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Researching Gender-based Violence: Methods and Meaning



Background

Gender-based violence (GBV) occurs globally and is prevalent in many forms, including intimate partner violence, rape and coerced sex, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking. Such forms of gender-based violence have serious impacts on individuals' physical, sexual and psychological health, as well as their social and economic well-being.

Well-designed research on the causes, and consequences of violence, as well as violence prevention interventions are essential to inform policies and services to prevent and respond to GBV. Further, conducting action-oriented research on GBV that is robust and carried out in ethical and safe ways requires specific methodological approaches.

The course

This course aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills to conduct or commission technically rigorous, ethical and policy- and service-relevant research on various forms of violence against women, children and adolescents.

It is intended for individuals who have an interest research on GBV. It will be of particular interest to those who want to strengthen their methodological skills and understanding of GBV research. It is relevant for individuals working on health-related topics such as sexual and reproductive health, maternal health, HIV, mental health, and substance use.

The course will be taught through a series of interactive lectures, practical exercises that also draw on real-life research experiences of staff members, group work, discussion panels and assigned reading.

Course content

The course will cover topics including:

- Conceptualising and researching various forms of gender-based violence.
- Associations between violence and health: current knowledge.
- Ethics, safety and researcher wellbeing.
- Approaches to researching violence: qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, intervention research.
- Developing conceptual frameworks for violence and health research.
- Social and gender norms, masculinities.
- Evaluation research.
- Violence research in health care settings.
- Violence research in humanitarian settings.

Eligibility

Participants are expected to have some prior experience with conducting research and relevant knowledge about the subject of gender-based violence. Teaching will be conducted in English and participants will need sufficient language skills to read course materials and participate actively in group discussions.

Key information

Course organisers:
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The course will feature lectures from LSHTM staff and international visiting lecturers.

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