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Refugee women:
Key to the
Global Compact
on Refugees



UNSW
Forced Migration
Research Network

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS USING RECIPROCAL RESEARCH: Session 2 CONFIDENTIALITY



Discussing confidentiality and coming to an understanding with the group about what this means, is a critical part of the methodology



It helps to build trust and creates an environment in which we feel comfortable to talk about difficult issues.

Confidentiality means that we all promise not to discuss anything we hear in this training without the permission of the person who tells the story.

It is a promise which we give to each other – the trainers, the participants, service providers, interpreters and staff.

If we all agree to do this, then we can learn to trust each other and discuss things openly, because we know it will not be spread around the community or used in reports without our permission.

Photographs and Videos

Confidentiality must be extended to the use of peoples images and videos. This is particularly important on Social media.

A quick group verbal permission is not enough. People sometimes do not understand the implications of being identified as taking part in trainings and workshops. There have been repercussions in many countries.

Always check before photos are used, and pixelate or remove pictures if permission is not clear, or withdrawn.

Ask participants not to use social media without the explicit permission. This applies to NGO's, interpreters and all stakeholders

Group Confidentiality Agreement

We the participants and facilitators of this “Community Consultation using Reciprocal Research” training agree to keep confidential any of the stories shared by individual participants during this training.

Date:

Name

Signature

Confidentiality Agreement

We, “the trainers” representing the UNSW Forced Migration Research Network and [your organisation’s name] promise that any information that we gather as part of this training will be totally confidential.

We guarantee that any written reports, photographs and film produced from this training will not be published or shown without written permission from the [.....] communities involved. No names will be used in any reports from this training.

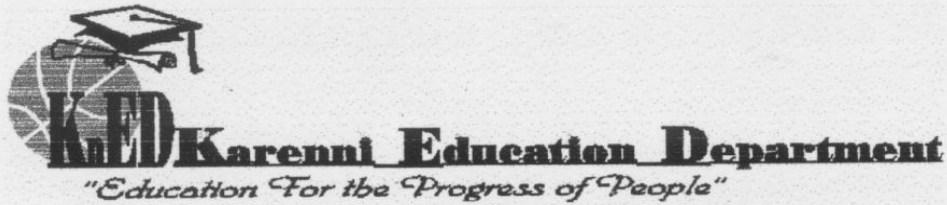
If this information is used with your permission, you will be sent copies of the reports and multimedia presentations within two weeks of their publication.

Trainers’ signatures:

Date:

I understand and accept this agreement.

Participants’ signatures:



Date November 3, 2004

Dear Eileen Pittaway and Linda Bartolomei,

On behalf of Karenni teachers and students, I would like to thank and give the respect to you. Because of the Human rights and Gender Training facilitated by you in last year, teachers and post high school students positively enriched their knowledge and shared to community.

Perfectly, we have seen the context and information about the training on CD PowerPoint for Karenni teachers and students and we are very enthusiastic for that you may use it for training (or) workshop in any areas you want. Wonderfully, we hope that international refugee community or other will see how we keenly involved in training as a part of international activities in Human Rights and Gender issues.

Honestly, we would like to keep this research document as a reference or document in KnED and other training centers. Please if it is possible, we would like you to arrange 3 copies for us.

Thank for your solidarity

(Augustino)

Director of KnED

An example of a permission letter from a Refugee Organisation