

Uncovering community needs regarding gender-based violence among women and girls in southern Ethiopia: an explorative study

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Background

Gender-based violence (GBV)



Occurs in one in three women globally; 8-38% in Ethiopia



Often underreported
Predominantly normalised in Ethiopia



Lack of care, support, and response systems for violence survivors

Objective

- To explore community perceptions of and responses to GBV and challenges in accessing support services

Methods

- Setting: Arbaminch City, South Ethiopia
- Design: a **phenomenological explorative** study

4 FGDs



62

Participants



20 in-depth
interviews

2 site

observations

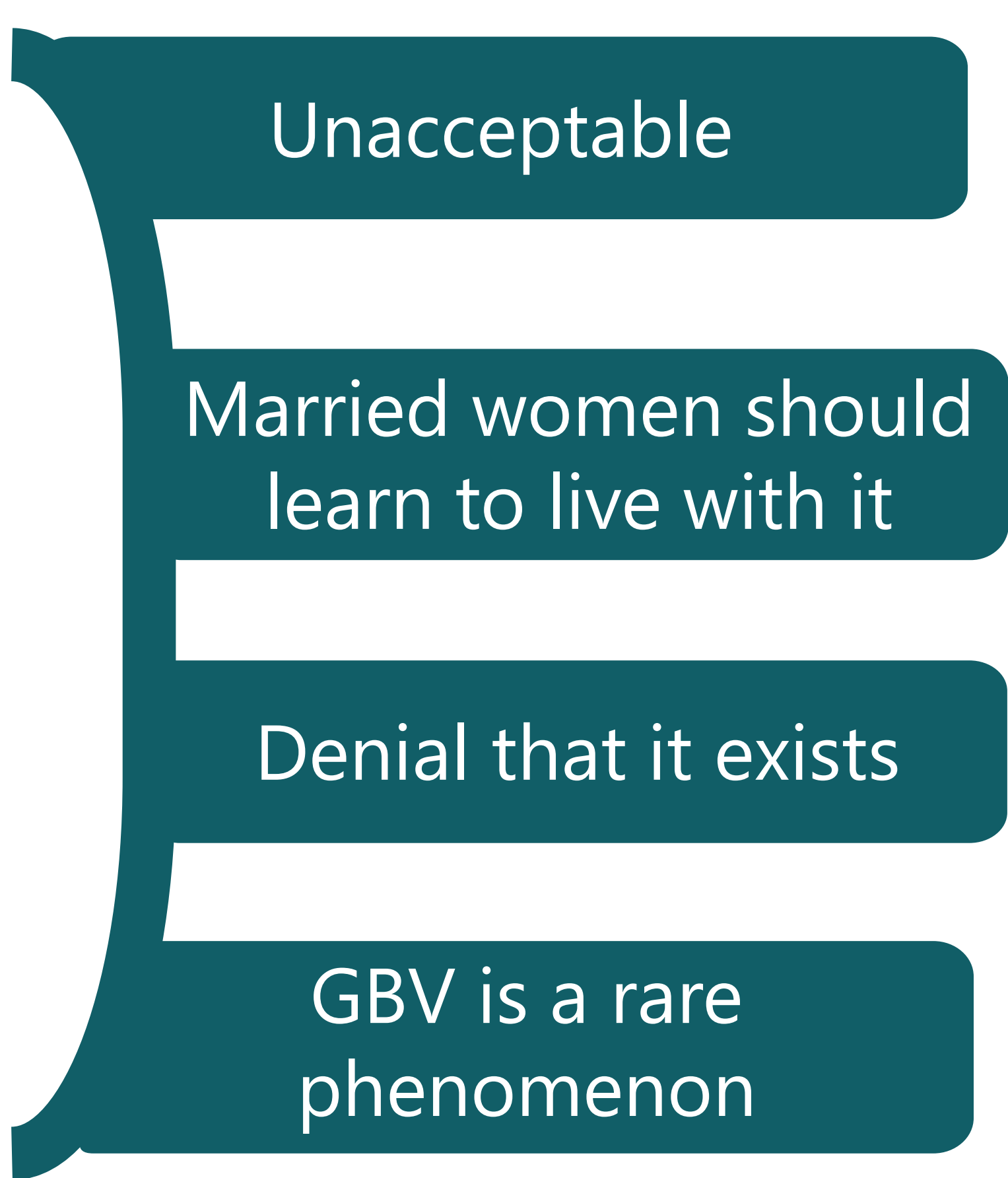


5 informal
conversations

Results – Study participants responses to the act of GBV



Community Perceptions of GBV



Challenges in accessing GBV services



Conclusions

- Interventions against GBV should be
 - Aimed at shifting social norms
 - Multidimensional
 - Multisectoral
 - Community-oriented
 - Continuous

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