

**SCREENING OF WOMEN FOR IPV AT TEMEKE  
DISTRICT HOSPITAL, DAR ES SALAAM**

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# AIMS

- We aimed to study the feasibility of using an abuse-screening tool for women attending an outpatient department, and describe how healthcare workers' perceived its benefits and challenges

# METHODS- Study area



# Phases

- **Planning**
  - Selection of HCWs and other logistics
- **Training of HCW**
  - Gender-based violence
  - Screening tools
  - How to conduct motivational interviewing
  - How to write narratives
- **Intervention**
  - Screening of women
- **Evaluation**

# Screening

## Purposeful selection of HCWs to conduct screening

- The outpatient department (OPD) manager assisted to select 4 clinical officers, one MD and two nurses

## Selection of women for screening

- Due to logistic reasons and confidentiality the first 3 women attending the OPD 29 March – 17 April 2010 were invited to be screened

# Evaluation

## During screening

- Observations of HCWs and clients interaction by the researcher
- Time spent with the client

## After screening

- 3 Focus group discussion on perceptions of screening with 21 HCWs
  - 2 FGD were mixed (sex and profession)
  - 1 FGD was homogenous (female nurses)
- 5 Written narratives from the 7 HCWs on views about conducting screening to women
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# Results: Screening data

- 102 women screened
- 80 women abused (78%)
  - 50 had experienced IPV
  - 18 were abused by a relative
  - 7 were abused by somebody at work
- 51 of the abused women had experienced it more than once
- 18 sexually abused

# FGD and narratives: Content analysis

Theme 1: Just asking feel good

- A blessing for the tool

Theme 2:  
What next

- Ethical dilemma
- Lack of resources

Theme 3:  
Fear of becoming women only hospital

- Men and children also involved
- Women offered many services



# Implications

- Overall screening is beneficial – a stepping stone for other interventions
- Other forms of violence can be recognized
- Structural challenges to be considered before screening
- Studies on other forms of violence are needed