

2013 Abbreviated DRC Military & Sex Worker Socio-Behavioral Questionnaire

Module Section 1. Demographic Information

Instructions to all participants: Check the appropriate box or write your answer in the space provided.

In what year were you born?

|_|_|_|_|_|_|_| year of birth

(77) Don't know

102. What is your current rank in the military?

- (1) Recruit
- (2) Soldier
- (3) Soldier of 2nd class
- (4) Soldier of 1st class
- (5) Corporal
- (6) Sergeant
- (7) 1st sergeant
- (8) Sergeant-Major
- (9) 1st Sergeant-Major
- (10) Adjutant
- (11) 1st class Adjutant
- (12) Chief adjutant
- (13) Sous-lieutenant
- (14) Lieutenant
- (15) Captain
- (16) Major
- (17) Lieutenant-colonel
- (18) Colonel
- (19) General de brigade
- (20) General-Major
- (21) Sous-lieutenant
- (22) Lieutenant-General

103. What is the highest education level that you have attained?

- (1) Did not attend school
- (2) Attended some primary school but not completed
- (3) Completed Primary school
- (4) Completed Secondary school
- (5) Completed High School
- (6) Completed College/University

104. What is the highest level of military training that you have attended?

- (1) None
- (2) Instruction center
- (3) Military academy
- (4) Other, please specify _____

105. What is your religion?

- (1) Christian
- (2) Muslim
- (3) Traditional
- (4) Kimbanguist
- (5) No religious affiliation
- (6) Other (non-Christian) → Please specify: _____

106. What is your current marital status? By "married" we mean by a legal or traditional ceremony.

- (1) Never married and not living with a partner
- (2) Not married but living with a partner
- (3) Married
- (4) Polygamous marriage
- (5) Widowed
- (6) Divorced/Separated

107. All together, how many sexual partners do you live with now?

|_|_| partners

These next questions are about your military background.

109. How many years have you been in the military?

|_|_| years

110. Have you been deployed in-country for more than 6 months in the past 2 years?

(1) yes

(2) No

111. During your most recent local deployment, how many total sexual partners did you have?
If you have not had any sexual partners during your most recent local deployment, write 0.

|_|_| partners

(99) I have not been on a local deployment

112. What type of sexual partners did you have during your most recent local deployment?
“**Regular partners**” include your spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, or any person with whom you have a committed relationship. “**Casual partners**” includes any person with whom you have sex with but do not have a committed relationship. This does not include your spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, or regular partners, but may include commercial sex workers or people you meet in your new deployed location. “**Commercial sex workers**” include any person who provides sex in exchange for money.
Check all that apply.

(1) Regular Partner(s)

(2) Casual Partner(s)

(3) Commercial sex worker(s)

(4) I had no partner on deployment

(99) I have not been on a local deployment

113. Have you been deployed to any of the following foreign locations for more than 6 months in the past 2 years? Check all that apply.

(99) I have not been on a foreign deployment in the past 2 years

(1) Republic of Congo

(2) Angola

(3) Morocco

(4) South-Sudan

(5) Unites States of America

(6) China

- (7) Egypt
- (8) Central African Republic
- (9) Belgium
- (10) Gabon
- (11) France
- (12) Other → Please specify: _____

114. During your most recent foreign deployment, how many total sex partners did you have? If you have not had any sexual partners during your most recent foreign deployment, write 0.

|_|_| partners

(99) I have not been on a foreign deployment

115. What type of sex partners did you have during your most recent foreign deployment?

“Regular partners” include your spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, or any person with whom you have a committed relationship. **“Casual partners”** includes any person with whom you have sex with but do not have a committed relationship. **“Commercial sex workers”** includes any person who provides sex in exchange for money. This does not include your spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, or regular partners.

Check all that apply.

- (1) Regular Partner(s)
- (2) Casual Partner(s)
- (3) Commercial sex worker(s)
- (4) I had no partner on deployment
- (99) I have not been on a foreign deployment

Module Section 2. Sexual History

The next questions ask about HIV and sexual partners. Please answer honestly. Remember, your answers will remain strictly confidential.

201. Have you ever had sex? By sex, we mean vaginal, oral, or anal sex between two willing individuals.

₍₁₎ Yes

₍₂₎ No

202. Approximately how many sex partners have you had in your lifetime, including any current partners?

|_|_|_| partners

₍₇₇₎ Don't know

₍₉₉₎ I have never had sex

203. Approximately how old were you the first time you had sex?

|_|_| years old

₍₇₇₎ Don't know

₍₉₉₎ I have never had sex

204. "**Regular partners**" include your spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, or any person with whom you have a committed relationship.

In the past 12 months, how many regular partners did you have sex with? If you haven't had sex with any regular partners in the last 12 months, write 0.

|_|_|_| regular partners

₍₇₇₎ Don't know

205. "**Casual partners**" includes any person with whom you have sex but did not have a committed relationship. This does not include your spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, or regular partners.

In the past 12 months, how many casual partners did you have sex with? If you haven't had sex with any casual partners in the last 12 months, write 0.

|_|_|_| casual partners

₍₇₇₎ Don't know

206. Have you ever had sex with more than one partner in the same week?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

207. Have you ever paid or received money, shelter, food, drugs, favors or gifts in exchange for sex? Check all that apply.

- (1) Yes, I've paid money, shelter, food, drugs, favors or gifts in exchange for sex
- (2) Yes, I've received money, shelter, food, drugs, favors, or gifts in exchange for sex
- (3) No, I've never paid or received money, shelter, food, drugs, favors, or gifts in exchange for sex

We now would like to collect some more information about any sexual partners you had during the last 6 months.

Answer the following questions about the last time you had sex with your regular partner. "Regular partners" include your spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend or any person with whom you have a committed relationship.

208. Was a condom used the last time you had sex with this regular partner?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (99) I did not have sex with a regular partner in the past 6 months

209. How often was a condom used when you had sex with a regular partner during the last 6 months?

- (1) Always
- (2) Almost always
- (3) Sometimes
- (4) Rarely/Never
- (99) I did not have a regular partner in the past 6 months

210. If you never use condom with your regular partner, what might be the reason?

- (1) Our HIV status is negative
- (2) We are loyal to each other
- (3) Neither of us is sick
- (4) Other, please specify _____

211. Was this regular partner's status HIV-positive, HIV-negative or unknown?

- (1) HIV-positive
- (2) HIV-negative
- (77) Don't know
- (99) I did not have a regular partner in the past 6 months

212. Did you know your own HIV status the last time you had sex with your regular partner?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (99) I did not have a regular partner in the past 6 months

213. What is the gender of this regular partner?

- (1) Male
- (2) Female
- (88) Prefer not to answer
- (99) I did not have a regular partner in the past 6 months

214. What type of sex did you have? Check all that apply.

- (1) Genito-vaginal
- (2) Genito-anal
- (3) Genito-oral
- (4) Oral-anal
- (5) Oral-vaginal
- (88) Prefer not to answer
- (99) I did not have a regular partner in the past 6 months

Answer the following questions about the last time you had sex with your casual partner.
"Casual partner" includes any person with whom you have sex but did not have a committed relationship. This does not include your spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, or regular partners.

215. Was a condom used the last time you had sex with this casual partner?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (99) I did not have a casual partner in the past 6 months

216. How often was a condom used with a casual partner in the last 6 months?

- (1) Always
- (2) Almost always
- (3) Sometimes
- (4) Rarely/Never
- (99) I did not have a casual partner in the past 6 months

217. Was your last casual partner's status HIV positive, HIV negative, or unknown?

- (1) HIV positive
- (2) HIV negative
- (77) Don't know
- (99) I did not have a casual partner in the past 6 months

218. Did you know your own HIV status the last time you had sex with your casual partner?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (99) I did not have a casual partner in the past 6 months

219. What is the gender of this casual partner?

- (1) Male
- (2) Female
- (88) Prefer not to answer
- (99) I did not have a casual partner in the past 6 months

220. What type of sex did you have? Check all that apply.

- (1) Genito-vaginal
- (2) Genito-anal
- (3) Genito-oral
- (4) Oral-anal
- (5) Oral-vaginal
- (88) Prefer not to answer

Module Section 3. Condom Use and Accessibility

301. How often did you use a condom when you had sex in the last three months?

- (1) Always
- (2) Almost always
- (3) Sometimes
- (4) Rarely/Never
- (99) I did not have sex during the last 3 months

302. Where could you obtain a **free** condom, if you wanted one, within your military? Check all that apply.

- (99) Free condoms are not available at my barracks, unit, or base
- (1) Barrack
- (2) Toilet/Bathroom
- (3) Rollcall
- (4) Guard security post
- (5) Military medical facility, clinic, or hospital
- (6) Peer educator/ counselor
- (7) Other (specify) _____
- (77) Don't know

303. How easy or difficult is it for you to get **free** condoms?

- (99) Free condoms are not available at my barracks, unit, or base
- (98) I don't try to get free condoms
- (1) Very easy
- (2) Easy
- (3) Difficult
- (4) Very difficult

304. If you do not use condoms, what are the reasons you don't use them? Check all that apply.

- (1) Free condoms are not available at my barracks, unit, or base
- (2) I don't like the lubricant
- (3) I don't like the texture
- (4) I cannot ejaculate while using a condom
- (5) it decreases the feeling/orgasm

- (6) It is forbidden to use in my religion
- (7) The lubricant is dangerous (risk of cancer or AIDS)
- (8) I don't like the smell
- (9) I don't trust them
- (10) They don't have the right brand
- (11) Location of free condoms is not convenient
- (12) Insufficient quantity of free condoms
- (13) It is embarrassing to take free condoms from the available sources (e.g. clinics, condom dispensers, etc.)
- (14) The hours of availability aren't convenient
- (15) Other (specify) _____
- (99) Does not apply, I use condoms

305. The last time I had sex, I

- (1) Did not use a condom
- (2) Put the condom on BEFORE we started sex and kept it on until the end
- (3) Put the condom on BEFORE sex but removed it before the end
- (4) Put the condom on AFTER we started sex
- (5) The condom broke and I put on another one
- (6) The condom broke and I did not change it

Module Section 5. Gender-Based Violence.

Other people have made the following comments listed below. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with these statements.

501. It is all right for a man to use physical force to get a woman to have sex when she does not want to.

- (1) Agree
- (2) Disagree
- (77) Don't know/unsure

502. It is all right for a man to threaten or coerce a woman to have sex when she does not want to.

- (1) Agree
- (2) Disagree
- (77) Don't know/unsure

503. When a woman is forced to have sex against her will, it is usually because of things she

said or did.

- (1) Agree
- (2) Disagree
- (77) Don't know/unsure

504. A woman should not withhold sex when a man desires it.

- (1) Agree
- (2) Disagree
- (77) Don't know/unsure

505. Have you had sex when you didn't want to because you were verbally threatened, physically forced, or were afraid to refuse?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (88) Prefer not to answer

506. If you were verbally threatened or physically forced to have sex, was the person a military member?

- (99) I have never been verbally threatened or physically forced to have sex
- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (77) Don't know
- (88) Prefer not to answer

507. If you have ever felt obligated to have sex with a military superior, why?

Check all that apply.

- (99) I have not felt obligated to have sex with any of my military superiors
- (1) I wanted a promotion or other favor (such as avoiding deployment or a better assignment)
- (2) I was verbally threatened/physically forced
- (3) Other → Please specify: _____
- (88) Prefer not to answer

Module Section 6. Alcohol Use

601. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?

- (1) Never
- (2) Monthly or less
- (3) 2-4 times a month
- (4) 2-3 times a week
- (5) 4 or more times a week

602. How many bottles of beer/alcohol do you have on a typical day?

- (1) 0
- (2) 1 or 2
- (3) 3 or 4
- (4) 5 or 6
- (5) 7 to 9
- (6) 10 or more

603. How often do you have 6 or more drinks on one occasion?

- (1) Never
- (2) Less than monthly
- (3) Monthly
- (4) Weekly
- (5) Daily or almost daily

604. How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started?

- (1) Never
- (2) Less than monthly
- (3) Monthly
- (4) Weekly
- (5) Daily or almost daily

605. How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking?

- (1) Never
- (2) Less than monthly
- (3) Monthly
- (4) Weekly
- (5) Daily or almost daily

606. How often during the last year have you needed a first drink in the morning to get yourself going after a heavy drinking session from the previous day or night?

- (1) Never
- (2) Less than monthly
- (3) Monthly
- (4) Weekly
- (5) Daily or almost daily

607. How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking?

- (1) Never
- (2) Less than monthly
- (3) Monthly
- (4) Weekly
- (5) Daily or almost daily

608. How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because of your drinking?

- (1) Never
- (2) Less than monthly
- (3) Monthly
- (4) Weekly
- (5) Daily or almost daily

609. Have you or someone else been injured because of your drinking?

- (1) No
- (2) Yes, but not in the last year
- (3) Yes, in the last year

610. Has a relative, friend, doctor or other health care worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested you cut down?

- (1) No
- (2) Yes, but not in the last year
- (3) Yes, in the last year

611. In the last three months, did drinking alcohol influence your decision about or prevent you from using condoms or using condoms correctly?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (99) I did not have sex and/or I did not drink alcohol in the last three months

612. In the last three months, did you ever have unintended sex, as a result of drinking alcohol?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (99) I did not have sex and/or I did not drink alcohol in the last 3 months

Module Section 8. Drug Use

801. Have you ever injected drugs?

- (1) Yes, but not in the last 12 months
- (2) Yes, in the last 12 months
- (3) No, I have never injected drugs
- (88) Prefer not to answer

802. Have you ever shared syringes/needles or other injection equipment for drug use?

- (1) Yes, but not in the last 12 months
- (2) Yes, in the last 12 months
- (3) No, I have never injected drugs
- (88) Prefer not to answer

803. In the past 12 months, have you injected any prescription products with a shared syringe/needle?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

804. In the last three months, did you use any of the following that influenced your decision to use condoms or use condoms correctly? Check all that apply.

- (1) Alcohol
- (2) Marijuana/Djamba
- (3) Heroin/Lopipi
- (4) 36 Birds
- (5) Gasoline/Paint
- (6) Other → Please specify: _____
- (99) I did not have sex in the last three months

805. In the last three months, did you ever have unintended sex, as a result of using the following? Check all that apply

- (1) Alcohol
- (2) Marijuana/Djamba
- (3) Heroin/Lopipi
- (4) 36 Birds
- (5) Gasoline/Paint
- (6) Other → Please specify: _____
- (99) I did not have sex in the last three months

Module Section 9: Female Sex Workers in surrounding communities

1.	Age (18 years or older)	Age: _____
2.	Born female	Y / N
3.	Has resided in DRC for the last 6 months	Y / N
4.	Has exchanged sex for money within the last 12 months and more than half of her annual income comes from selling sex	Y / N
5.	How long have you been having sex for money?	Years: _____
6.	Are you married or living with a partner?	Y / N
7.	With whom do you currently live? (Circle all that apply.)	Parents, children, siblings, other sex workers, spouse/partner, other: _____
8.	Is sex work your primary means of earning income?	Y / N If no, what is? _____
9.	When did you have your first sexual encounter?	Age: _____
10.	How do you identify yourself?	Heterosexual/ Bisexual/ Homosexual/Other: _____
11.	Do your clients consume alcohol or use drugs before they have sex with you?	Y / N
12.	Do you consume alcohol or use drugs before working or having sex with clients?	Y / N
13.	When and where did you have your first client or your sexual act for money or gifts?	When: _____ Where: _____
14.	Are you sexually attracted to men, women, or both? Circle.	Women Men Both
15.	Has anyone abused you physically or sexually?	Y / N Please explain.
15b	If yes, did this happen before you were 18?	Y / N Please explain.

Other qualitative questions of interest:

- How much are you compensated by your client? Does payment vary for certain services (ex. oral sex, anal sex, one night) or certain clients?
- Can you tell me about any situations you have had in which a client brings other men or more men than what was agreed? How do you prevent or protect yourself against situations like this?
- Do you perceive that any of your clients have an unusually high sex drive or that they are hypersexual? Please describe.