

# 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)