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Developing and Implementing Gender-Based Violence Screening Within Community Organizations

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PROJECT GOAL

The project seeks to assess the feasibility of implementing a simplified screening tool for gender-based violence within HIV programmes at community organizations.

BACKGROUND

1:4 EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF VIOLENCE*

VIOLENCE

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

28.1% Transgender women (TG)

24.3% Men who have sex with men (MSM)

RAPE

32.7% Transgender women (TG)

20% Men who have sex with men (MSM)

STIGMA

Stigma and criminalization of these behaviors further exacerbate the experience of violence, and hinder access to HIV prevention and support services.

Significant Intimate Partner Violence & Rape*

Guyana Bio Behavioral Social Survey (BASS) 2014.

1:2 PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

1:2 PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE

2:5 SEXUAL VIOLENCE

4:5 EMOTIONAL ABUSE

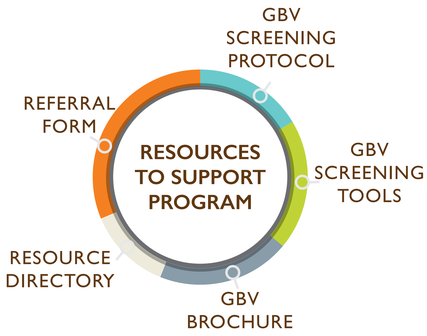
METHODS

The study was conducted in five sites in collaboration with International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) between January-March 2015

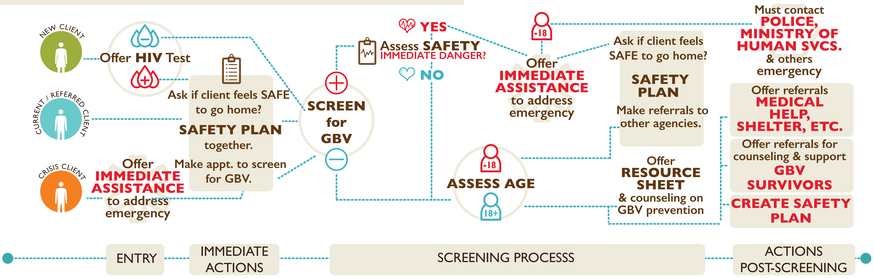
Adaptation of existing GBV screening tool, development of a resource booklet, directory of supportive services, and programme protocol

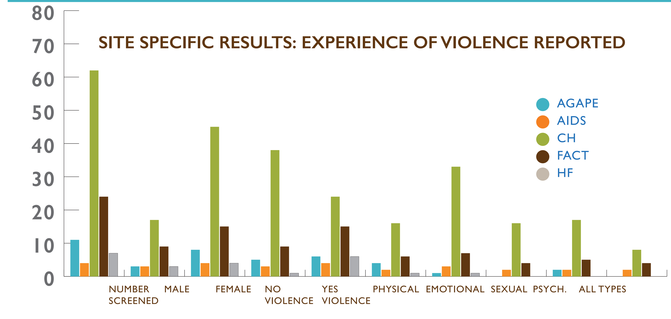
Organizations benefited from GBV-specific and gender sensitivity training, along with on site mentoring

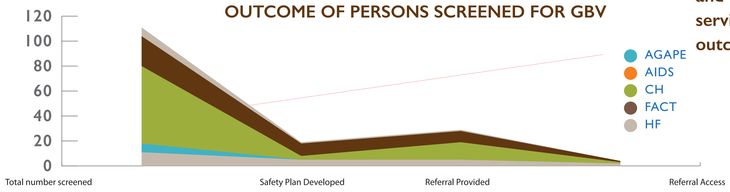
Key population members and PLHIV were offered screening while they accessed HIV counseling, testing, or care and support services



INTEGRATING GBV SCREENING WITHIN HIV SUPPORT SERVICES IN GUYANA







CONCLUSION

HIV services within community organisations can be an effective entry point to screen for and response to GBV. Further, GBV survivors identified through screening, if succesfully egnaged, could be more inclide to report abuse and utilise approproaiate services for better health outcomes.

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