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## **LVCT PROJECT**

**Pop Council SGBV Partners Meeting**

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# COE II STUDY OBJECTIVES

- Title:
  - “Improving the collection, documentation, and utilization of medico-legal evidence in Kenya”.
- Specific objectives:
  - Develop and test the feasibility of a strategy for improving forensic evidence collection and documentation on the PRC form within health facilities.
  - Develop and test the feasibility of a strategy for ensuring that such forensic evidence is recorded on the P3 form and entered into legal evidence at the police station.



# PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Coverage: 2 district hospitals and 2 police stations.
- Phase 1: Baseline
  - data collection & analysis
  - Meetings with key government departments
- Phase 2: Intervention
  - Meetings with Govt representatives
  - Assembling of a pre-packed rape kit
  - Training of police, prosecutors & HCWs
  - Monthly data collection
- Phase 3: Evaluation.



# MEASUREMENT STRATEGY

<b>Data type</b>	<b>When collected</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>Utilisation of data</b>
Number of survivors presenting at health facility (age, gender)	Monthly	Program staff	To establish %age of survivors reporting within 72 hours ; assess no. of kits & PRC forms used
Type of SV	Monthly	As above	To do a comparison of type of SV plus evidence collected
Numbers initiated on PEP, EC	Quarterly	As above	To inform program improvement
Numbers of rape kit assembled and distributed	Quarterly	Program and research staff	To assess number of kits used
Police and health care workers trained	Mid-project	Research coordinator	To assess the level of utilisation of the medico-legal documents
Number of PRC and P3 forms filled in	Quarterly	Research officer	



## ACTIVITIES TO DATE

- Ethics approval obtained .
  - To be re-applied after 1 year
- Baseline data from 2 hospitals collected.
- Photocopies of Police examination forms for survivors obtained from health facilities.
- Meetings held with MoH, Government Chemist and Director of Public Prosecution's office.
- Data entry finalised.



# CHALLENGES

- Permission to collect data from survivor case files at the police stations yet to be obtained.
  - This led to a 2-months delay in initiating project activities.
- Delays in getting an official go-ahead from the targeted government departments.
  - Several protocols to be observed.



## LESSONS LEARNT

- Importance of working in collaboration with Government.
- This has led to our project findings being used to influence sections in the revised national guidelines on management of sexual violence in Kenya:
  - Examination and evidence collection from child(boys and girls) survivors(Chapter 1).
  - Forensic evidence(chapter 3 of the guidelines).
    - This entire section was lacking in the previous guidelines.
  - The medico-legal (PRC ) form.
    - This was revised as per study findings.
    - The form can now be filled in by a medical/clinical/nursing officer.



## NEXT STEPS

- Meetings with representatives from government departments to build consensus on:
  - The locally assembled rape kit
  - Training content to be covered by each partner
    - Government chemist
    - Prosecutor's office
    - Division of Reproductive Health
    - LVCT
- Monthly data collection.
- Ensuring that the lessons learnt from this project are utilised in the review of the existing training curricular on the clinical management of sexual violence.





## NEED FOR T.A.

- In how to address any issues that might emerge as regards the rape kit
  - Legal expertise

# Thank You!



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