

## Closure and Evaluation

### Tool 39. Evaluation – focus groups

#### OBJECTIVES

- ✓ To evaluate the training paths in order to collect some information relating to strengths, weaknesses and recommendations from the training participants.

#### STEP-BY-STEP IMPLEMENTATION

The focus group must be organized at the end of each training path.

#### What is the evaluation Tool for We Go?

The tool consists of 4 statements, referred to throughout the document as Shield Statements. Each of these shield statements is based on international evidence in relation to the management of We Go project. The series of questions that follow each shield statement reflect evidence-informed practice that has been shown to have a positive impact on the project.

The process encourages participants to reflect on strengths and weaknesses through the 4 issues. The evaluation tool includes some recommendation coming out from the women survivors of intimate partner violence.

To be effective the evaluation tool relies on honesty and trust within the group and therefore individuals require a secure setting where difficulties can be raised and opinions challenged in a constructive manner.

#### How does the evaluation Tool work?

The tool works by bringing together the women survivors of intimate partner violence at the end of the training paths and the trainer will facilitate the discussion using the questions link to the statement. There are three fundamental principles required for the process to work:

- Trust and security within the group setting which is conducive to an honest debate.
- An openness to examine, to challenge, and work through a process of change focused on a specific outcome.
- A commitment to follow the process from assessment to implementation and review, forming a continuous exercise of assessment, self-reflection, and evaluation.

In completing the exercise the group is encouraged to take a step back to individually reflect on their experience and perceptions of the 4 statements before collectively moving forward to assess how they respond to intimate partner violence. The evaluation tool requires commitment from the group, sufficient time allocation to allow for discussion, an acceptance of the appropriateness of honesty within the group setting, and the combined obligation of all present to implement the agreed actions.



### What is the purpose of the evaluation tool?

This evaluation tool helps break through this body of evidence and present the information in a user-friendly format of information, prompts, self-reflection and evaluation. Through completing and working toward each of the shield statements we can be reassured that they are taking an evidence informed approach to tackling about the issue of the project.

### Who is the evaluation tool designed for?

The self-evaluation tool is designed for social workers and counsellors working within women survivors of intimate partner violence. The evaluation tool can be used on a one-to-one basis for individual reflection, but it is best used as part of a group setting where a level of trust and security exists among the members.

### How will I use it?

The evaluation tool is designed to be completed in one sitting within 1.5 hours. The ideal number of participants is small (10 people maximum). The social worker presents the three statements one at a time using the three guiding questions related to each individual statement, to facilitate the discussion. The guiding questions may be submitted all together or discussed one by one. It is important to make participants think about their strengths and weaknesses related to each statement and encourage the emergence of proposals for concrete actions to change/implement the framework highlighted by the discussion.

### Note to the facilitator:

- Try to collect inputs from participants and list them in the section “Recommendations” contained in the final part of this toolkit (it is useful to photocopy this section of the toolkit for each focus group);
- Try to share and compare the results obtained from the focus group with other facilitators that have applied the same methodology.

## TIME AND RESOURCES

<b>TIME</b>	1.5 hours
<b>MATERIALS AND RESOURCES</b>	None



## Shield Statement 1

The economic empowerment activities I was involved in helped me to develop new skills.

### Group Reflection:

- Do you think you have opportunities to access job opportunities?
- Did it happen to you recently to plan new life projects?

### What comes out from the discussion

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_

### What should be improved

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommendations

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- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
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- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_



## Shield Statement 2

I have changed the perception of myself and of my potential.

### Group Reflection:

- Do you feel more confident about your personal and professional skills?
- Do you think you have enough power to bring the changes you wish for yourself?
- Do you think there is network willing to help you in case you need to?

### What comes out from the discussion

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### Recommendations

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## Shield Statement 3

Economy is not only made of money and unpaid care work is an integral part of it.

### Group Reflection:

- Why unpaid care work should be taken into account when talking about economy and paid work?
- How unpaid care work impact women's lives?

### What comes out from the discussion

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
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### Recommendations

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## Shield Statement 4

Economic independence is a strong tool in exiting from violence.

### Group Reflection:

- Do you think you have the capacity to achieve your own economic independence?
- Do you think you are able to recognize your own resources and possibilities?

### What comes out from the discussion

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
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### Recommendations

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