

EMERGE COVID-19 and Gender Questions

Partner Violence, Sexual Exploitation and Bystander Behavior

Important Considerations:

- Protections should be in place to support those who are victims of violence, and to ensure we do not increase their risk by asking them to disclose this information in a phone interview. Please see guidance from our *Guidelines for Phone Interviews on COVID-19 and Gender* for guidance on protection efforts that may allow you to collect these data.
- We would highly recommend you have a hotline number or other way of providing referrals to health resources for all participants assessed via these items. You may wish to assess which items to include in your survey based on the referrals you will be able to provide to respondents.

Conflict and Violence in Relationships

Now I would like to ask you about your difficulties that may be occurring in your relationship. Some couples are fighting more because of the stresses related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the social containment efforts to manage the spread of the virus (lockdown, curfew, etc.)

1. Can you share with us a bit about your relationship over the past 12 months, and more recently?

	In the Past 12 Months?		Does this occur more often or less often since the COVID-19 pandemic?		
	Yes or No (circle one)		More Often	Less Often	Same
i. In the past 12 months, have you and your partner argued or fought about anything?	Yes	No	More Often	Less Often	Same
ii. During the past 12 months, has your male partner slapped you, hit you, kicked you, thrown things at you, or done anything else to physically hurt you?	Yes	No	More Often	Less Often	Same
iii. During the past 12 months, has your male partner forced you to have sex when you did not want to?	Yes	No	More Often	Less Often	Same
iv. During the past 12 months, has your male partner forced you to do something sexual when you did not want to?	Yes	No	More Often	Less Often	Same
v. If they said yes to any of the above (i-iv), ask: From whom have you sought help in the past 12 months? Anyone else? (Select all that apply)	a. Own family b. Husband/Partner's family c. Current or former husband/partner d. Friend/Neighbor e. Religious leader f. Doctor/Medical personnel g. Police h. Lawyer i. Social Service Organization j. Other_____		Are you seeking help? (circle one) More Often Less Often Same		

Source: Questions on Intimate Partner Violence taken and adapted from:

- Demographic and Health Surveys. (2019). Demographic and Health Surveys Phase 8: Woman's Questionnaire. Retrieved from <https://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-DHSQ8-DHS-Questionnaires-and-Manuals.cfm>
- UN Women. Surveys show that COVID-19 has gendered effects in Asia and the Pacific. April 29, 2020. <https://data.unwomen.org/resources/surveys-show-covid-19-has-gendered-effects-asia-and-pacific>

Sexual Exploitation

1. In times of crisis, or just in cases when people are in need, they are asked sometimes to do sexual things for money or other resources. This may also increase give the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am going to ask you if any of these have happened in the past 12 months, and if they have happened more often, less often, or the same amount since the pandemic started.

	In the Past 12 Months?		Does this occur more often or less often since the COVID-19 pandemic?		
	Yes or No (circle one)		More Often	Less Often	Same
i. During the past 12 months, have you been asked to have sex in exchange for food, gifts, or money?	Yes	No	More Often	Less Often	Same
ii. During the past 12 months, have you been asked to have sex in exchange for food, gifts, or money, through the internet or your mobile device?	Yes	No	More Often	Less Often	Same
iii. During the past 12 months, have you had sex in exchange for food, gifts, or money?	Yes	No	More Often	Less Often	Same

Source: Taken or adapted from – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Haiti Violence against Children Survey. https://www.togetherforgirls.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2012_Haiti_Findings-from-a-Violence-Against-Children-Survey.pdf

To further develop your survey, please refer to the following modules:

- [Digital Connectivity, Cyber Control and Abuse](#)
- [Domestic Work Distribution, Time Use and Unpaid Labor](#)
- [Women and Girls' Agency](#)

Bystander Behavior

Now I would like to ask you about difficulties that may be occurring in the relationships of individuals who live near you. Some couples are fighting more because of the stresses related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the social containment efforts to manage the spread of the virus (lockdown, curfew, etc.)

1. If you observe the following behaviors, what would you be most likely to do? Please rank the top three things you would do.

	a. Do nothing, it is not a problem b. Do nothing, it is not my relationship c. I would not know what to do or say to intervene d. I would intervene, such as knock on their door when I hear abuse or try to speak with them, but only if other people were also trying to stop it e. I would intervene if I saw that no one else was f. I would talk to either the person being hurt OR his or her partner, privately g. I would refer the person being hurt to some resource (i.e. for emotional, medical, or judicial assistance) h. Call the police	If they report d, e, f, g, and or h, ask: Are you more or less likely to intervene or provide support since the COVID-19 pandemic? More Often Less Often Same
i. An individual is being emotionally abused by his or her partner	a b c d e f g h	More Often Less Often Same
ii. An individual is being physically abused by his or her partner	a b c d e f g h	More Often Less Often Same
iii. An individual is being sexually abused by his or her partner	a b c d e f g h	More Often Less Often Same

Now we would like to ask you if there is anyone who lives near you that is having this type of experience.

2. Can you share with us a bit about what you have felt about such issues over the past 12 months, and more recently?

	In the Past 12 Months? Yes or No (circle one)	Does this occur more often or less often since the COVID-19 pandemic? More Often Less Often Same (circle one)
i. Is there anyone who lives near you who has experienced emotional abuse from their partner (i.e. insulting, threatening to harm, blaming them when their partner does bad things etc.)	Yes No If no, go to question iv	More Often Less Often Same
ii. Have you been concerned about this situation (emotional abuse) for the person who lives near you?	Yes No	More Often Less Often Same
iii. Have you intervened to try to stop the emotional abuse?	Yes No	More Often Less Often Same
iv. Is there anyone who lives near you who has experienced physical abuse from their partner?	Yes No If no, go to question vii	More Often Less Often Same
v. Have you been concerned about this situation (physical abuse) for the person who lives near you?	Yes No	More Often Less Often Same
vi. Have you intervened to try to stop the physical abuse?	Yes No	More Often Less Often Same
vii. Is there anyone who lives near you who has experienced sexual abuse from their partner?	Yes No If no, END	More Often Less Often Same
viii. Have you been concerned about this situation (sexual abuse) for the person who lives near you?	Yes No	More Often Less Often Same
ix. Have you intervened to try to stop the sexual abuse?	Yes No	More Often Less Often Same

Source: Questions on Bystander Behavior taken and adapted from: Deitch-Stackhouse, J., Kenneavy, K., Thayer, R., Berkowitz, A., & Mascari, J. (2015). The influence of social norms on advancement through bystander stages for preventing interpersonal violence. *Violence against women*, 21(10), 1284-1307.

Please see *EMERGE COVID-19 and Gender Questions: Digital Connectivity and Cyber Control and Abuse* for items on other forms of gender-based violence that use digital technology for potential inclusion.