the size of the industry?
 - ISS adaptation of World Bank methodology
 - Capture/Recapture
- What other methodologies are valuable in studying sex workers quantitatively:
 - Respondent Driven Sampling

What are the concerns in research on prostitution?

- Industry heterogeneity & sex worker mobility
- Industry networking
- Stigma, organised crime and the covert nature of parts of industry – what do we miss?
- Definitional fluidity – difficulties having and operationalising a strict case definition and maintaining it across time and studies
- Illegal nature / overlap with other forms of crime – obstacle to research with intermediaries
- Difficulties getting ethics approval for this work and establishing and meeting the ethical requirements for protection of research subjects
- Need to do research with sex workers on the research team or advisory group

3: What are the circumstances under which men and women start to sell sex?

- Who sells sex, to whom and in what circumstances?
- What factors or interactions are critical influencing whether a woman or man in particular circumstances will sell sex?
- What is the relationships between adult and child prostitution? Migration?
- Why does it seem to be a choice for some and not others? What influences this?
- What influences cycling out of selling sex?

4 What are the circumstances under which sex is sold in South Africa?

- What are the contexts and dynamics of agency, as well as violence, exploitation and coercion in prostitution?
- What are the circumstances of work?
- What is the nature and context of third party involvement? How is this perceived by prostitutes?
- What are the economics of sex work in South Africa? How much more do sex workers take home after the costs of involvement in the industry (brothels, bribes, drugs etc)?
- Do these change with legislative change?

5 stigma, societal attitudes and prostitution:

- How does the general public perceive prostitution and those who buy and sell sex?
- What is the anatomy of stigma of prostitution? What is the impact of selling sex on women's self-identity and how does that impact on their lives?
- What are the micro-dynamics of stigma in the lives of prostitutes, buyers of sex and others?

#6 sex work and men:

- What is the impact of buying sex on men's sexuality and gender identity, and ideas about relations with women?
- How do men who buy sex perceive prostitutes and the sex industry?
- Men as sex workers

#7 could legal change bring benefits to prostitutes and the community?

- What is the health of prostitutes & does that change?
 - Sexual – esp. STIs, unwanted pregnancy
 - Reproductive health - TOP
 - Mental
 - Substance abuse
 - Exposure to violence
- Does it influence the rate of exit?
- Mapping of services for sex workers to assist exit, enable legal redress, protect minors & trafficked women, drugs rehab etc