

Using the Past to Inform the Future:

Archival Data Analysis to Improve Evidence for Policy and Practice for Child Labor Trafficking Survivors in Sierra Leone

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Statement of Problem

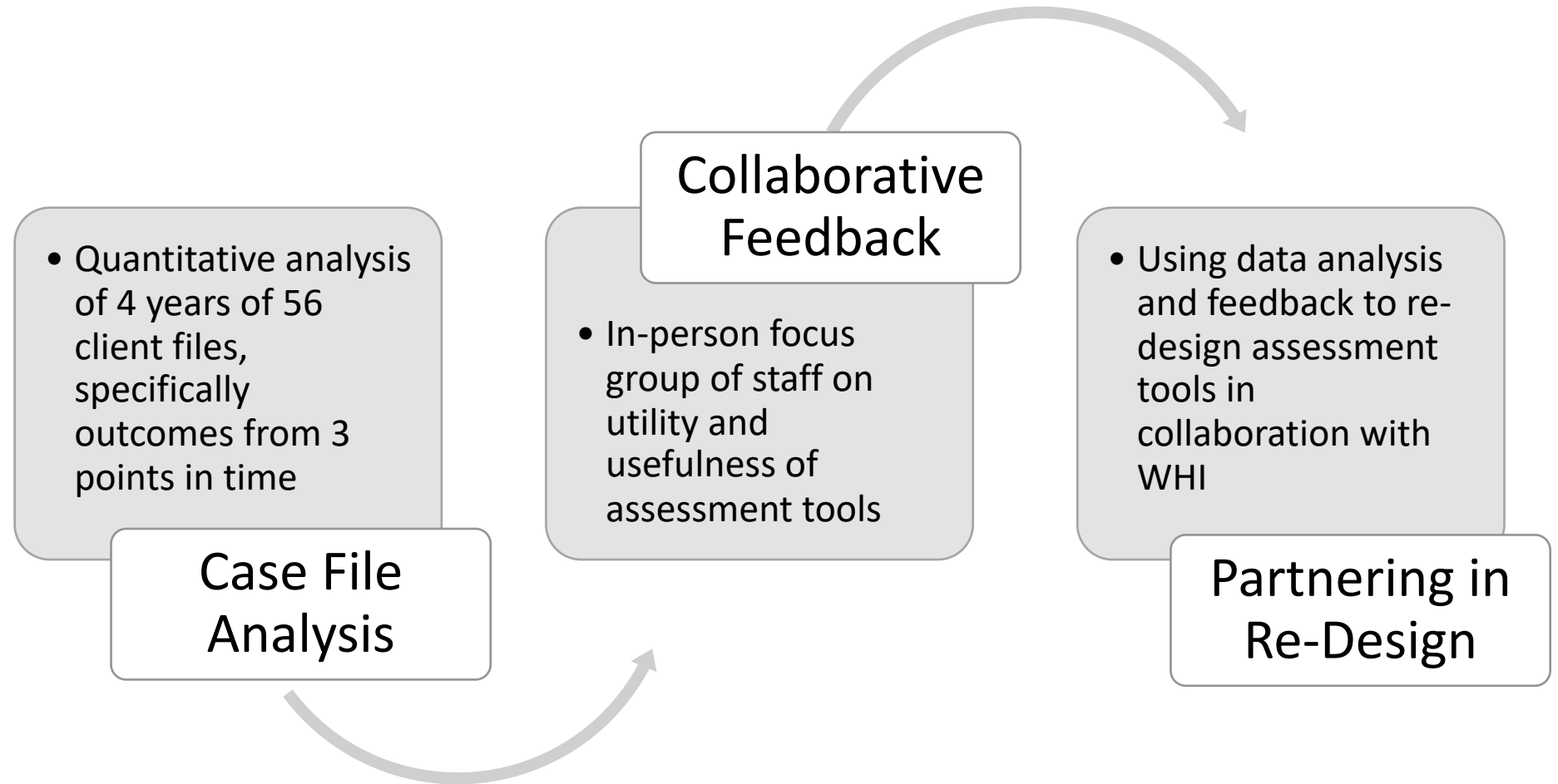
The one-year prevalence rate of child trafficking (ages 5-17) among is **33%** in the Eastern Province (Okech et al., 2022). Most are facilitated through the cultural practice of child fostering, *men pikin*.

Little information about supportive services for child labor trafficking, especially in the West African context. There is currently a lack of consistent evidence of *what* best serves survivors and *how* it best serves survivors.

Partnering with World Hope International's (WHI) Sierra Leone program focusing on child trafficking



Community-Based Participatory Research Three-Step Process



Case File Analysis

*Data Sources:
Intake Form,
Clinical Care
Assessment
Tool (CCAT)*

| <i>Age (n=56)</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>Percentage %</i> |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| 5-9 | 13 | 23.21 |
| 10-13 | 23 | 41.07 |
| 14-16 | 15 | 26.79 |
| 17-18 | 5 | 8.93 |
| <i>Gender (n=56)</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>%</i> |
| Female | 52 | 92.86 |
| Male | 4 | 7.14 |
| <i>Country of Origin (n=56)</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>%</i> |
| Sierra Leone | 54 | 96.43 |
| Guinea | 2 | 3.57 |
| <i>Tribe (n=52)</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>%</i> |
| Fula | 1 | 1.92 |
| Kono | 1 | 1.92 |
| Limba | 5 | 9.62 |
| Madingo | 1 | 1.92 |
| Mende | 28 | 53.85 |
| Susu | 2 | 3.85 |
| Temne | 11 | 21.15 |
| Thiamneh | 3 | 5.77 |

| <i>Type of Victimization* (n=56)</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>%</i> |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Sexual Assault | 21 | 37.5 |
| Sex Trafficking | 9 | 16.07 |
| Labor Trafficking | 34 | 60.71 |
| Early Marriage | 3 | 5.36 |
| Child Sales | 2 | 3.57 |
| Child Sacrifice | 1 | 1.79 |
| <i>Vulnerability Factors (n=56)</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>%</i> |
| Death of a Parent | 16 | 28.57 |
| Death of both Parents | 3 | 5.36 |
| Men Pikin | 32 | 57.14 |
| Runaway | 9 | 16.07 |
| <i>Migratory Trafficking (n=41)</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>%</i> |
| Internal Trafficking | 29 | 70.73 |
| External Trafficking | 12 | 29.27 |

| <i>Perpetrator Information*</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>%</i> |
|--|----------|----------|
| Female Perpetrator | 22 | 39.29 |
| Family Member | 11 | 19.64 |
| Family Friend | 14 | 25.00 |
| Not Related | 17 | 30.36 |
| <i>Time Trafficked (in months, n=30)</i> | <i>N</i> | <i>%</i> |
| <1 | 3 | 10.00 |
| 1-4 | 6 | 20.00 |
| 5-12 | 8 | 26.67 |
| 24-36 | 6 | 20.00 |
| >36 | 7 | 23.34 |
| <i>Time Served in Program (n=49)</i> | | <i>%</i> |
| <1 month | 1 | 2.04% |
| 1-4 months | 22 | 44.90% |
| 5-10 months | 25 | 51.02% |
| >12 months | 1 | 2.04% |

Findings of Case File Analysis

Multivariate Linear Regression

| Independent Variables | Full CCAT Midpoint | | Full CCAT Final | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | β | Std. Error | β | Std. Error |
| Age | 0.874 | 0.950 | -0.001 | 0.002 |
| Female | -21.28** | 10.254 | -0.029 | 0.024 |
| Trafficker – Family | 13.579* | 6.891 | 0.049** | 0.061 |
| Labor Trafficking | -7.568 | 8.443 | -0.010 | 0.020 |
| Sex Trafficking | 3.604 | 10.422 | 0.013 | 0.024 |
| Sexual Assault | -11.152 | 10.144 | -0.010 | 0.024 |
| Multiple Victimizations | -8.230 | 6.493 | -0.014 | 0.015 |
| Model F Value | 2.74** | | 2.09* | |
| Model Adj. R ² | 0.184 | | 0.122 | |

*p≤0.10; **p≤0.05; ***p≤0.001

Midpoint scores were linked to final scoring

Controlling for all other variables, female children scored 21.28 points lower on the midpoint CCAT, indicating better outcomes than male children

A trafficker who is a family member predicted worse scores at the midpoint, with these survivors scoring 13.58 points higher than clients with other trafficking relationships

Collaborative Feedback

Interactive feedback group
with shelter director, social
workers, counselors, and
house parents

Yellow highlight – Working
well

Red – Not working

Blue – Working with some
changes needed

Black – Notes

Clinical Care Assessment Tool – Client Version

Client #: _____
Date of Administration: _____
Counselor Name: _____

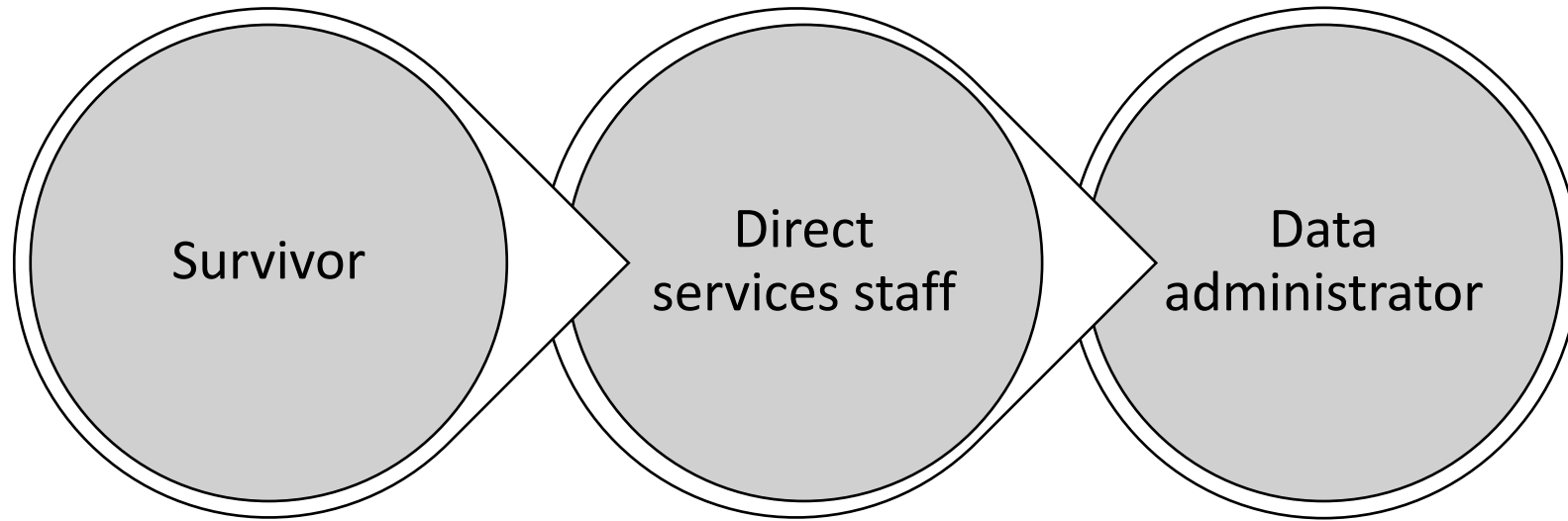
Add location

Counselors: Please read each question carefully to the survivor and ask her how much she currently experiences each symptom. Mark her **answer with an X** according to how much she experiences each symptom (One X per question). If she does not know an answer, explain the meaning of the question to her and then re-ask her how much she experiences that symptom.

| | Not applicable | Not at all | Rarely | Sometimes | Always |
|--|----------------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Trauma | | | | | |
| 1. Do you think a lot about bad things from the past? | | | | | |
| 2. Do you feel as though the bad things that happened in the past will happen again? | | | | | |
| 3. Do you have bad dreams? | | | | | |
| 4. Do you cry when you remember bad things from the past? | | | | | |
| 5. Are you avoiding activities that remind you of bad things from the past? | | | | | |
| 6. Are you avoiding thoughts or feelings associated with bad things from the past? | | | | | |
| 7. Are you nervous or scared? | | | | | |
| 8. Are you conscious? | | | | | |
| Anxiety & Depression | | | | | |
| 9. Do you have trouble in your heart? | | | | | |
| 10. Do you have restless nights? | | | | | |
| 11. Do you feel lonely? | | | | | |
| 12. Do you find life difficult even if you are home or elsewhere? | | | | | |
| 13. Are you afraid of losing your family? | | | | | |
| 14. Do you feel helpless? | | | | | |
| 15. Do you vex quick? | | | | | |
| 16. Do you cry easily? | | | | | |
| 17. Do you keep to yourself when you are worried? | | | | | |
| 18. Are you easily bothered by things? | | | | | |
| 19. Do you feel confused about things that are happening? | | | | | |
| 20. Do you feel unloved? | | | | | |
| 21. Do you feel hopeless about the future? | | | | | |
| 22. Do you think about hurting yourself or killing yourself? | | | | | |
| 23. Do you worry about too many things? | | | | | |
| 24. Do you think that everything you do is wrong? | | | | | |
| Hostility | | | | | |
| 25. Do you destroy things that belong to others? | | | | | |
| 26. Do you lie or cheat? | | | | | |



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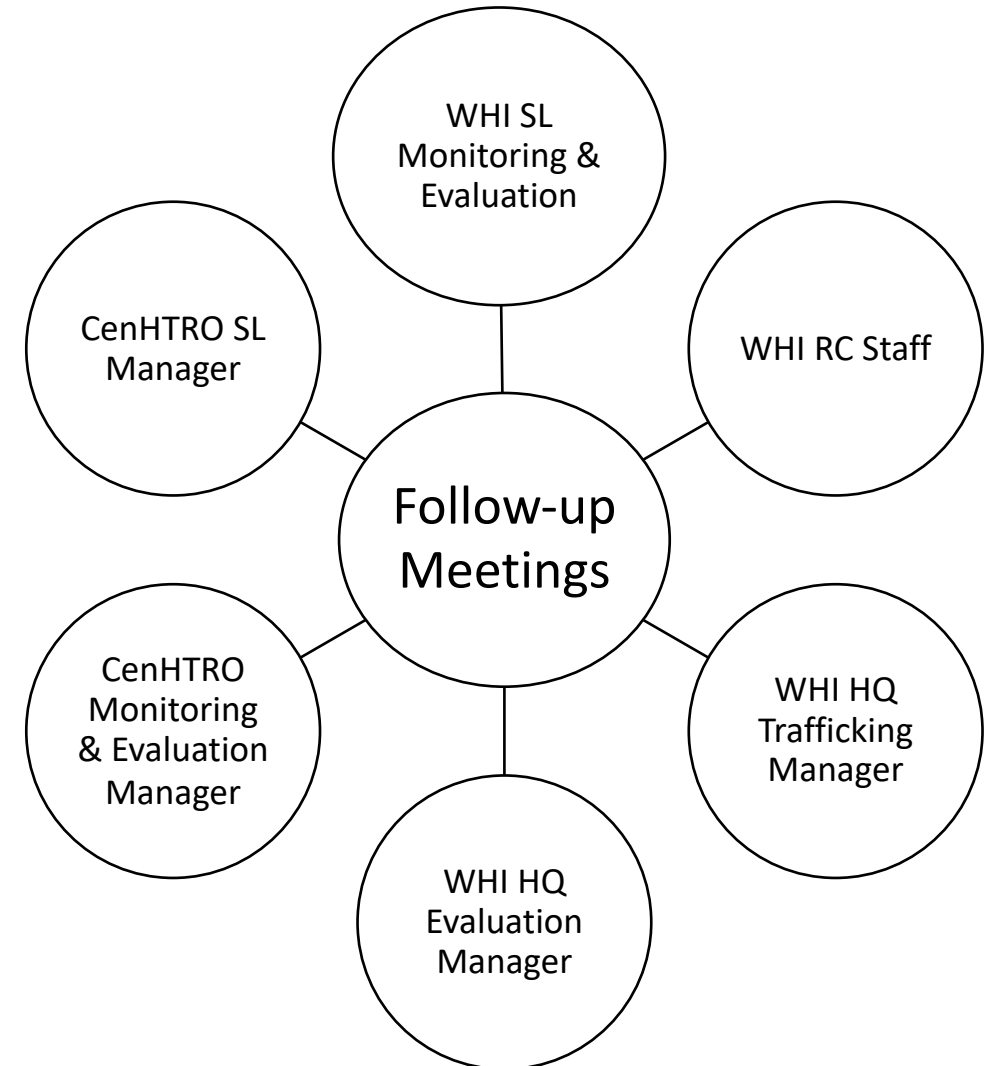
Three main recommendation types:

- 1. Practical utility*
- 2. Trauma-informed practice*
- 3. Ease data collection*

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Intake Tool Recommendation Summary

| Recommendation Theme | | | Recommendation | Recommendation Source |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Practical Utility | Trauma-Informed | Data Collection | | |
| ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Record all narrative information in one place without repetition | Staff, Best Practice, Data Analysis |
| ✓ | | ✓ | Clarification on when to use checkboxes and how to use them consistently | Staff, Best Practice, Data Analysis |
| | | ✓ | Clearer indication of whether human trafficking (sex or labor), sexual assault, or other type of victimization is reason for main referral | Data Analysis |
| | | ✓ | Clearer indication of where the survivor is receiving treatment (e.g., RC, partner shelter, with family) | Data Analysis |
| ✓ | | ✓ | Remove repetitive information from Referral form | Staff, Data Analysis |
| ✓ | | ✓ | Remove repetitive information from Trafficking in Persons Assessment Form (e.g., Trafficking Means) | Staff, Data Analysis |
| | ✓ | | Reconsider asking in-depth information about family members and/or perpetrator(s) | Staff |



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