

## Interview guide for Gambian men

### ISSUES: The impact of tourism on sexual networks, health, and health system utilisation in The Gambia and the UK

This topic guide is shown here as a sample for the in-depth interviews and focus groups. It may be modified following the results from previous interviews or focus groups. The interviews will not necessarily cover all the topics or follow the order of the topic guide, as it will be adapted to each participant.

#### 1. Ice-breaker questions

Go around group, ask participants: please go around and introduce yourselves, where are you from, and how long have you been living here?

<Explain study, we are interested in health-seeking behaviours, but first want to understand what being a bumster is>

#### Exercise 1: Explain the situation

- I am walking along the beach and someone approaches me – what do you think they want?
  - Can you describe what being a bumster is?
  - What makes a good bumster? What makes a bad bumster?
  - What do bumsters do day-to-day?
  - What leads to people becoming bumsters?
  - What makes people stop being bumsters?
  
- How do bumsters make friends with tourists?
  - What is the purpose of making friends with tourists?
  - If a bumster makes good friends with a tourist, what are his expectations after the tourist returns home? (probe for source of information of “successful” bumsters)
  
- Do bumsters have sex with tourists often?
  - How are sexual relationships with tourists different than with Gambian partners? (Probe for condom use, type and frequency of activity)
  - What happens outside of tourist season?
  - Do you think bumsters are at risk of sexually transmitted infections or HIV?



- What could someone do if they want to get tested for STIs or HIV?
  - What sorts of things do bumsters seek healthcare for?
  - Do you think that they get the healthcare need?
  - Have you had any particularly good or bad experiences seeking care here?
  
- What do you think the government of The Gambia should do about the practices of bumsters?
  - Should it be encouraged or discouraged? How?
  
- Are there any other issues that you would like to discuss?

**Thank you**

For main one:

Photos of Melisa/someone walking on the beach being hassled: What is going on here