

CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: SURVIVING THE LOSSES

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RESEARCH QUESTION

“What is the experience of women who have survived sexual gender-based violence in conflict affected countries”?



LITERATURE REVIEW

- ❖ Social Justice
- ❖ SGBV
- ❖ Conflict-related SGBV
- ❖ PTSD



PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS



- ❖ Social justice
 - ❖ Rawls
 - ❖ Powers & Faden

METHODOLOGY

- ❖ Data Collection
 - ❖ Researcher as instrument
 - ❖ Translation
- ❖ Data Analysis
 - ❖ Narrative analysis
 - ❖ Analysis of narrative
- ❖ Trustworthiness





SAMPLE

- ❖ 14 women in North Kivu area of eastern Congo
 - ❖ 9 from Alimbongo
 - ❖ 5 from Lubero
- ❖ Nande tribe
- ❖ Age range 18-63
- ❖ Languages-Nande & Swahili
- ❖ Selected for invitation by counselors



FINDINGS

Themes	Subthemes
Experiencing powerlessness and demoralization with the rape	
Feeling the stigma and discrimination of others	Living with the response from husbands Living with the community response
Struggling with persistent overwhelming consequences	Experiencing a life of loneliness Living with economic challenges Living with long-term sequelae
Feeling valued and grateful for assistance and compassion	
Awareness and desire to seek care despite fearing stigma and discrimination	

Six Dimensions of
Well-being

Reasoning



Health



Self-
determination

Personal
security



Attachment

Respect



SIGNIFICANCE TO NURSING

- ❖ Science & Research
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Practice



RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Conflict-related SGBV in other countries
- ❖ Participatory research on nursing interventions for conflict-related SGBV
- ❖ Study on conflict-related sexual violence against men
- ❖ Study to test educational strategies to increase student nurses and other healthcare providers understanding/awareness of conflict-related SGBV

THANK YOU
