***Exploring Social Capital in Refugee Settlements***

***West Nile Refugee Response Program in Northern Uganda***

**Topic Guide for Focus Group Discussions**

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I would like to start our discussion today by talking about your village and this settlement.

1. Can you tell me about important events that have taken place here, such as the following?

* When did most residents arrive here? Where did most come from?
* Have there been any important sicknesses in this settlement? How was this handled by community leaders or the health system?
* Have there been any disagreements or conflicts inside this settlement or with host communities? Please explain?

1. What are the most important resources and services in your village? Does everyone in your village have equal access to these resources? Why or why not?

* What about health services? Do all families in the village have access to health care?
* How about safe water sources? Do all families have access to clean water?

1. Have new people recently arrived/entered this village? How to do they get settled and integrate into the community? Who helps them?
2. Who are the most excluded or isolated mothers in this community? Why is this so? Are these mothers able to reach health services for themselves of their children? Why or why not?
3. Now let’s talk about the any groups, networks or associations in your village. These can be formally organized groups with a specific purpose or informal groups of people who get together regularly to do an activity or to talk about things.

* What networks or groups exist in your village? Can you describe any of these?
  + Are you a member of any group? How does one join? What prevents participation?
  + Where do the groups usually meet?
  + What information or support can you get from the group?
  + Which networks or groups in this village are most important to you? Why?

1. Next let’s talk about how you receive information about health services.
   * How did you get information about going to antenatal care when you were pregnant?
   * And how did you get information about when to vaccinate your child?
   * Do you trust that information? Why or why not?
2. Please tell me about the last time your child (under 2 years) was ill (diarrhea, fever, cough).
   * What did you do? Did you seek care? Where?
   * What stopped you from seeking care? -OR- What helped you to seek care?
3. If suddenly one of your children falls ill and you need assistance, whom would you ask for help? Can you give an example?

* Would most of your *immediate* *neighbors* help you? Why?
* Do you feel that *most people in this village* are willing to help if you need it? Why?

1. How well do you know your immediate neighbours? Do you trust (have confidence in) your neighbours? Why or why not? Can you give an example?
2. Do you trust (have confidence in) your community leaders? Why or why not?

* In the past 6 months, have you received support from community leaders? What kind?
* When was the most recent community meeting? What was discussed?

1. Are there any people or groups you *do not trust* in this village? Why? Can you give an example?
2. In the past 6 months, have members of this village worked together to solve a problem? Can you give a recent example? How has this affected relationships among village residents?
3. Thinking about your immediate neighbours:
   * Have you given them any type of support recently? What kind?
   * Have you received any support from them recently? What kind?
4. Thinking about the nearby host community:
   * Have you exchanged information or resources with the Ugandan nationals in the host community recently? What kind?
   * Have you received any support from the host community recently? What kind?
5. Is there anything else you would like to add that we have not covered today?

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US