

**EMERGE Gender Questions**  
**Partner Violence, Sexual Exploitation and Cyber-Abuse**

**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 the following WHO recommendations for conducting ethical research on domestic violence:*  
<https://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/violence/intervention-research-vaw/en/>
- *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. It is normal in many relationships for fighting to occur, but sometime it can result in one partner hurting the other. I would like to ask you some questions about whether this has happened to you in your current relationship, in the past 12 months. Your responses can be:

- Yes, in the past 12 months
- Yes, but not in the past 12 months
- No, never

1. Have you and your partner argued or fought about anything?	a	b	c
2. Has you male partner slapped you, hit you, kicked you, thrown things at you, or done anything else to physically hurt you?	a	b	c
3. Have you been physically hurt or injured because of something your partner did to you during a fight?	a	b	c
4. Has your male partner forced you to have sex when you did not want to?	a	b	c
5. Has your male partner forced you to do something sexual when you did not want to?	a	b	c

**SOURCES:** 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**

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. I am going to ask you if any of these have happened in the past 12 months. Your responses can be:

- Yes, in the past 12 months
- Yes, but not in the past 12 months
- No, never

1. Have you been asked to have sex in exchange for food, gifts, or money?	a	b	c
2. Have you been asked to have sex in exchange for food, gifts, or money, through the internet or your mobile device?	a	b	c
3. Have you had sex in exchange for food, gifts, or money?	a	b	c

**SOURCE:** Questions on Sexual Exploitation taken and 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](https://www.togetherforgirls.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2012_Haiti_Findings-from-a-Violence-Against-Children-Survey.pdf)

### Cyber-Abuse

Please indicate if any of the following are a significant problem for you from individuals outside your household. Again, I would like to ask you some questions about whether this has happened to you in your current relationship, in the past 12 months. Your responses can be:

- a. Yes, in the past 12 months
- b. Yes, but not in the past 12 months
- c. No, never

1. Intentionally made you feel guilty or bad about something through statements made via technological devices	a	b	c
2. Purposefully ignored your communication through technological devices	a	b	c
3. Updated social network relationship status to taunt you	a	b	c
4. Posted poetry or music lyrics online in reference to you to taunt or hurt you	a	b	c
5. Wrote a post on his or her social networking wall to taunt you	a	b	c
6. Called you derogatory names or insulted you through technological devices (e.g., text messaging, social networking posts, etc.)	a	b	c
7. Spread rumors or told lies about you through technological devices (e.g., text messaging, social networking posts, etc.)	a	b	c
8. Sent harassing images through technology that made you uncomfortable (e.g., pictures or videos of violence, nudity, etc.)	a	b	c
9. Posted or sent your contact or personal information without permission somewhere on the Internet where others can see	a	b	c
10. Threatened to harm you by making a threatening statement through technological devices	a	b	c
11. Threatened to harm your family, friends, or pets by making a threatening statement through technological devices	a	b	c
12. Threatened to harm himself or herself if you broke up by making a threatening statement through technological devices	a	b	c

**SOURCE:** Questions on Cyber-Abuse taken and adapted from: Marganski, A., & Melander, L. (2018). Intimate partner violence victimization in the cyber and real world: examining the extent of cyber aggression experiences and its association with in-person dating violence. *Journal of interpersonal violence*, 33(7), 1071-1095. See [https://emerge.ucsd.edu/R\\_2eVk725oodSSdwa/](https://emerge.ucsd.edu/R_2eVk725oodSSdwa/)