



Lessons Learned:

Building capacity for SIPV primary prevention research & intervention development in Sub-Saharan Africa

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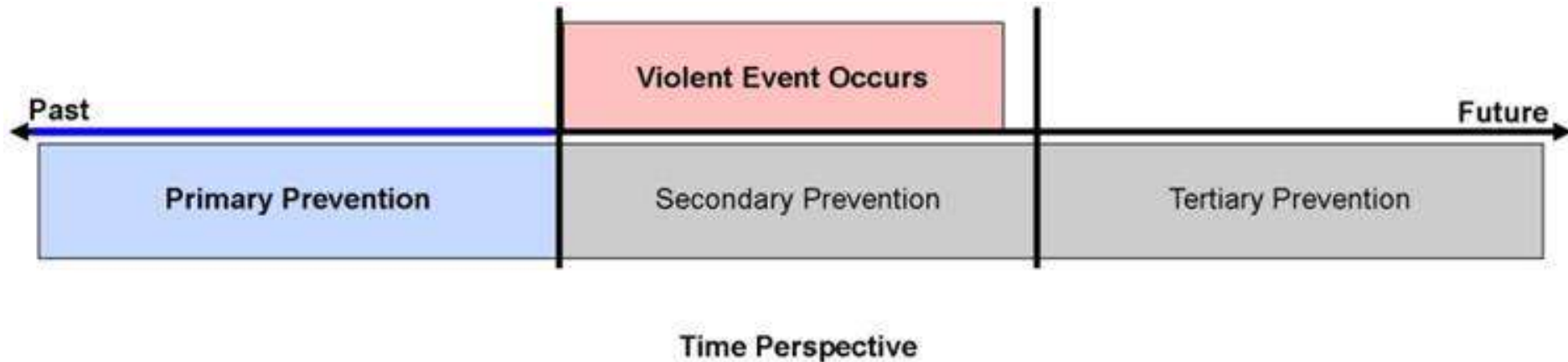


SVRI Primary Prevention Project Aims



- Develop and strengthen research skills in the field of SGBV primary prevention by developing a cadre of specialists in the region to take this work forward
- Contribute to the evidence base for primary prevention of SGBV in low and middle income countries

Focus on primary prevention



Levels of prevention (Dahlberg & Krug, 2002)

Teams: Research-Programming Partnerships

South-South Collaboration



Learning through Doing



- Phase 1: Inception
 - Understanding of primary prevention & evidence-informed theoretical models
 - Develop a research proposal
- Phase 2: Formative research
 - Ethics, participant mobilisation, data collection, data management & analysis, report writing
- Phase 3: Intervention adaptation
 - Informed by formative evidence & int'l best practice
- Phase 4: Pilot intervention evaluation
 - Phase 2 learnings + facilitator training & intervention implementation logistics + evaluation methodology
 - Dissemination skills

Capacity development and technical support activities



- Workshops and regional meetings – a community of practice and shared learning
- In-country visits
- Wiki
- Courses
- On-going remote support and feedback

Lessons learned: Team feedback



- Capacity & confidence strengthened
 - Primary prevention understanding
 - Research skills
 - Ethics of working on SIPV & children
 - Intervention adaptation
- Demanding & challenging process
 - Underestimating time & resources needed
- Fulfilling – relevant research addressing an immediate need & community involvement in research
- Regional meetings most helpful

Lessons learned: TA Reflections



- Detailed capacity assessment at the start
- Slow, systematic, targeted (sometimes repeated) training
- Translate existing research into practical examples
- Transformation takes time & intensive efforts
- Co-PI model
- Regional & face-to-face meetings & trainings were extremely valuable
- Community of learning
- Templates are useful

Questions



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