



RESEARCH FINDINGS

Phase 1: Participatory Action Research with refugee women and girls to better prevent sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA)

These reports share findings from the first phase of Empowered Aid around risks of SEA in relation to food, WASH, shelter, cash, and fuel & firewood aid throughout the distribution process. They summarise the findings of the rigorous, longitudinal qualitative research with refugee women and girls in Uganda and Lebanon and provides targeted, action-oriented recommendations to make aid distributions safer, grounded in the voices of women and girls.

[Uganda Country Report](#)

[Lebanon Country Report](#)

Phase 2: Piloting the recommendations formulated by the refugee women and girls in Phase 1

These reports share the findings from the Lebanon & Uganda pilots to test recommendations made in Phase 1 by women and girls that could increase their safety at aid distributions. They contain the summary reports for each pilot as well as individual reports for each of the tools used during the distribution.

[Uganda Pilot Report](#)

[Lebanon Pilot Report](#)



BRIEFS

The **country policy briefs** summarise the findings of Phase 1 on the SEA risks identified by refugee women and girls in Uganda & Lebanon and targeted action-oriented recommendations to mitigate them.

[Uganda Policy Brief](#)

[Lebanon Policy Brief](#)

The **Covid-19 briefs** summarizes recommendations by country to prevent & respond to SEA in the context of COVID-19.

[Uganda Covid-19 Brief](#)

[Lebanon Covid-19 Brief](#)



TRAININGS

Empowered Aid Online Course

Informed by Empowered Aid's evidence-based results, this [self-paced course](#) is free and available to all learners interested in mitigating the risk of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in aid distribution, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), and programming.

Toolkit Training for Humanitarian Practitioners

This [training](#) outlines how to utilise the tools, design safer distributions, and reduce the risk of SEA associated with distributions. Additional resources can be found [here](#).

PSEA Training for Transport Drivers Working in Distributions

This [training](#) outlines specific ways to provide PSEA training for transport drivers, with the aim of increasing their understanding of SEA within transport. Additional resources can be found [here](#).

Empowered Aid Participatory Action Research Training

The [training](#) is for research team members to guide processes for shared study design and implementation and includes core trainings around gender, GBV and SEA.



SECTOR TIP SHEETS

The **sector tip sheets** summarise key findings on SEA in relation to specific types of distributions and provides targeted recommendations to make them safer for women and girls.



[Food Tip Sheet](#)



[WASH Tip Sheet](#)



[Shelter Tip Sheet](#)



[Cash Tip Sheet](#)



[Fuel & Firewood Tip Sheet](#)



MANUALS

Planning & Monitoring Safer Aid Distributions Toolkit

This [toolkit](#) includes four adapted distribution monitoring tools to better account for SEA risk: (1) a safety audit, (2) a point of distribution questionnaire, (3) a house-hold survey, and (4) a focus group discussion, with guidance on how to plan, train, collect data, and conduct analysis. A [shared drive](#) contains additional resources for toolkit users.

Participatory Action Research Toolkit

This [toolkit](#) contains key research tools used during Phase 1 of Empowered Aid in Lebanon and Uganda, such as the Participatory Group Discussion (PGD) and Qualitative Interview guides used.

Research Reflection Workshop: Facilitation Guide

This [facilitation guide](#) outlines processes for holding space to reflect and share feedback on the research process. Workshops were conducted halfway through the qualitative fieldwork, providing the opportunity to adjust the process and stay accountable to women and girls involved in the research.

Action Analysis Workshop: Facilitation Guide for Research Partner Staff

This [facilitation guide](#), for partners who facilitate the workshop with the refugee women & girl researchers, outlines the process through which participatory data analysis was conducted with a special emphasis on visual methods for use with low-literacy populations.

Action Analysis Workshop: Facilitation Guide for Women & Girl Researchers

This [facilitation guide](#), for women & girl researchers who took part in the data collection process, outlines the process through which participatory data analysis was conducted with a special emphasis on visual methods for use with low-literacy populations.



Hear us talk about our work



Research: Let's make it safe!

The team participated in a webinar organized by the UK Gov's Safeguarding Resource & Support Hub (through which participants were able to understand and consider what needs to be in place specifically when making research, programs, and monitoring and evaluation safe for both participants & researchers. Watch recording [here](#).



Empowered Aid Webinar Launch: Online Course

On October 12, 2021, the EA team held a virtual launch of the new online course to mitigate risks of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in aid distributions, which you can watch the live recording of here. Watch the recording [here](#).



Webinar Launch of the Toolkit for Planning and Monitoring Safer Aid Distributions

In July 2021, GWI hosted a virtual launch of the Empowered Aid Toolkit for Planning and Monitoring Safer Aid Distributions. This toolkit is based on six pilots conducted in Lebanon and Uganda by GWI and partners CARE and URDA in Lebanon, and IRC and World Vision in Uganda.

Watch the recording [here](#)



Animated Video Lebanon Pilot Findings to Mitigate SEA

The team developed an animated video to summarise the findings of the Phase II aid distribution pilots. The animated video is an example of how to communicate back findings visually and creatively with women, girls, and affected communities, in which literacy may be a barrier. Watch the video [here](#).

Localising knowledge generation during a pandemic to make distributions safer

Co-authored with EA partners URDA & CARE, this [case study](#) of EA work in Lebanon reflects on localisation in humanitarian research & knowledge generation processes during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Advocating for Victims' Rights in the UN: A Conversation with Jane Connors

Alina Potts from EA moderated an event hosted by the Global Women's Institute and GWU Humanitarian Health Program hosting the UN's first Victim's Rights Advocate, Jane Connors, in a conversation on preventing SEA in the humanitarian sector and centering victim's rights in its approach.

Watch the recording [here](#)



Are You Listening? It's Not Just A Few Bad Apples: SEA in The Humanitarian Sector

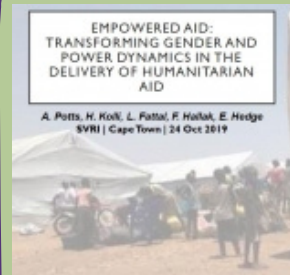
Alongside colleagues in the humanitarian aid sector, Alina Potts discussed the implications of continuous & widespread SEA from within the humanitarian aid sector and asserts the importance in developing and implementing feminist-centered policy change in to give women and girls a sustained voice and power in the aid system. Watch recording [here](#).

EA Webinar: Phase 1 Results & Recommendations Launch

In honor of World Refugee Day 2020, the Global Women's Institute (GWI) hosted a webinar launch sharing Empowered Aid's Phase 1 findings and recommendations on reducing risks SEA when accessing humanitarian aid in Lebanon and Uganda.



Watch the recording [here](#).



2019 SVRI Forum

The Empowered Aid team presented their research and findings at the 2019 Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum held in Cape town, South Africa.

Read the presentation [here](#).

EA Findings presented at the UK Parliament House of Commons Oral Evidence Session on SEA in the Aid Sector

Alina Potts served as a witness in the UK Parliament International Development Committee's first oral evidence session on SEA in the aid sector and delivered oral evidence from her experience as an aid worker and shared the voices of Syrian and South Sudanese women and girls engaged in EA's action research in Lebanon/Uganda. Listen to the audio recording [here](#) & read the transcript [here](#).

Women's Protection and Empowerment Podcast: Empowered Aid

The EA team discuss on the topic of "Empowered Aid: Transforming gender and power dynamics in the delivery of humanitarian aid" on an episode. Listen [here](#).

