

SASA! Data Sharing Agreement

The SASA! Study has involved collaboration between the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Raising Voices and CEDOVIP (collectively “the SASA! Research Team”), with additional support from Makerere University. The data collected for the SASA! Study are owned by, and the responsibility of, the SASA! Research Team.

The SASA! Research Team recognises that the SASA! Study data are a highly valuable resource that have the potential to contribute to student learning, the academic community and policy makers in the fields of violence and HIV prevention. The Research Team therefore wishes to make the quantitative data available for use by others.

In the process of making the data available to others, the Research Team has an obligation to protect the rights and confidentiality of the study participants and communities. In particular:

- The data include sensitive information about individuals and the communities in which they live. It is a principal responsibility of the Research Team to ensure that personal identifying information is removed from the dataset and safeguards put in place to avoid stigmatisation of the study communities.
- The Research Team have an obligation to share Study findings with the communities in which they work. All results of research using SASA! data must be fed back to study communities in collaboration with Raising Voices and CEDOVIP.

In line with these considerations, the SASA! Research Team has agreed to make the quantitative data available on a case-by-case basis as follows:

1. The SASA! Survey questionnaires and study documentation will be openly available to the public on the LSHTM data repository.
2. Parties interested in using the quantitative data will submit a short proposal to LSHTM which should include:
 - Aims and objectives (including key variables) of the proposed analysis
 - Assessment of potential harm /stigmatisation the proposed analysis could cause the study communities
 - A plan to feed back the results of analyses to the study communities in an accessible way (e.g. creation of a popularized research brief, simple slide presentation, community event, etc), including time and resources required. The Research Team are available to assist in dissemination.
 - Evidence of their relevant research/programming/policy experience (particularly in the field of violence and/or gender).
3. Proposals will be reviewed within 6 weeks by a committee comprising at least one member each from the LSHTM Gender Violence and Health Centre, Raising Voices and CEDOVIP. Approval to use the data will be granted if the following criteria are met:
 - a. The aims and objectives can be met using the available data
 - b. The research is not likely to stigmatise or cause harm to the study communities
 - c. The applicant has an appropriate and feasible plan for the dissemination of results to the study communities in collaboration with Raising Voices and CEDOVIP.
 - d. The applicant has either a) research/programming/policy experience in the field of violence and/or gender; or b) institutional support/personal supervision from others with such research/programming/policy experience.
4. Applicants will be notified by email (within two weeks of the committee meeting) as to whether or not their application to use the data has been successful. Where necessary, the Research Team may request more information from the applicant before reaching their decision.
5. Only upon receipt of an executed Data Transfer Agreement, substantially similar to the standard attached as Appendix A, will successful applicants be sent a link from which they can download the dataset and accompanying documentation (data codes, coding for composite variables, etc.).