

Inclusive Research Case Study 2 Gender-based violence and migration with underserved groups

Overview

This case study illustrates the challenges and strategies involved in conducting research on gender-based violence (GBV) and migration with underserved groups, including survivors of slavery, GBV, and individuals with insecure migration status. The researcher used community researcher training and offered incentives to encourage participation. Collaboration with organisations such as Brushstrokes Charity and Survivor Alliance facilitated participant recruitment and engagement. However, language barriers and the potential for dependency on organisations posed challenges. Consistent engagement with organisations and frequent updates were used to maintain involvement. Confidence was gained through self-reflection, while the experience with the ethics committee was perceived as less positive due to process delays.

Research Area: Gender-based violence (GBV) and migration, particularly focusing on survivors of slavery, GBV, and individuals with insecure migration status

Population: Survivors of slavery, GBV, and individuals with insecure migration status

Involvement Methods:

- Engaging refugees and asylum seekers through community researcher training programs
- Offering incentives, such as photography lessons

Facilitating Participation:

 Use of clear communication and trust-building strategies

Barriers to Contact:

 Facing challenges due to offering only English, leading to communication difficulties

Challenges in Maintaining Involvement:

 The potential challenge of becoming overly reliant on organisations for continued involvement.

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Known Participants/Organisations:

- Brushstrokes Charity
- Survivor Alliance
- Refugee Action

Outreach Activities:

 Collaborating with charities and gatekeeper organisations to reach underserved populations

Facilitating Contact:

- Leveraging partnerships with organisations for participant recruitment
- Utilising existing organisational networks for participant engagement

Maintaining Organisational Involvement:

 Sustaining involvement through continued engagement in other projects and providing frequent updates

Promoting Researcher Confidence:

 Confidence gained through having space for self-reflection and evaluation