

Operationalising the participation of refugees and internally displaced populations in research on GBV and gender equality: challenges and risks in humanitarian settings

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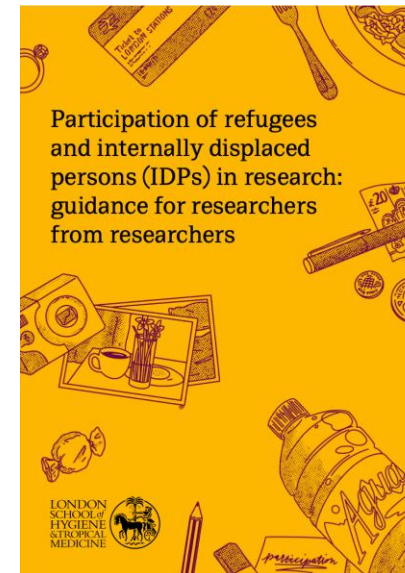
Key questions on ‘participation’ in research: *What does being participatory look like in humanitarian settings? What risks does participation create? How meaningful is the participation?*

Methods:

- Scoping review of academic and grey literature
- 17 interviews with practitioners and academics

Findings:

1. Participation may be poorly-defined and misappropriated.
2. Participation is not always appropriate.
3. Positivist underpinnings to research can be an obstacle to participation.
4. Benefits of participation may be over-emphasised.
5. Refugees may experience negative impacts from participation.



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Always the Ideal? Exploring the Risks of Refugee Participation in Research

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Implications: *define participation and situate it within humanitarian power hierarchies; use feminist approaches; consider financial compensation; reflect on the “why”; frame participation from refugees’ perspectives*