



Gender-Responsive Social Work Interventions for Youth Displaced by Conflict in South Sudan's Eastern Regions, 2009

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Abstract

Youth displacement in South Sudan’s eastern regions due to conflict has led to significant social work challenges. Gender dynamics within these communities are complex and under-researched, necessitating a more nuanced approach. A mixed-methods approach incorporating qualitative interviews and quantitative surveys was employed to gather data from local communities and service providers. Focus groups and case studies complemented these methods to explore gender-specific needs and barriers faced by displaced youth. Gender roles were found to significantly influence access to social services, with women often facing greater challenges in accessing essential support such as healthcare, education, and legal aid compared to men. Current interventions show promise but require further customization to address gender-specific needs effectively. A more inclusive approach is needed to ensure equitable service delivery for all displaced youth. Promote culturally sensitive training for social workers on recognising and addressing gender dynamics in their work. Develop targeted support programmes that specifically cater to women’s unique challenges.

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