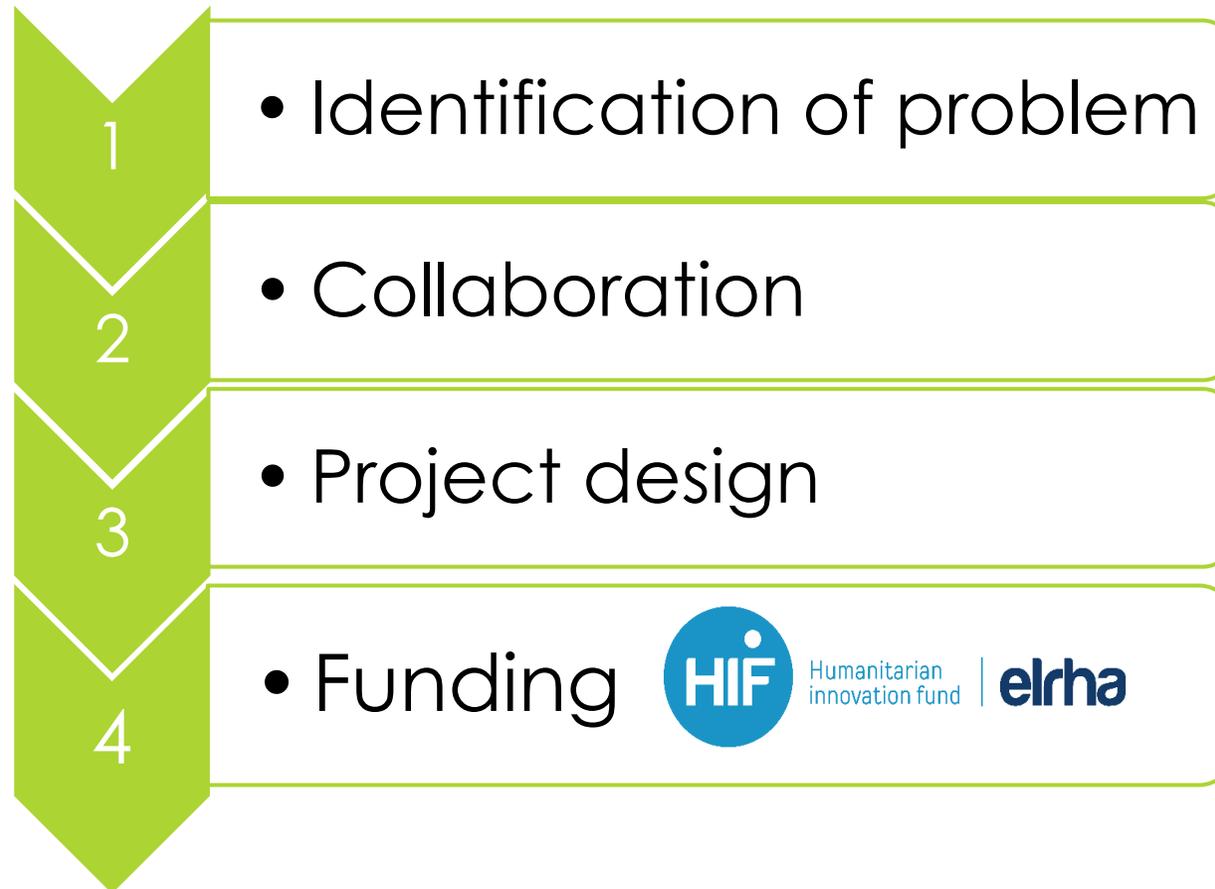


Understanding sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) against refugees with a communication disability, in Rwanda



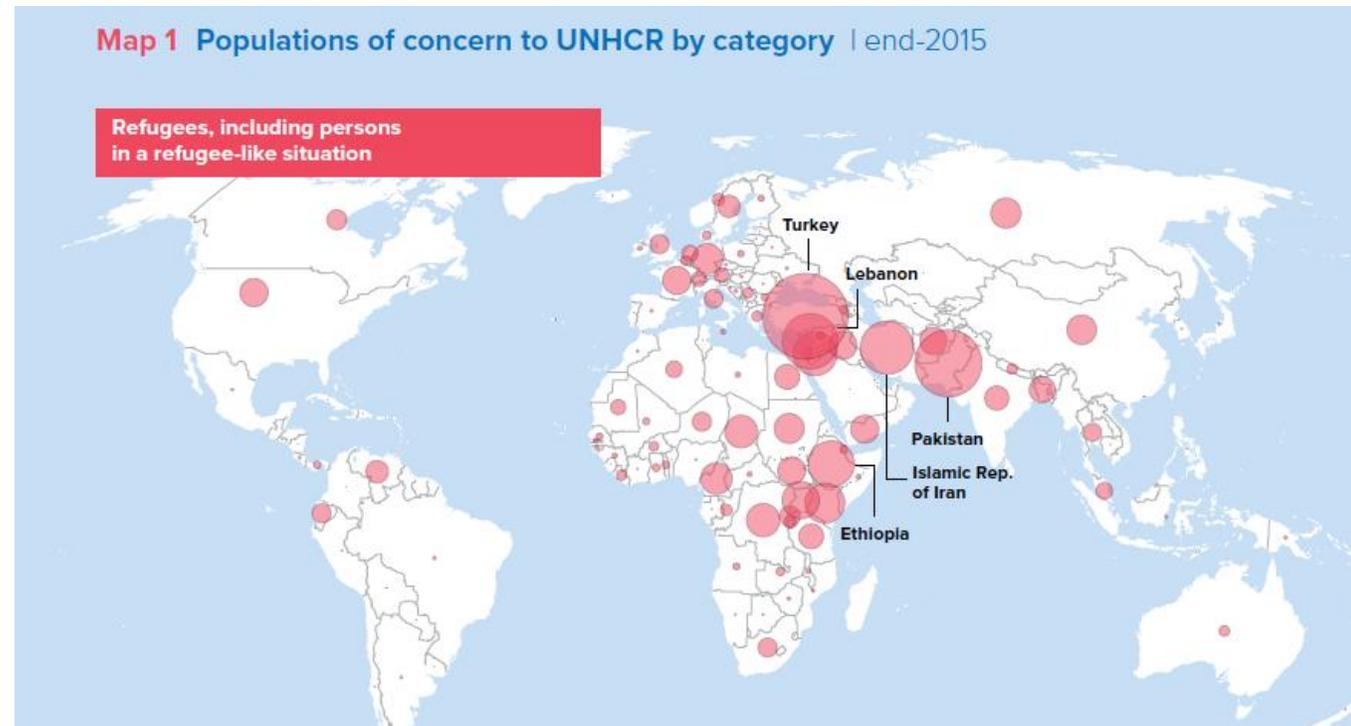
Development of the project idea



Forced Migration

65.6 million displaced worldwide

154,000+ refugees in Rwanda

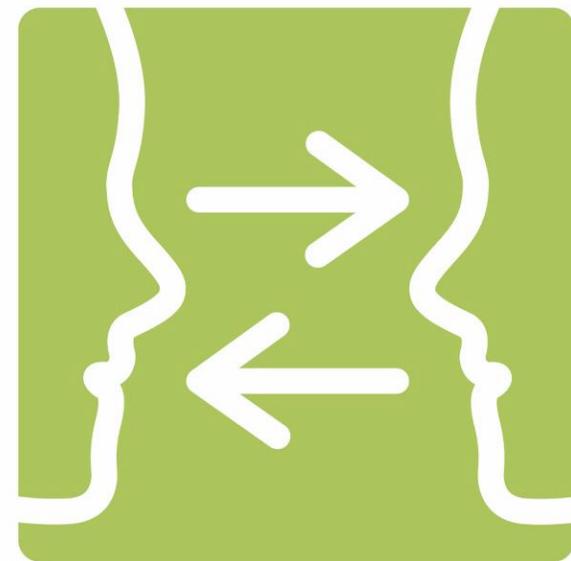


Sexual and Gender-based violence (SGBV)



Communication disability in refugee populations

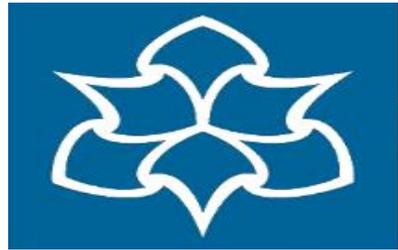
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Refugees with Communication Disability (RWCD) and SGBV



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Principal Aim

To begin to understand and describe the challenges to supporting refugee-survivors of SGBV with communication disability, in Rwanda.

1. Literature review

- ▶ **Refugees / humanitarian contexts**
- ▶ **(Communication) disability**
- ▶ **SGBV / abuse**



2. Face-to-face data collection

1. Focus group discussions and interviews
2. Stakeholder workshop



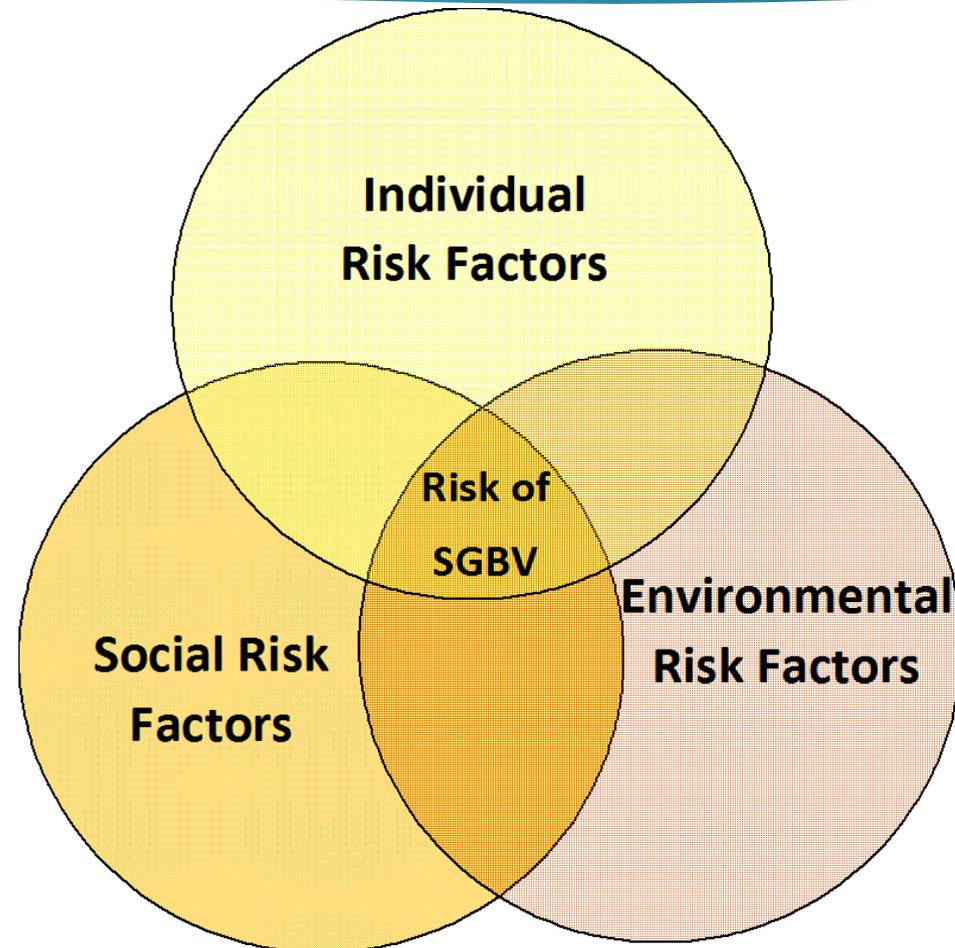
Data analysis

- ▶ Literature review → coded and described
- ▶ Interview & workshop data → content analysis

Findings. Literature review: 1

- 1. Risk of SGBV for refugees with disabilities**
- 2. Vulnerability of PWCD to SGBV**
- 3. Little on vulnerability of refugees with CD to SGBV**
- 4. Little evidence of good practice**

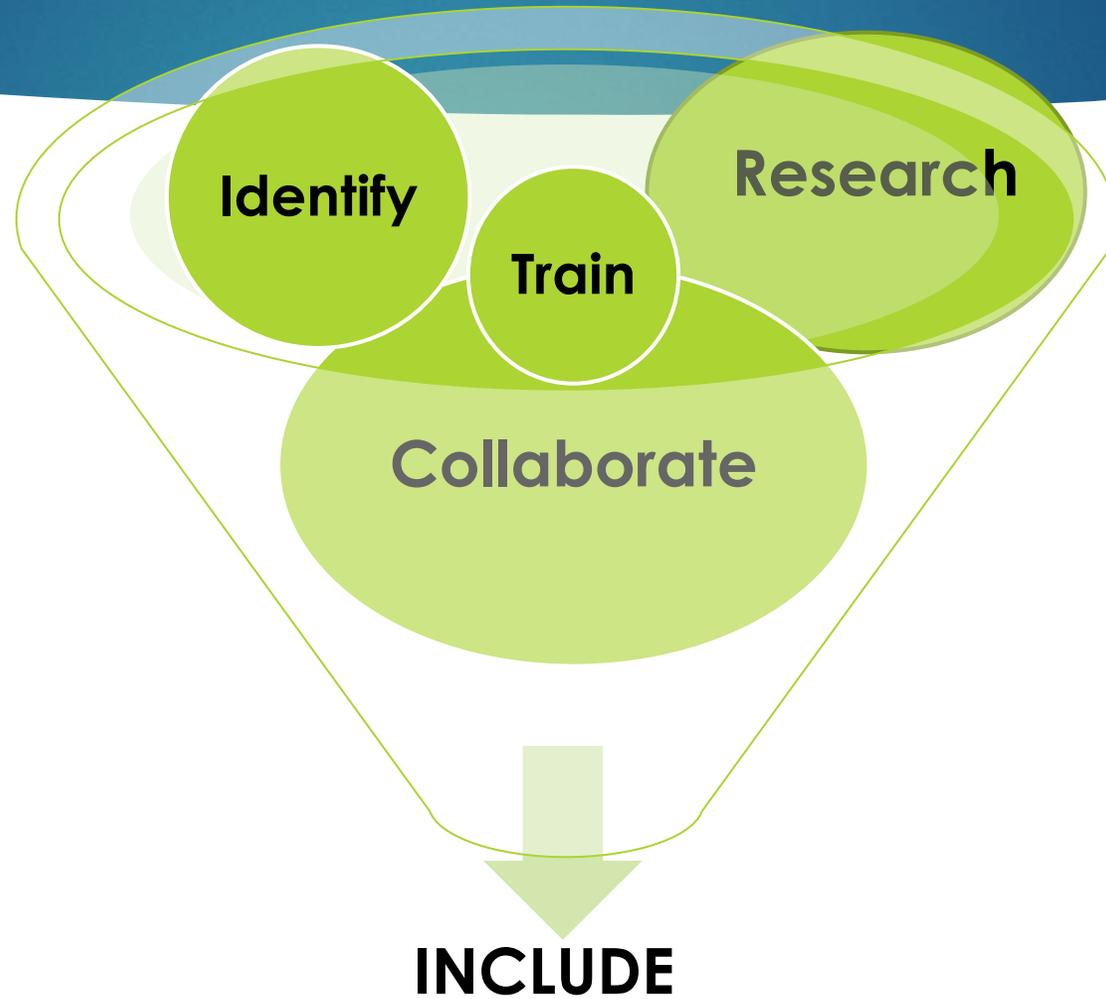
Findings. Literature review: 2



Findings. Focus groups & workshop

- 1. Barriers to accessing SGBV services**
- 2. Stigmatisation and discrediting**
- 3. PWCDs are vulnerable**
- 4. Limited understanding about CD**

Recommendations



Impact



Key learning points

Refugees with CDs in LMICs are vulnerable to SGBV

Humanitarian / SGBV staff need knowledge about CDs

SLTs can have a role in humanitarian situations

More information



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