

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

1. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
2. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
3. RSILIENCE
4. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent equates adulthood to physical maturity and age
2. Most young men are venturing into theft, ladies are becoming prostitutes and there is also a high rate of school dropouts
3. The respondent says she is able to avoid to venture into sex because she has never thought about it
4. Since she has dropped out of school, once she goes back she intends to be a lawyer because it is what interests her

Background information

Int: how old are you?

Resp: I am 16 years

Int: what are you doing for a living?

Resp: I am not working

Int: you are unemployed?

Resp: yes

Int: what is your education level?

Resp: Primary class six

Int: what is your tribe?

Resp: Kalmasa

Int: are you married?

Resp: no

Int: what is the name of this area?

Resp: near the Mosque

Int: I would like to know your views about adulthood

Resp: how?

Int: in your opinion, how can you define adulthood, what is the difference between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: in my opinion?

Int: yes

Resp: if you are and adult and a child?

Int: yes

Resp: I can see you are an adult and I am a child

Int: so what differentiates you from me?

Resp: you have a full chest and a big face, anyone looking at you
can see the difference between you and me

Int: ok, so physical appearance can also determine the different
between adult and none adult?

Resp: yes

Int: what else can make you know this is an adult?

Resp: if the person is pregnant, gets married; they reach that age
of the marriage they are adults

Int: yes

Resp: anyone who can differentiate anything good from bad is an
adult

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: not one I can think of

Int: what about age?

Resp: of course by looking at you I can see you are older, your face will show the only thing I cannot tell is the age but by looking at you on the face, I can differentiate a child from an adult

Int: what about age in years?

Resp: If I have 14 then I am still a child

Int: so what is the age of an adult?

Resp: anyone above 14 knows what is bad or good

Int: what about working/employment?

Resp: that is an adult because he knows the reason why he should work, me, I just know about money and that is what I need

Int: what about that one who has moved out of home?

Resp: if someone has her own house and there is nothing stressing him or her?

Int: yes

Resp: that one is an adult and wants to do that

Int: and supposing that person is not moving out to get married?

Resp: living alone?

Int: yes

Resp: that is an adult

Int: why do you think so?

Resp: you cannot go to live far from home when you are still a child
but someone like me I can

Int: ok,

Resp: I can live alone but this little one has to live with the
mother

Int: what about being self dependant?

Resp: that is an adult who can do that

Int: and education?

Resp: that cannot differentiate an adult from a child

Int: what about someone who is responsible?

Resp: how?

Int: taking responsibility of your actions?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: what about having sex?

Resp: that is an adult because she is already married

Int: and circumcision?

Resp: no, it cannot

Int: from all we have discussed, tell me what are the stages a
child goes through to become an adult?

Resp: a child is born, is fed, taken to school and then becomes an
adult.

Int: is there a particular stage one has to pass through to become an adult?

Resp: no

Int: how do you related to adulthood?

Resp: I have already start menstruating that means I am adult

Int: ok. Currently what are you experiencing that makes you feel that you are an adult?

Resp: none apart from having periods

Int: what makes you feel that you are still a child?

Resp: no

Int: what do you like about adulthood, because you have just told me that you are an adult?

Resp: nothing at the moment because I am still living with my parents....I am relaxing here before I get married. These questions are difficult

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: nothing

Int: what is the most significant event in your life that you cannot forget about?

Resp: nothing

Int: nothing has ever happened to you that you cannot forget?

Resp: no

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: both parents

Int: what influence do your parents have over your life?

Resp: they are ok with me, they influence everything about my life
because I am their first born

Int: what kind of advice do your parents give you?

Resp: not to be in a hurry to get married, avoid bad company and
always be at home early; not to stay out late

Int: is there anything they advice you on?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of advice do they give you on issues related to
education?

Resp: they encourage me to work hard at school

Int: what about religion?

Resp: to make sure that I don't miss Madrassa classes

Int: and education you said

Resp: I dropped out of school

Int: ok, we will deal with that later. Tell me why you dropped out
of school?

Resp: I dropped out of school because my mother had just given birth and she was all alone here. My father was ill and away on safari so there was no one to help her but we agreed that the moment she recovers, she will take me back to school

Int: when was that?

Resp: she passed away

Int: when did you drop out of school?

Resp: it is long time ago

Int: when do you intend to go back?

Resp: any time from now

Int: do your parents give you advice on issues related to romantic relations?

Resp: they tell me to be careful not to get involved on relationships

Int: what about drugs?

Resp: they cannot tell me about that because I don't use them. How can they advice you on something you don't do?

Int: on what issues would you approach your parents for help?

Resp: I would like my mother to be able to educate her children since my father is sickly

Int: personally, what kind of problems would you approach your parents to help you?

Resp: education

Int: and what would hinder you from approaching your parents for help?

Resp: none

Int: what personal problems would you approach your parents for?

Resp: I don't have

Int: ok supposing you had one, which one would it be?

Resp: one that I would approach my mother for?

Int: yes

Resp: maybe if I had a problem with my periods

Int: that is the only personal problem that would make you approach your mother?

Resp: yes, because I usually have ulcers so if I needed money to go to hospital then I would have a problem.

Int: what issues would make you seek help from other people besides your parents?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: when you do wrong to your parents, what do they do?

Resp: they punish me by beating me up

Int: what else?

Resp: sometimes they just scold me and tell me not to repeat the same mistake again by whoever I have wronged

Int: another one?

Resp: I try to be a good girl so that I don't get punished

Int: what kind of mistakes would you make that your parents would punish you for?

Resp: If I misbehave

Int: in what way?

Resp: if I make others fight and I use bad language

Int: besides your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: nobody

Int: your siblings?

Resp: probably my sister

Int: how does she influence your life?

Resp: she is our elder sister so she advices me not to get involved with bad girls in the community

Int: what about issues regarding education?

Resp: unless if I refuse schooling

Int: where is she?

Resp: she is schooling and she would like to see me in school

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: no

Int: tell me any major problem that your siblings or friend was involved in?

Resp: there is none and I only have one brother and he is ok

Int: maybe one of your friends was involved in an incident that you cannot forget about?

Resp: no

Int: stealing, use of drugs?

Resp: no, unless they drop out of school

Int: is there any who dropped out of school?

Resp: she didn't do it on purpose but her mother was unwell so she had to take her upcountry that is why she dropped out of school

Int: I want us to talk the challenges youth experience in this community; can you tell me some?

Resp: they become thieves, girls become prostitutes, and there is insecurity everywhere although the police are always going round

Int: and poverty?

Resp: that is the main reason they steal

Int: and HIV Aids?

Resp: No

Int: unemployment?

Resp: that is another reason why they steal from other people

Int: you told me that boys become thieves, girls turn into prostitutes, how do they face these challenges, what kind of strategies are in place to stop these things from happening in the community?

Resp: it is very difficult to know because others still live with their parents and yet they do these things

Int: what strategies are the youths putting in place to solve those challenges?

Resp: they don't do anything about it

Int: they have not formed any groups yet?

Resp: no, I am not aware of any

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: Hurlingham

Int: why

Resp: I like the place

Int: why do you like the place?

Resp: it is a very smart estate

Int: what are your possibilities of living there?

Resp: no, I don't see

Int: you are still young so you can still live there?

Resp: maybe if I get married

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: I just want to help my mother

Int: why?

Resp: I need to help her

Int: what efforts are you making to be able to help her?

Resp: not now, maybe in future

Int: what can hinder you from achieving this goal?

Resp: none

Int: in your opinion what level of education do you need to reach
to be able to attain that goal

Resp: get higher education

Int: to what level?

Resp: university

Int: do you see yourself reaching that far?

Resp: not now

Int: but you have just told me that you plan to go back to school?

Resp: yes, can the refuse me to go on?

Int: no, these days, the government has introduced free education for everybody so I don't see how you cannot continue if you want to. We have other people who are ready to educate those children who are bright, and after to two years the government can take you to college and cater for all the fees. It will depend on your hard work. Once you pass there is no way you will miss someone to cater for your school fees. What career would you like to take in life?

Resp: I would like to be a lawyer

Int: why do you want to be a lawyer?

Resp: I love that job

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no

Int: are you involved in any income generating activity right now?

Resp: no

Int: what is the importance of success in this community?

Resp: it is not important

Int: can you tell me of anyone who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: I have not seen

Int: how would you identify a successful youth?

Resp: I have not seen one

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved young person from one who is not?

Resp: he will go the mosque for prayers, and does not involve in drugs

Int: you find some pressure from friends to do certain things which are not good, how can a young person avoid such kind of pressures?

Resp: he needs to be going to the mosque for prayers and also be school going then he will have no time to join those bad boys

Int: what can young man do to succeed in life?

Resp: should be educated, get a well paying job and assist his parents and siblings. Later on he can get married and settle down with his wife

Int: for how long do you intend to live with your parents?

Resp: that is God's plan

Int: what would make you move out of home?

Resp: silence

Int: if you continue with education, complete and get a job, you cannot move out of this place?

Resp: no, I cannot move out of here but I cannot also live here with my mother all my life

Int: what is the importance of getting married to you?

Resp: it is not important

Int: and to your family?

Resp: I wouldn't know that

Int: why is marriage not important to you?

Resp: it is not good when you are still young

Int: that is your opinion

Resp: that would be bad because my age mates are still in school and they would I would not be happy starting a family at this young age. Ok, it is good to have children but when you are older not young

Int: when do you intend to get married?

Resp: I have not arranged that

Int: why?

Resp: I have not thought of that

Int: and what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: not anyone who is a drunkard who will hit me and kill me, no a thief or one who is involved in drugs. I want someone who is working and can help my family.

Int: I want to ask you questions related to relationships. Have you ever had a lover?

Resp: no

Int: sex?

Resp: no

Int: why haven't you been involved in sex yet?

Resp: I don't want nor do I long for it

Int: when do you intend to get involved?

Resp: no way

Int: when do you plan to start getting involved in sex?

Resp: no, I haven't planned for it

Int: why haven't you planned for it?

Resp: I am not ready to get involved in it

Int: what do you feel for not having been involved in sex yet?

Resp: I am happy about it

Int: why are you happy about that?

Resp: just like that

Int: do you plan to have children?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: when you are still a child how can you plan for children?

Int: what is the right time to get children in your opinion?

Resp: at the age of 23 and above, 19 is also not so bad

Int: why at 19-23 years?

Resp: by then you are mature and have been taught by your mother how to take care of a baby. If you get one at a young age, then who will teach you to take care of it?

Int: I would like us to talk about the post election violence (loud music from radio/tv) were you affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: and anyone from the family?

Resp: no

Int: how did you handle the uncertainties surrounding the post election violence?

Resp: I don't remember that period

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: nothing

Int: and what did you like about it?

Resp: nothing was good about it

Int: is there anything you would like to add on what we have discussed because I am through?

Resp: no

Int: ok, thank you so much for welcoming me and participating in this interview.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

5. HOW IS ADULthood DEFINED
6. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
7. WHY THEY CHOSE THE INTENDED CAREER PATHS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Respondent equates adulthood with adolescence
2. The biggest challenge is attending school as the youth lack school fees. drug use is another challenge
3. Respondent would like to be a surgeon as well as a bishop so as to assist people. Respondent says becoming a bishop is her talent

4. FOR IDIs:

Background information

Int: thank you for allowing me to interview you this day. I would like your opinion on several issues on adulthood. What differentiates an adult from one who is not?

Resp: adulthood is to grow; that is we have two categories, adulthood and childhood. You grow from childhood, then adolescence; adolescence will overtake you to adulthood. Then for girls, they get pubic hair and breasts during adolescence and then she stops playing with children and sits with older people. If it is a boy, he starts having wet dreams. That is all I know

Int: so when a boy starts having wet dreams, he becomes an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: how about someone who is working?

Resp: only older people can work but a child will grow into an adult before he can be employed for example if you take a child to a big company like the ones which make soft drinks, a child will not know what is good or bad that is why big companies and factories only employ adults with Identity cards because they would know what is wrong or good. Up to age 18 that is when a child becomes an adult because he can differentiate what is wrong or good

Int: you are telling me that age can also differentiate an adult from one who is not?

Resp: yes, because a child from 0 months up to nine years is a child and then adolescence starts from ten years, so

Int: which age brings out the difference?

Resp: from 11 years one becomes an adult

Int: and you also told me that an adult can differentiate what is wrong and what is good?

Resp: yes

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: an adult will marry and know what to do but a child cannot marry; he is still playful and will forget his responsibilities very quickly. An adult is intelligent enough to know what to do in a marriage; he will know how to solve his problems but a child will instead go tell his friends who may not even have any experience to know what to do.

Int: and parenthood?

Resp: anyone who is menstruating will get pregnant. This starts at 15 years but for most girls, menstruation starts at ten years of late

Int: so anyone who can get pregnant is an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: what about sexual behavior?

Resp: you can be raped

Int: what about that one who has not been raped but is involved in sex?

Resp: no, that cannot differentiate anything. That means anyone willing can have sex

Int: what about taking responsibilities?

Resp: on adults can take responsibilities

Int: moving out home?

Resp: that one will also depend for example you may lose your mother and then you remain with your step father, if he mistreats you; you will not stay in that home you will be forced to move out

Int: so does it differentiate an adult from one who is not?

Resp: no, because I have seen many older people who are still staying with their parents or others like married women, who have moved out because they are being mistreated by their husbands

Int: so what you are saying is that young children can move out of home because of mistreatment and also adult women?

Resp: yes

Int: what about physical maturity?

Resp: it will differentiate because a child when he/she sees a grown up child with growing breasts for girls and beards for boys

they will start making fun of it because to them it is strange, they still don't realize that it is a phenomena they will also pass through. An adult will become aware that by going through those physical changes, he/she is also growing up, in fact he becomes more intelligent in many things he carries out in life

Int: and circumcision?

Resp: no, others follow their traditions and beliefs. Before circumcision was for adults only when they are growing from adolescence to adulthood but now many tribes in Kenya are circumcising their children at a very tender age,

Int: so can circumcision differentiate an adult from one who is not?

Resp: no

Int: from all this information you have given me, can you describe to me the stages one goes through to be able to become an adult?

Resp: when a child is born it is taken care of by its mother from zero months to up to six years when he goes to school. Then he starts being taught how to differentiate what is good or bad. When he reaches class six they are taught about many things like adolescence, he is taught about adolescent before he reaches it up to age 19 years, then he becomes an adult. There are some others who can stay in adolescence up to age 27

before they come out of it but the right age of adulthood is
19 years

Int: when you look at yourself today, how do you relate to
adulthood?

Resp: I am an adult because I can differentiate between bad and
good. There is a physical change with my body like I have
grown breasts and I am able think about the future

Int: what else?

Resp: only that.

***From this point, I am using notes mostly; the recording is mixed up
from question six. Where I am able to get the question I am indicating***

Int:

Resp: none

Int:

Resp: there is a boyfriend we were in school with who started using
drugs and my parents knew about it and because of that he wanted
to beat me. Since then I have never been at peace and I am scared
of what he can to me

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: my parents

Int: how much influence do they have on your life?

Resp: they pay my school fees and advice me not to play but try and live a good lie

Int:

Resp: they advice me to choose my friends wisely so as to avoid early pregnancy

Int:

Resp: they advice me to work hard at a school especially in science subjects and also not to use drugs.

Int: what efforts are you doing to achieve this?

Resp: I am working hard at school

Int: have they ever offered advice on issues related to drugs?

Resp: they tell me it is bad and I should never use them at all, they can harm my life

Int: what about religion?

Resp: I should go to church and fear the Lord

Int:

Resp: Q12

1. when I need money to buy sanitary towels or books
2. I cannot ask money for my sanitary towels
3. Refer to one above
4. None

Int: how do your parents discipline you when you are here?

Resp: they either beat me depending on the mistake I have committed
or rebuke me

Int:

Resp: a) my siblings encourage me to work hard in science so that I
can get a good job. I would like to be a surgeon that I can
help all those who need to be operated on.

b) None

Int:

Resp: a friend of mine left school because of early pregnancy

Int: do you see yourself in such circumstances?

Resp: not really, I don't want to comment on that because these things
happen when you are still stuck

Int:

Resp: we have a group that is involved in drugs and they are always
seen in the community idling around waiting for unsuspecting
people to snatch/steal from others. They can even rape women
since they are under the influence of alcohol and drinks. Some
girls drop out of school because of school fees

Int: and what about HIV Aids

Resp: we have people who are suffering that but that is personal
things so it not easy to know who has or not and also

Int:

Resp: someone to sponsor her in school fees

Int:

Resp: I would like to live in a clean environment whereby the place is clean; the boys there do not harass girls. I also like to live at home

Int: at home where?

Resp: my rural home

Int:

Resp: if I work hard in my school subjects so that I can pass well and be able to live in such places

Int:

Resp: would like to be a Bishop; that is what I long for and from there I will be opened to

Int: you told me earlier that you would like to be a surgeon

Resp: yes, I can balance that

Int: what efforts are you making towards this goal?

Resp: I am working hard at school

Int: what would hinder you from achieving this goal?

Resp: lack of school fees

Int: what is the highest level of education that you will need to achieve this goal?

Resp: yes, university level

Int:

Resp: I read hard especially in science rebuked

Int: are you in school now?

Resp: yes, I am in class seven

Int: ?

Resp:

Int: whom have you ever share this with someone else?

Resp: I have discussed the issue with my parents and they encourage me to work hard

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no, I only assist my parents to do their business of making curtains

Int: skip Qns 32 and 33

Resp: that is someone with a car, children are in school and they are looked after very well. They don't have any financial stress and are dressed well.

Int:

Resp: there are many, some own rental houses, whereby they charge Sh200-500 per month

Int:

Resp:Q36. A young man who is educated and is in employment

Int:

Resp: he is well behaved, humble; he listens to his elders and respects them. Most times he is always alone and not in groups of bad company of boys especially those who are in drugs

Int:

Resp: he reads and works hard in life.

Int: skip 39-43

Resp: until I am able to be self reliant and in employment

Int: what is the importance of being married in your opinion, family and the community at large?

Resp: it is not necessary because even in the Bible there are certain people who never got married in their lives at all; for example a bishop.

Int:

Resp: I will get married at the age of 27 because by then I am sure that I will be working and are self reliant in everything you do

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: someone who is educated and is working.

Int: from what tribe?

Resp: any tribe as long as we love each other

Int: have you ever had a boyfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: skip 52

Resp: we met at school and he was 15 while I was 14.

Int: is the relationship still going on?

Resp: no, I dropped him when I discovered that he was on drugs

Int: who knew about this relationship?

Resp: my parents did

Int: did you like the relationship

Resp: it was good except when he started using drug we went out different ways and he also wanted to beat at one time so I had to tell my parents

Int: have you ever had sex?

Resp: no

Int: why haven't you had sex and girls of your age are

Resp: (Q55)it is good when it is done in marriage so that even if you get pregnant that time you will be adult enough to know what to do

Int: refer to 55 above

Resp: (Q57)I don't think of those kinds of things

Int: (Skip 55-66) would you like to get children?

Resp: I would like to get them in marriage they can really be of help
in your old age

Int: I want us to talk about the post election violence, how were
you affected?

Resp: I was not affected at nor was anyone in my family

Int: what did you do about the uncertainty that surrounded the post
election violence?

Resp: we just stayed at home waiting to hear what next because were
not sure whether it would be safe to venture our there

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: I didn't like the way people we fighting and killing each
other.

Int: is there anything you didn't like it?

Resp: there was nothing to like about it

Int: thank you so much or your time and bless you

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STUDY POINTS

8. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
9. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
10. RESILIENCE
11. WHY THEY CHOSE THE INTENDED CAREER PATHS
12. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

FOR IDIs:

Background information

Int: are you married?

Resp: no

Int: do you have children?

Resp: no

Int: what is the name of this area?

Resp: Kisumu Ndogo

Int: in your opinion what is the difference between an adult and one who is not adult?

Resp: how?

Int: do you think by looking at someone's age you can know the difference between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: you can look at the size and physical appearance

Int: what about if one is working?

Resp: adult are the ones who work not children

Int: and a married person

Resp: you will see the difference

Int: why do you feel that one is married is an adult?

Resp: you know by looking at the age you will know that person is an adult

Int: ok, what the age for marriage in your opinion?

Resp: 20 something

Int: and if someone is a parent?

Resp: that one is an adult

Int: why do you think so?

Resp: already she has responsibilities that means he is an adult

Int: what about that one who has moved out of the home?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: why?

Resp: because he has moved out and doesn't want to depend on the family

Int: what about education?

Resp: you have gone through education and you know the difference between an adult and one who is not

Int: what about that a person who is involved in sex?

Resp: that is for adults not for children

Int: if someone is independent?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: and physical maturity whereby you find that a girl grows hips and breasts, while boys have a deep voice and beards.....

Resp: those are adults

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: yaa, only grownups are circumcised

Int: what of that person who is responsible?

Resp: that is an adult.

Int: what are the stages a child goes through to reach adulthood?

Resp: I don't remember

Int: in your own opinion?

Resp: I can't remember anything

Int: from what we have just discussed above, are there any particular stages someone has to pass through before getting to adulthood?

Resp: I don't understand really what you mean

Int: you see these children playing out there, what stages will they pass through to become adults?

Resp: I don't know what you mean

Int: mhh

Resp: first the child will crawl, walk and then grow

Int: what else will the child pass through before becoming an adult?

Resp: I really don't know that

Int: when you look at yourself, are you an adult?

Resp: of course I am; these questions you ask people really!

Int: maybe it is age, education?

Resp: ok, then it is age

Int: what are you experiencing in your life that makes you feel adult?

Resp: none

Int: what events are you experiencing in your life that makes you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: none

Int: you have told me that you are an adult, what do you like about being an adult?

Resp: when you are an adult, you are respected

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: is there anything you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: I don't have any

Int: you said you are an adult so there is nothing that you don't like about adults?

Resp: no

Int: in your life, what is the most significant event in your life?

Resp: there is none

Int: what has happened in your life; that you feel is very important and you will never forget it?

Resp: nothing

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: my mother

Int: how does your mother influence your life?

Resp: she doesn't

Int: who takes care of your accommodation, food...

Resp: she provides everything

Int: what kind of advice does she give you advice on issues like
education, religion, etc?

Resp: no

Int: and on love relationships?

Resp: none

Int: friends and drugs?

Resp: none

Int: issues related to marriage?

Resp: she doesn't

Int: what kind of problem would you seek help for from your mother?

Resp: there is no problem

Int: what kind of problem would you not face you mother with for
help?

Resp: none

Int: what personal problems would make you approach your parents or
and no other person?

Resp: none

Int: what kind of problems would you approach other people for
besides your parents?

Resp: none

Int: when you offend your mother what does she do?

Resp: she just keeps silent

Int: apart from your mother, is there anyone else involved in your
life?

Resp: there is nobody

Int: you don't have siblings or sisters involved in your life?

Resp: no

Int: your best friends; do they influence your life in terms of
behavior?

Resp: no

Int: tell me of a significant problem that your sibling or friend
was involved in?

Resp: there is no problem

Int: like this area, maybe your friend left school due to pregnancy
 or school fees or was involved in drugs?

Resp: there is none

Int: what are the challenges young people face in this village?

Resp: I don't know what kind of problems they face out there

Int: you are a young person, isn't it?

Resp: yes

Int: maybe you have heard about it?

Resp: no

Int: what about security?

Resp: right now it is good maybe next year

Int: what about unemployment?

Resp: no

Int: HIV Aids?

Resp: I hear it being announced but I don't know of any

Int: you know problem like unemployment those are problems youths
 pass through.

Resp: yaa

Int: what about someone has dropped out of school because of lack
 of school fees?

Resp: that is there

Int: and ill health?

Resp: because of unhygienic conditions

Int: poverty?

Resp: It is there

Int: is there violence in this community?

Resp: yes

Int: how are the youths able to cope with these challenges?

Resp: by looking for money

Int: where?

Resp: I don't know

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: upcountry

Int: where is upcountry?

Resp: in Homabay

Int: why?

Resp: life upcountry is better than here

Int: are there possibilities of you living there?

Resp: that is my home. You mean you are not through yet?

Int: we are about to finish. In your life, what would you like to achieve?

Resp: nothing

Int: after going to school, is there anything you would like to achieve?

Resp: no

Int: are you in school?

Resp: no

Int: do you plan to go back to school?

Resp: yes

Int: Is success important in this community?

Resp: yes

Int: can you tell me of a person you know who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: no

Int: how can you distinguish a successful young person in this community?

Resp: no

Int: supposing we were walking and you see a young person and tell me that one is successful

Resp: how would I know if he is successful in the first place?

Int: that is why I wanted to know if one can recognize a successful young person. What can distinguish a well behaved young person from one who is not?

Resp: it will depend on the behavior

Int: what does he do that makes you feel he is well mannered?

Resp: leave the company of the others

Int: there must be something that can distinguish one from the other

Resp: it is not easy to say so, I told you it is through their behavior

Int: and what can a well behaved young person do to avoid bad behavior?

Resp: to avoid bad behavior

Int: what can a young person do to be successful in life?

Resp: be educated

Int: for how long do you intend to live with your mother?

Resp: I don't know that

Int: what would make you move out?

Resp: I don't know

Int: how old will you be, will you be working or getting married as a reason for you to move out of your mother's home?

Resp: the time has not reached

Int: what would make you move out

Resp: nothing

Int: is there any importance in you getting married?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: it is not important to me

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: I have not planned that

Int: Why?

Resp: I haven't planned

Int: what type of person would like to get married to?

Resp: I haven't planned for one

Int: even if you are not ready but at least in your mind you have a picture of what you would to get married to

Resp: I have not planned to get married to a rich or poor person, whether he is educated or not, those are the things that are not in my mind

Int: do you have a lover?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever had sex?

Resp: no

Int: why have you not involved in sex yet?

Resp: I just don't want to

Int: how do you feel having not been involved in sex?

Resp: silence

Int: when do you plan to have your first sex experience?

Resp: I have not planned that

Int: why haven't you planned it?

Resp: I just haven't

Int: how do you feel having not been involved in sex?

Resp: no

Int: are you happy, feeling frustrated, excited?

Resp: I don't feel anything at all

Int: do you plan to get any children?

Resp: no

Int: why haven't planned for them?

Resp: I have not reached that stage to have children yet

Int: ok. In your opinion, what do you think is the right time to get children?

Resp: at 20 something years

Int: why in 20 something?

Resp: that is the right time to get children

Int: now let us talk about the post election violence, were you affected in anyway?

Resp: no

Int: and your family?

Resp: most of us were upcountry

Int: and your friends were they affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: during that time, there were was uncertainty surrounding that periods, what did you do?

Resp: nothing (children crying in the background)

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: nothing

Int: and what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: nothing

Int: do you have anything you wish to ask me?

Resp: no

Int: anything you want to add?

Resp: no

Int: Maureen, I am through, thank you so much

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF3K032

STUDY POINTS

- 13. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 14. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 15. RESILIENCE
- 16. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. An adult is someone who has given birth. Someone above 18 years is an adult because this person is mature
- 2. Drugs abuse, theft, early pregnancy, early marriage, unemployment, poverty and dropping out of school are the biggest problems which youth face here
- 3. I avoid bad behavior, going to church to get advice and abstaining from sex till marriage
- 4. It is the influence from friends who tell me that staying low is the best thing because I will be able to defend the weak and help peoples

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Background information

The respondent was a female aged 17 years. She was shy but cooperated during our discussion. The interview was conducted outside her mother's house and there were regular interruptions from children playing from nearby open space. However, the interview was successful and the recorder ran from start to the end of our discussion without any fault.

Int: to start off, I would like us to talk about adulthood. What differentiates an adult from a child?

Resp: an adult person is someone who has had a baby and is a mother or she/he is older than you

Int: when you say an adult person is older, who do you refer to actually?

Resp: for example, my mother is older than me

Int: if we come back to you, is you are older than me, are you and adult?

Resp: yes, if the person is still young, he/she will consider me an adult

Int: why?

Resp: because I am older than that person in years and I am mature

Int: what do you mean when you say mature?

Resp: I know more than that person or rather I have more experiences than that person

Int: for example?

Resp: there are places I can be acceptable whereas a child will not be allowed there

Int: you mentioned that somebody like your mother, who is older than you is an adult. What is the age that determines this is an adult?

Resp: an adult person is anyone for example if she has already gotten a baby, obviously she is older than me already she has a baby and I don't. I am still considered a child though we are the same age

Int: how old should an adult person be?

Resp: 18 years and above

Int: why?

Resp: when you are 18 years you take an identity card and according to the Kenyan laws, you are an adult the moment you reach 18 and are supposed to take an identity card

Int: besides Kenyan laws, how old is an adult supposed to be in your opinion?

Resp: 18 years and above

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: you cannot compare a child of 14 years with someone of 18 years

Int: why?

Resp: this 18 year old already is mature but the other one is still in adolescence stage

Int: what do you mean when you say this person is mature?

Resp: the 18 years old can differentiate between bad and good and it is not possible to lie to an 18 year old while to a child

you can tell them anything and they believe because the brains are not yet fully developed.

Int: how can education differentiate an adult and a child through education background?

Resp: if some one is educated for example a child goes to school from nursery to university, if you compare them

Int: tell me about your opinion on how education can be a determining difference between an adult and a child.

Resp: silence

Int: is education for children or adults?

Resp: education is for all for example there are adults who are still pursuing their education in universities

Int: what do you mean when you say those in universities?

Resp: they are adults and in school and yet the younger children who are in nursery and primary are also in school pursuing their further education

Int: in your opinion, who is an adult person between the two groups?

Resp: many girls drop out of school in class seven and eight when they are under pressure from adolescence and they get involved in sexual activities meaning that they are no longer children

Int: why do you say that someone involved in sex is not a child anymore?

Resp: people say she is already has too much experience in the worldly things

Int: how about being self independent, does that also contribute to the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: an adult can be self independent for example in the household with children and parent parents are responsible

Int: what about the children?

Resp: the children are dependants on their parents

Int: why do they say that?

Resp: there is no way a mother will leave her children go hungry, she has to find means in which to feed her children

Int: what about living on your own

Resp: you mean if I leave this home and start living on my own? Or maybe I don't understand your question?

Int: how will your moving out of the home differentiate you from a child to an adult?

Resp: it means you are now grown up but again both the young and adults can move out of the home; so I would say it is not a determining factor

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: when a person is circumcised, you are now an adult and expected to behave like one. You cannot go to play with children anymore and are expected to make decisions on some issues. He is equated to someone who has given birth

Int: why is that so?

Resp: when he is undergoing that circumcision he is informed that he is no longer a child but an adult

Int: how does he know?

Resp: a child is not supposed to be circumcised except for adults

Int: what about someone who is involved in sexual activities; can that one be a difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: adults engage in sex and even girls of about 17 years do that; meaning they are considered to be mature; they are under the influence of adolescence and some are not able to control their emotions. The moment she engages in sex more than once, she is classified as an adult

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: how about taking responsibilities of your actions

Resp: that is an adult for example, a pregnant girl will be able to determine what to do

Int: what about a child?

Resp: for the child, the mother/parent will have to make a decision for it and punish them

Int: tell me, in your own opinion how a child matures to an adult; the stages he/she passes through to adulthood

Resp: how a child grows to an adult?

Int: yes

Resp: when a child is young, it is the responsibility of the mother to take care of the child and its needs and by the time he/she completes school she is able to determine what she wants to do in life

Int: how old is that person

Resp: when you complete Std 8 you are about 14 years, form four 18 years,

Int: mhhh

Resp: and can now make his or her own decisions about life

Int: during that period between primary and high school, what takes place in between?

Resp: she gets a boyfriend, and during adolescence she does very funny things

Int: like which ones?

Resp: she runs away from home, she goes to clubs and yet she is not yet grownup, she goes engaging in sex

Int: how does one now differentiate this is an adult between boys and girls?

Resp: for a boy, you can differentiate through circumcision

Int: what else for the boy?

Resp: he can now father a child and the girl will be called a mother because she has given birth; both the boy and girl are now considered adults

Int: when you consider yourself, where do you fall?

Resp: an adult because I am older than my siblings,

Int: apart from that, what makes you feel you are now an adult?

Resp: I am now grownup and I can differentiate good things from bad ones,

Int: for example?

Resp: at this point in my life if anyone told me to go have sex with him, I can decide to do it or not

Int: what, at this point in life makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: for example I have those feelings

Int: which ones

Resp: for adolescence

Int: why do you think those feelings make you become an adult?

Resp: because already I have reached an age whereby I can be a mother, I have already started menstruation and if I have sex now, I can be pregnant

Int: what age is that?

Resp: sometimes it is much younger because some of the girls are convinced when they are still at a very tender age; immediately they start their menstruation, they are in danger zone

Int: in your opinion, what age is that?

Resp: at the age of 17 years

Int: what is happening in your life that makes you feel you are still a child?

Resp: I have never had sex with a man, I am still under my mother's care

Int: what else?

Resp: I am still in school

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: I love adulthood because for one you are on your own, you can make independent decisions in life

Int: why do you think making decisions on your own can be one of the differences that are there between a child and an adult?

Resp: when you are still under the care of the parents, they make the decisions and your work is to follow

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: getting into early pregnancy and becoming a mother too early in life,

Int: if you get into early pregnancy are you an adult?

Resp: mostly the grownups are responsible for the early pregnancies because they play about with the emotions of the young girls, and make them pregnant. Still it is the adults who rape the young girls

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: sometimes you can meet a wealthy older man and maybe at home you don't have any thing in terms of food and other basic necessities you get some mothers encouraging the girls to get married to these old men so that he can provide for the family

Int: what significant event happened in your life that you remember and will continue to remember all your life?

Resp: what can I say?

Int: for example, I cannot forget the first day I was taken to start school, it is a memorable day for me. What about you?

Resp: I remember I was a good girl at school till the end

Int: what else do you remember outside school?

Resp: I remember one day when I was coming from school, some people nearly carried me off to go and rape me but thank God they didn't succeed.

Int: who do you live with currently?

Resp: my mother

Int: what influence does your mother have over your life?

Resp: she is still responsible for my welfare

Int: like?

Resp: she pays for my school fees

Int: apart from school issues in life what else? Let us consider decision making, how does she influence your decision making?

Resp: she is involved because there are things I can do that she is not happy with while others she is pleased with.

Int: for example?

Resp: I had gone for a party and came back the next day, she told me that was wrong me, I should have come back the same day and not spend out

Int: what about romantic relationships?

Resp: she usually advises me not to get involved in sexual relationships and only engage in sex in my marriage but not before

Int: why does she advice that?

Resp: because I am still young

Int: does your mother have any influence over issues like education and marriage in your life?

Resp: she advises me against early marriage, use of drugs, drinking,

Int: what kind of issues would make you approach your parents for assistance?

Resp: if I have been sent away from school due to school fees or tuition money, I would have to inform her so that she can look for means and ways to assist me

Int: what else?

Resp: if I was pregnant, I would inform her so that she can advice me on the next cause of action

Int: what kind of assistance would you be requiring from her?

Resp: maybe the boy refuses to take responsibility of the pregnancy; I will be forced to live with my mother and depend on her for assistance till I have the baby and find something to do

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what kind of issues would stop you from approaching your mother for assistance?

Resp: if I have, for example, a boyfriend, and maybe I catch him with another girl, of course I will be mad but I cannot tell my parent something like that. I can only share it with friends and they can advice me what to do

Int: what kind of personal problems would make you look for assistance from your mother?

Resp: if I am sick, I will tell my mother to help me

Int: what kind of sickness?

Resp: maybe STIs and you cannot share that kind of information with your friends; they will laugh at you instead

Int: when you make mistakes at home, how does your mother punish you?

Resp: maybe she wanted to send me and I refuse to do that she will definitely give me a beating for doing that

Int: how else can she punish you?

Resp: she will not give you meals or refuse to buy for you something that you really need

Int: anything else?

Resp: or you want money to purchase something, she will automatically refuse

Int: apart from your mother, who else has influence in your life?

Resp: my friends

Int: like who?

Resp: girl friends

Int: in what way do they influence your life?

Resp: maybe I have a problem, run away from home; they will advice me to go back home, face my mother and ask for forgiveness from her. They can also approach your parent and talk to her so that you can reconcile and live in harmony

Int: apart from your parents and best friends, is there anyone who has influence over your life in terms of employment, marriage and such kind of things

Resp: the teacher at school

Int: how?

Resp: at school our teachers always advices us to make sure we work hard and follow our dreams. If I don't do the right things, my siblings will also stop me and advice me. For example if they get me standing with a man on the road, they will definitely tell me that I was in the wrong or maybe I am on drug, and my sister finds me, she will threat me by telling me that she is going to report me. I will beg her not to do that and then she will advice me not to repeat the same mistake again.

Int: when for example your sister gets me in a mistake, she catches me red handed and threatens to report me to my mother, how does that influence your behavior?

Resp: it definitely means I am ill mannered and so she will be correcting me to come back to the right path

Int: tell me about a significant thing that has happened to one of your fiends or kin

Resp: drug abuse

Int: do you see yourself caught up in such a situation?

Resp: no,

Int: why?

Resp: if you start today, it is not easy to stop and eventually you will enter into the habit

Int: why do you think you it is not possible for you to be caught in such a situation?

Resp: at school we are taught about drugs abuse and how to abstain from it

Int: as a person why do you say it is not possible to be caught in such a problem?

Resp: I want to make my dream come true

Int: how?

Resp: I want to be a lawyer in future and for me to make it, I need to think hard, to be intelligent and I hear that one puff of that bhang will take almost two years to come out of your system and for those who take it regularly, I am made to understand eventually they run mad after long use of the drugs

Int: what kinds of challenges of life do young persons in this community face?

Resp: thefts, drug abuse, early marriages, unwanted pregnancies,

Int: what do you mean early marriage?

Resp: she had not attained marriage age

Int: are there other challenges that the young people are facing apart from what you have just mentioned?

Resp: being covetous of other people's lives and things when your parents cannot afford it due to financial constraints. So most girls opt to go and involve themselves in bad characters hence they end up pregnant or pay dearly for those things from the men they get them from. There is no way a man will give you something for free

Int: how do you pay for that?

Resp: through sex

Int: what about poverty and school drop out?

Resp: that is very common in this community. Many people drop out of school because of lack of finances

Int: what are the other challenges that face young people in this community?

Resp: lack of employment, HIV Aids infecting among the youths is rampant and there is no peace in this community especially during elections

Int: what strategies have been put in place to counter these issues for example early pregnancy?

Resp: we have youth groups that have been formed in the community and they are counseled on some of these things like drug abuse, early pregnancy and how to avoid them. We also have others who have volunteered to help others. There are sponsors in the community

Int: sponsors?

Resp: for example if you are a regular churchgoer and your pastor notices that you are not in school, he will want to find out what is happening and see how he can be of assistance you.

Int: how about things like poverty; what strategies have been put in place to meet this challenge?

Resp: I have heard of it but I am not sure, I need to confirm that, the government has given out some money to the slums and so they are giving people small jobs like cleaning the roads,

drainages and they are paid money at the end of the week or something like that.

Int: what about taking drugs; what strategies have been put in place?

Resp: there are those youth meetings where they meet and discuss these issues and so after such advice, you find most of the stopping.

Int: do you know of such groups?

Resp: I know there is one in Kariobangi though I don't remember the name

Int: where would you like to live in future?

Resp: in Kileleshwa

Int: why?

Resp: if I work hard at school, complete it and get a well paying job, I expect to have a big house with my family, I wouldn't want my children to go through what I went through, I want them to live a good life

Int: are there chances of you living in that area?

Resp: yes. I am still in school and I believe after school, I will be a lawyer and I know they earn a lot of money

Int: what are your chances of living in Kileleshwa?

Resp: It is high

Int: why?

Resp: I believe God willing, when I reach university, and my mother, maybe is not alive, I will get a sponsor and continue with school, it not, then it will be the most disappointing thing in my life, you never know but I am hoping for the best

Int: you mentioned that you would like to be a lawyer, who in you life have you shared this dream with?

Resp: my friends when we are discussing our dreams and I tell them I would like to be a lawyer because they fight for human rights

Int: what did they answer you?

Resp: they told me a lawyer is a very important person in this world because there are other people who like making life difficult for others and only lawyers can help in such situations

Int: in what way?

Resp: by defending the person

Int: did they tell you what are you supposed to do to attain the goal?

Resp: I was advised to work hard and try my level best not to drop out of school

Int: let us talk about your leisure time and employment, have you ever been employed before?

Resp: what kind of job?

Int: any income generating employment

Resp: no, I have never worked before

Int: can you tell me of a successful person in this community; how do they look like?

Resp: someone who was poor and now is working?

Int: no necessarily working but just a successful person

Resp: maybe you were very ill and everybody thought you would die, but survived it, they will be saying were it not for God, he would be dead

Int: let us talk of life in general of someone who has succeeded. What kind of character do you expect from this person?

Resp: of course if you complete school you have succeeded and the government will definitely employ you

Int: what level of university?

Resp: university level

Int: what kind of characteristics do you expect from such a kind of person in his work and in life?

Resp: he will be a good person and not involved crafty ways

Int: what kind of job does this person have?

Resp: he can be a lawyer, doctor, nurse, and pilot

Int: what kind of life do you expect to find from such person; how is the home?

Resp: he will be a wealthy person, and if he is good hearted he will also cater for the poor besides his own family

Int: in this community or Korogocho, how can you identify a successful person?

Resp: one who has succeeded?

Int: a young person

Resp: maybe in their home they were very poor and maybe even became a thief but came out of it and got saved

Int: what about a young person who has just been living a normal life

Resp: a well educated person

Int: to what level?

Resp: like here in Korogocho, one who has reached fourth form and now runs a business.

Int: how can you differentiate a well manner person from an ill mannered one?

Resp: from the character, he is not a thief and is able to take care of himself. He is faithful and does not involve himself in drugs and other criminal activities

Int: mhh what else?

Resp: maybe the parents strict and he also wants to make his dreams come true, he will not join those groups that have no focus

Int: in what way?

Resp: maybe he wanted to become a journalist or lawyer, he will say he doesn't want to live in the slums again from birth to adult; he will work hard and move out

Int: how will a young person be able to control all those things you have just mentioned?

Resp: he will abstain from those things

Int: which ones?

Resp: drugs, stealing, early marriages and unwanted pregnancies, and stop coveting for other people's things instead of working hard at school and meeting our objectives. Should also avoid bad company and get friend they can share ideas together and come up with new life strategies

Int: what about education?

Resp: he will concentrate on the work and not think of other things

Int: for how long do you intend to live with your mother?

Resp: until I complete my university and start living on my own

Int: how old do you think you will be?

Resp: 25 years old

Int: why 25?

Resp: by then I would be through with school and in employment

Int: what would be the main reason for you moving out?

Resp: I will be self dependent by then

Int: in this community what does marriage mean in your opinion?

Resp: God created a man and a woman and united them so it is a must for everyone to do that. We have isolated cases like in the Catholic religion where we have Sisters and brothers or whatever they call them

Int: of what importance will it be in the family when you get married?

Resp: I don't want to remain a spinster but would also like to enjoy life the way my mother did, I want bride price to be paid

Int: what else besides bride price?

Resp: I want children, my mother to enjoy being a grandmother

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: after completing school, in employment and living on my own, then I can think of marriage

Int: how old will you be then?

Resp: at the age of 25

Int: why 25 years?

Resp: I will be mature then

Int: what makes you think one will be mature at 25?

Resp: your have matured in mind

Int: how?

Resp: you can be make decisions and get babies if you want

Int: what kind of person would you like to be married to?

Resp: an educated person like me

Int: what level of education?

Resp: college

Int: what about the different in age?

Resp: five years difference will be ideal

Int: why five year?

Resp: if I get married to a person my age or maybe a difference of one, two years, I will not respect that person

Int: economic status of that person?

Resp: with a well paying job

Int: profession?

Resp: a doctor

Int: why a doctor?

Resp: a doctor will be helpful in the family and the community we live in

Int: what tribe?

Resp: a Luo

Int: why a Luo?

Resp: I am also a Luo

Int: have you ever had a boyfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me more about him?

Resp: he is someone who can help me make decisions in life for example when I am in a hurry he will tell me to go slow and be patient, work hard at school and then the rest will follow after that

Int: tell me more about our relationship, how did you meet?

Resp: he came and we talked and accepted to be his girlfriend

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: about 16 years

Int: and him?

Resp: 18 years

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: we met at a crusade and he invited me to his church several times and later on asked for my friendship

Int: what are your feelings about this relationship?

Resp: I told him to wait as I think about and eventually I agreed because I felt it was better to be in the open than a stolen one. I am happy in the relationship

Int: what are your feelings about this friendship?

Resp: it is a good relationship

Int: why

Resp: we don't double deal with each other, we trust and are faithful to one another

Int: what are your plans for this relationship?

Resp: after school when each one of us is working, en we can get married

Int: have you ever had sex before?

Resp: no

Int: why not?

Resp: we are waiting till marriage and I don't want those come we stay relationships

Int: what about you as a person, why can't you have sex

Resp: I am still in school

Int: if you were not in school would you have sex?

Resp: when the time is ripe for that

Int: why not now

Resp: my time has not reached

Int: when is that?

Resp: when I have a job, my own house and maybe I am living alone and feeling lonely, then I can ask him for marriage so that we can have sex

Int: how do you feel without sex?

Resp: normal

Int: how do you feel since you have never had sex before?

Resp: I don't feel anything

Int: do you feel good or regret?

Resp: I feel good

Int: why?

Resp: I want my husband appreciate that I was not a loose girl and waited for the right time to get involved in sex

Int: to finish off, do you remember the post election violence?

Resp: yes

Int: how did they affect you?

Resp: I was not able to sleep because there were screams all over, houses were being burnt down and property being stolen. We were worried all the time because we didn't know what was next; there was poverty at large because people were not going to work

Int: ?????

Resp: for example I was voting for someone else, for example you
were voting Kibaki, and I vote for Raila so you see he did
not make it then we start oh, your vote was wasted and then
we argue about it the next thing to follow will be a fight
which escalates

Int: what was happening here, did you get into any trouble or did
your friends get harmed in any way?

Resp: there was hunger; most of my friends lost their fathers in
the violence because of revenge missions.

Int: there were a lot of uncertainties during that time, how were
you able to go through them?

Resp: it was difficult because we could not move out at all, there
were thefts taking place all over and no one wanted to go out
and comeback to find when the house has been burnt down

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: people could not go to work, many people were killed, and a
lot of property was lost through fire

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about it at all

Int: that is the end of our interview and before I wind off, is
there anything you would like to ask me?

Resp: why do you ask people such kind of questions?

Int: we are just interested in your views and opinions about adulthood, challenges that people face during this period and how they solve them. Your views are different from those of the other person that is why we collect a whole range of them to enable us come out with the real picture of the research we are interested in. At the end of it all we make a report and share it with stakeholders.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

- 17. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 18. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 19. RESILIENCE
- 20. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Respondent equates adulthood with being able to be independent i.e. having own job, also able to sustain oneself
- 2. The respondent fears contracting HIV Aids and STIs. Also getting pregnant is her main concern so she tries to heed to her mother's

advice that until she finishes her education so as to be able to start engaging in sexual activities. Counseling has helped her overcome these.

3. The respondent would want to be a doctor like her aunt whom she admires most and also she likes assisting people so she would want to assist sick people and also so as to live a good life

FOR IDIs:

Inter: in your opinion what differentiates an adult from a child?

Resp: I think age, occupation

Inter: and what else?

Resp: mhhh

Inter: what about marriage?

Resp: yes

Inter: how about parenting?

Resp: yes

Inter: you had mentioned occupation, what about education?

Resp: it does because you cannot equate someone educated with an illiterate one?

Inter: what about a self reliant person?

Resp: that is also possible

Inter: today, how would you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: I don't know what to say....going through experiences that mostly adults go through and being able to make serious decisions on issues that normally a person considered a child couldn't.

Inter: so it is puberty stage that can differentiate that?

Resp: yes

Inter: ok, are there any events taking place in your life that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: like, now how do I say this?

Inter: maybe things that are happening around you that makes feel you an adult?

Resp: physically?

Inter: it will depend

Resp: body appearance

Inter: what makes you say body appearance makes you feel an adult?

Resp: there is a difference on how I was physically when I was a kid and now

Inter: ok, what else

Resp: mentally and emotionally

Inter: what do you mean when you say mentally and emotionally?

Resp: there are some things that we experience, hence you know they can be negative or positive, when they are negative, we are advised what to do for example at our age, we may engage in sexual activities so we are counseled and advised what to do

Inter: what else?

Resp: as grownup we need a lot of counseling, without that, we cannot make it because without counseling you find that some girls drop out of school due to early pregnancy (noisy

background). What I can also add is that during adolescence, you will find that a boy comes to tell you that he loves you and so you will know how to handle that and tell him you are still in school and such things; that is why we need a lot of counseling.

Inter: ok, being able to handle adolescence challenges

Resp: yes, during puberty there are very many things one goes through.

Inter: ok, tell me what are experiences are you going through that don't make you feel that you are an adult? You have already told me the experiences of puberty and how you can sort them out but the question now is what makes you feel you are still a child?

Resp: when you are still under your mother's care and when you are an adult you can depend on your own.

Inter: is there anything else?

Resp: so long as I am still in school, and the way the teachers treat me, I feel I am still a child

Inter: ok, what else?

Resp: I think those are the only ones

Inter: ok, what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: You feel an adult and can associate with grown ups, you can share different ideas

Inter: with your age mates or older?

Resp: with your age mates otherwise they will mislead you. Like I am 16 years I can share with others of about 16-18 years because we have a lot of things in common and can discuss on how to handle them

Inter: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Inter: what don't you like about adults?

Resp: I hate engaging in sexual relationships, because I fear dropping out school due to early pregnancy. In future, I would like to be a doctor. When I look at lives of some girls who we were with in primary school, you would find that they did not complete school because they dropped out of school due to early pregnancies and others getting married.

Inter: mhhh

Resp: I also fear sexually transmitted infections, HIV Aids because I don't want to die while young

Inter: are there other issues that you want to add on that?

Resp: no

Inter: is there any significant experience that you have gone through and can remember?

Resp: good or bad

Inter: either of them

Resp: one day we had a family get together and we had a good time. On our way back home we were involved in an accident, and it was a hit and run case. We were rushed to hospital and I was wondering what next because my mother was jobless, there was no one near to contact to assist us and we had no money with us, there were many other patients too. The owner of the car was called and he came and paid the hospital bills and we were able to go back home

Inter: where was your mother by then?

Resp: we were together at the hospital, she was hurt

Inter: did you all leave the hospital together?

Resp: yes, we were three of us

Inter: ok. How important or significant was this experience in your life?

Resp: we were about today and three people from one family survived a fatal accident. That was a miracle from God

Inter: ok, is there any other experience

Resp: no

Inter: let us talk about your growing up in the family. Who do you live with currently?

Resp: I live with my mother

Inter: apart from your mother?

Resp: she is a single parent

Inter: do you have brothers and sisters apart from yourself?

Resp: I have two cousins who live with us

Inter: how many?

Resp: a boy and a girl

Inter: ok, tell me how your parents are involved in your life today

Resp: they are very much involved. There are times when our mother talks to us about different issues and advices us on what to do. When we have an issue, we consult her and she advices us on what to do. We communicate with our mother freely so it is not hard to share issues with her

Inter: does she help you in decision making?

Resp: once she has told you something, it is up to you to decide what is good and what is bad

Inter: how about generally, how much is she involved in what you do on a daily basis?

Resp: she is very much involved, she provides us with basic things like food, shelter, clothing and medical

Inter: ok, what other role do your parents play in your life?

Resp: my mother encourages me, being an only child, to work hard so that I can get a good job and have a good future with a

good family. This way I will also be able to assist her in her needs

Inter: anything else?

Resp: only those ones

Inter: what about the friends you have

Resp: she always insists that I should be very careful when choosing friends and usually she admonishes me when she notices that I am in company of bad girls, she vets the girls I walk with and if they are bad girls, she will warn you.

Inter: what about use of drugs

Resp: my mother has never talked to us about those but we have been educated about drug abuse in school, the effects it has on us and how we should avoid it

Inter: how about getting involved in romantic relationships?

Resp: she advices us not to get involved in that until after marriage. It will also help us not to get diseases like STIs and HIV Aids. There are some girls who are involved in sexual activities and use preventives like birth control pills, she advices us that starting to use those pills in early stages of life for a girl they are likely to make you barren in future. We are also told at school that the use of condoms is not good because there are some chemicals used in their manufacture and constant use of them can affect you in one

way or another. She usually advices us to go and visit the VCT centres to be able to know our HIV status.

Inter: ok, is there anything you would like to add?

Resp: no

Inter: what kind of issues would make you go to seek assistance or help from your parents?

Resp: during my menstruation period, you know sometimes girls do experience pain during menstruation and they may think it is abnormal or there is something wrong, so when I talk to my mother, I can find out from her what to do when I am in pain. She can advice me whether it is normal or I need to seek medical attention.

Inter: what else would you like to add?

Resp: that is all

Inter: is there anything that would stop you from approaching your parents for help?

Resp: I don't think there is anything that can stop me from sharing with her my fears/worries. My mother is very free and open to us so we don't find it hard to share our problems or experiences with her

Inter: ok, you are free with her?

Resp: yes

Inter: what kind of personal problems that would make you consult your mother?

Resp: maybe I don't have school books, shoes, uniform, etc I mean basic needs, and I would go to her

Inter: what problems or issues would you consult other people apart from parents?

Resp: maybe, you know sometimes I fear issues related to sex, how I can start talking to my mother, so I am forced to share it with friends I am sure they can be of assistance. In as much as we are free with my mother and share with her almost all my fears, it is not easy to approach her on issues like sex. I know she can talk about it but it is just the fear to approach her,

Inter: is there any other issues you share with friends and not your parents?

Resp: no

Inter: anything that can make you seek help elsewhere?

Resp: I share most of the things with my parents

Inter: do your parents punish you when make mistakes?

Resp: she used to beat me when I was in primary school but now she stopped doing that. What she does is advice us and if you are bright enough, you will ask yourself questions, why has my mother told me this; you look at the advantages and

disadvantages of doing what you want to do first. Nowadays, my mother never beats me but we sit and discuss but of course if I am stubborn, I am sure she can beat me up

Inter: so she tells you the mistake and you rectify?

Resp: yes

Inter: besides your parents, who else plays an advisory role in your life?

Resp: at school, we have counseling sessions. We go per class and in those sessions, we share our experiences but it is all the same

Inter: who runs these counseling sessions at school?

Resp: counselingshe is called...you want to know the name?

Inter: is it a teacher?

Resp: there is a specific teacher for that subject in our school

Inter: what about among your friends?

Resp: yes, classmates and a few others around me

Inter: what about people like pastors?

Resp: Pastor....I don't really associate much with them, I would rather they preach to me and that ends there. It has never occurred to me that I would share with them my experiences

Inter: you said you live with your cousins, is there any way in which they convince you on certain issues?

Resp: we share quite a lot between us. If I go astray they advice not to go that way

Inter: what do they advice you in education?

Resp: when I have homework, and I come against a difficult problem I ask them to assist me particularly in mathematics.

Inter: that is good, how about employment, your future, do they advice you on the same?

Resp: we share on what we would like to be when we are older. For example if you want to be a doctor there are specific subjects that you need to be very good at so that you can qualify to be one

Inter: and on issues to do with employment, marriage, what advice do they give you on such issues?

Resp: for example like my cousin, he always encourages us to work hard in school, get a good job and a good family

Inter: your cousins encourage you to work hard at school?

Resp: yes, but on things like marriage comes later, education should be given first priority in my life

Inter: among your friends, are there any who you share with or advice you on behavior

Resp: there are good and bad friends, there are those who will try to convince you to join them in parties and other activities that are not right, so you try and avoid them otherwise you

will find yourself in trouble with your parents. Others will advice you to study while others will invite and pay for you to go to movies, so there are bad and good friends

Inter: how about education, what do they tell you?

Resp: I don't have many friends except two and we mostly share on education issues.

Inter: ok, they advice you well on education matters?

Resp: yes

Inter: ok, what do they convince about marriage?

Resp: we don't discuss marriage issues with them but maybe when it is leisure time we can just talk generally and maybe she can ask you what kind of husband would like to get married to and then you tell her a tall one, educated and such kind of things but not serious discussions

Inter: can you tell me about any significant problem or event a friend or kin has experienced

Resp: bad?

Inter: bad

Resp: I had a friend of mine, we don't go to the same school, and she was in a different school. She had a boyfriend, and unfortunately, got pregnant. The sister who she was living with asked her to go and abort so that she may not bring embarrassment to the family. The girl secured an abortion and

in the process her womb was damaged. She can no longer have children anymore because the uterus was damaged

Inter: the sister didn't want embarrassment in the family?

Resp: no

Inter: you said it was due to pregnancy?

Resp: yes

Inter: how about a problem that is outside marriage; any problem that a kin or friend experienced out side marriage?

Resp: in marriage?

Inter: yes

Resp: all my friends are not married

Inter: ok, and maybe a school dropout?

Resp: quite a lot of the girls we went to school with have dropped out of school due to early pregnancy.

Inter: so most of them got pregnant and dropped out of school?

Resp: yes

Inter: do you see yourself experiencing the same problem like them?

Resp: if I was to experience that problem what I would do?

Inter: can you see yourself in such circumstances or you have already pass through that?

Resp: I can't say anything on that because I have not been involved in anything like that

Inter: can you say, you don't see yourself in such situation?

Resp: I can't say that I will not experience such things but in most cases such issues come about due to lack of counseling. But if you go through counseling sessions, it is not easy to fall victim

Inter: so, because you have gone through counseling it is not easy for you fall victim to such situations or be a victim?

Resp: I think it will depend on you; you can get counseling and still not take it seriously. But if you take in that advice, I don't see how you can fall victim to such experience. Some of these things you need to control your emotional feelings

Inter: it is something you can control?

Resp: you can control if you want

Inter: let us discuss about your experiences in this community, what are the challenges facing young persons in this area?

Resp: this slum is still growing and so there is not much going on there but our next village, girls get married at a very tender age; the boys come and convince them and they get married. This is caused by poverty in the family of the girl. The girl does not get the basic needs from her parents and

she opts to get married hoping that these needs will be met
on the other side

Inter: ok, are there other challenges young persons experiences
other than early marriages?

Resp: yes, I had a friend of mine, who at one time came to me at
school and shared with me that when she is passing urine, she
feels a lot of pain. We had been taught about STIs so I
advised her to go and do tests related to STIs incase she had
contracted something like gonorrhea. She went for the test
and was found infected with an STI. When you get early
treatment, a life can be saved

Inter: what about issues related to insecurity?

Resp: this is a slum and there are times if you are approached by a
man you know how to avoid a confrontation

Inter: how about security for the youth in the surrounding area?

Resp: there is big problem

Inter: which one?

Resp: for girls, they get harassment from boys

Inter: so we have rowdy boys around?

Resp: yes

Inter: what other challenges to the young persons go through, for
example, poverty?

Resp: I really don't know what one can do to avoid that

Inter: is employment a challenge to the youths here?

Resp: if they are in employment?

Inter: do they have jobs?

Resp: most of them are not employed and there are no jobs at all.
When they are not in employment like this, they get involved in things like mugging, killings, breaking in to peoples' houses and stealing property, and this is due to lack of jobs that is why they are involved in criminal activities

Inter: is HIV Aids a big challenge in this community?

Resp: HIV Aids can only be gotten through your own will

Inter: Is that a challenge to the youths here?

Resp: yes, it is

Inter: how?

Resp: I think something like that, as I said earlier on, to be infected with HIV Aids is on your own free will except for isolated cases. Young people can sometimes be very stubborn and refuse to take in advise they are given and after a while they get infected and it is too late. Nowadays, there are ARVs which many people are taking now so the issue of death does not come in easily but before, it was hard, most people ended up dying from infection

Inter: ok, what strategies have been put in place to avoid these things escalating in the community?

Resp: that vocabulary, strategies?

Inter: what measures have been put in place so that things like insecurity, infections of STIs and HIV Aids can be solved?

Resp: to solve things like HIV Aids and STIs, one need to abstain from sexual activities, for marriage couples they need to be faithful and if it is necessary that they have to go out they can use condoms to avoid infections

Inter: who should be faithful?

Resp: married couples

Inter: and the use of condoms?

Resp: the married ones

Inter: you say that for all of them?

Resp: ye

Inter: what about poverty, what measures have been put in place?

Resp: solution to poverty?

Inter: yes

Resp: I think the solution to poverty is getting the government involved. When they give these youths jobs, it will keep them busy and they will have not time to start engaging in

criminal activities. That will also be solving poverty within the families since the youths will be in employment.

Inter: ok, what about security?

Resp: I think for insecurity issues, this can only be solved when our youths get jobs to keep them busy, they will not have time to go to the streets to start mugging people or breaking into people's houses. Idleness brings about evil thoughts and once put in action, they produce those criminal activities

Inter: what has been done in this area to solve that issue of insecurity from the youths?

Resp: there is this project of *Kazi kwa Vijana* (Work for the Youths) and it has really helped very many youths in this area

Inter: to solve insecurity issues and other?

Resp: yes

Inter: ok, where would you like to live?

Resp: since I have been brought up in the slum, I don't think I want to live in the slum, I would like to live a good life than the present one I am living today

Inter: what do you mean good life

Resp: you cannot be born in the slum and continue living there you need to change the environment

Inter: where would you like to stay?

Resp: in an estate

Inter: why in an estate?

Resp: there is a conducive environment there

Inter: what does conducive environment?

Resp: if you compare life in the estates and life in the slum, you will find theft cases are few, but in the slum, in the first place it is a ghetto and there are many people there and anywhere where there is congestion of people quite a lot things go on there

Inter: things like insecurity, so you would like a place that you will find what?

Resp: things like rape are very common phenomenon in the slum but it is not easy to hear about such things in the estates. Once you enter your house that is about all because you live all alone without sharing with anyone

Inter: where you will get enough security

Resp: yes

Inter: are there chances of you living in those areas you have described?

Resp: possibility?

Inter: yes

Resp: there are possibilities because, me I believe that education is the key to good life, since education is th key to good life, when you work hard at school, finish your education, get good job, get good salary and you live a good life

Inter: what you mean is that if you work hard at school, you stand a good chance of living a good life

Resp: yes

Inter: ok, let talk about education and your goals in life. What would you like to attain in life

Resp: personally I would like to be a doctor, I have been with my aunt, sister to my father I admire her as a doctor. Another reason I am interested in being a doctor is that I can know more about my body and how to handle the body, to know more about diseases that affect the body and how they are treated. I would also like to help other people in the community as a doctor, I love helping other people

Inter: you like helping others?

Resp: yes. I also love Biology because biology is life

Inter: what efforts are you making to achieve this goal?

Resp: working hard at school

Inter: so you are working hard at school?

Resp: yes

Inter: what else are you doing towards achieving this?

Resp: respecting my mother so that she can also be encouraged to provide for me the necessary basic needs

Inter: is there any other thing you are doing?

Resp: I pray to God to fulfill my dreams

Inter: you pray also?

Resp: yes

Inter: anything else to add on that?

Resp: no

Inter: what do you think can stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: peer pressure meaning in the slum there are so many influences and if you are not strong willed, you can easily fall prey to them. I thank God for my mother because she is so open with me that I have been able to handle many issues through her advice

Inter: anything else besides peer pressure?

Resp: yes

Inter: you can't think of any other thing that can stop you from achieving your goal?

Resp: no

Inter: what level of education do you need to be able to achieve your goal?

Resp: It is not easy to be a doctor so you need to reach university level to be able to make a foundation for that particular career

Inter: mhhh. Do you believe you will achieve this level of education?

Resp: yes, even God said, blessed are those who believe without seeing, so I believe, not only believing but working hard at school

Inter: that is what gives you moral at school?

Resp: yes

Inter: so you see yourself being able to achieve that?

Resp: yes

Inter: are you in school currently?

Resp: yes

Inter: you would like to be a doctor in future?

Resp: yes

Inter: is there any significant person in your life that you have shared this vision with?

Resp: the most significant person I have shared my vision with, first it is my mother then my teacher. I have shared with my teacher because, he can advice me the kind of subjects I need to take to enable me achieve my goal. For my mother she will

definitely encourage me to work hard in whatever subjects I take so that I can succeed but the main person here is the teacher

Inter: so you have said the most important person here is the teacher?

Resp: even my mother is also very important because she will give you advice

Inter: let us talk about your leisure time and work. Have you ever been involved in any income generating activity in your life?

Resp: I have because my mother cannot allow it.

Inter: why do you think she doesn't want you to get involved in employment at all?

Resp: even if I was told I cannot involve myself. My mother tells me that she is providing me with everything I need to enable me move ahead in life so she doesn't understand why I would want to get into employment instead of working hard at my education. I have tried several times to ask her if she can allow me to work, but she has refused that

Inter: so she provides for everything you need?

Resp: yes, she tries very hard to provide for all my needs

Inter: ok, you are not involved in any income generating activity except for your mother?

Resp: yes

Inter: in this community, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: ahh a successful person....there are many meanings

Inter: like which ones?

Resp: when you are successful, the family benefits

Inter: what does it mean in this community when someone is successful, is it because of education or what?

Resp: education also plays a big part. If all of you are educated there is a way the family benefits, they move from one level to another and also the community benefits

Inter: tell me of a person that has been successful in this community

Resp: on my father's side, you find his sisters, he died long time ago, and his sisters are teachers in both primary and secondary schools. They are a learned family.

Inter: they are learned?

Resp: yes and I feel encouraged when I see how they have progressed

Inter: apart from education, what about wealth?

Resp: having wealth?

Inter: mhh

Resp: the main thing here is education though wealth may also contribute to someone being successful.

Inter: what about family?

Resp: in education?

Inter: mmm

Resp: when you are through with education, get a good job and well paying one, the family will definitely benefit, they grow from one stage to another, if they were not able to afford certain things, they can now cater for them. At least their level of poverty reduces by a certain percentage. Everything nowadays is based on education

Inter: how can you identify a successful young person?

Resp: the difference between an educated person and that one who is not?

Inter: something like that

Resp: education

Inter: only education? There is not other difference?

Resp: you cannot compare someone who is educated with one who is not; there is a very big difference.

Inter: what can differentiate a well behaved young person and that one who is not?

Resp: a well mannered youth will also behave well at school than that one who is not. There is a difference

Inter: between a well behave person and one who is not?

Resp: you cannot serve two masters, either you are ill mannered or not

Inter: ok, what about the character, is it possible to identify a well behaved person through character?

Resp: a learned person always behaves in a very different manner and you will not find him involved in criminal activities because he knows it is bad

Inter: a learned person will behave well?

Resp: yes

Inter: what about when faced with peer pressure,

Resp: this learned person will not bend in to peer pressure, and every experience he comes across is a lesson and you will not get him caught in the same incident twice thrice. He will avoid it at all costs but an ill mannered person does not learn from his mistakes. He keeps repeating them every now and then

Inter: ok, what can a young person do to succeed in life?

Resp: first, he must be well behaved, secondly he must work hard whether it is at school or employment, he must pray to God. Without God he cannot be able to make it so he has to involve God in everything that he does

Inter: for how long do you intend to live with your parents now that you are under their protection?

Resp: I will live with my parents till I complete my education though education has not end. I think you will reach a certain age and get the feeling that you need more space and have to move out, settle down and help your mother.

Inter: can we conclude that the period of staying with your parents up to the stage you move out will be determined by age?

Resp: yes, maybe when I am through with my fourth form it will depend on the age, then when I finish college and get a well paying job. It is also not good to keep depending on your mother all the way, she also needs a break

Inter: so after your university level you may think of moving out; age will not matter much here?

Resp: no.

Inter: what you are saying is that the reason you may have to make you move out of your mother's house is completion of your education, and afterwards get a good job so that you can assist your mother?

Resp: yes

Inter: how important is marriage to your family?

Resp: my getting married?

Inter: generally, anyone getting married in your family, how is it considered?

Resp: I don't understand the question

Inter: is there any importance to your family when you get married?

Resp: the importance of my marriage in the family?

Inter: yes

Resp: I don't think there is any importance there...but maybe it is important in increasing the number of family members but as an individual I think it will be of my benefit not the family

Inter: in what way?

Resp: this will be my family not my mother's

Inter: in your opinion, when do you think you will get married?

Resp: I have not planned of that

Inter: why?

Resp: I am still too far; I need to think of that maybe when I am in college but not now

Inter: why do you think would be the reason for you to decide to get married?

Resp: age, it is not good to be a spinster for longer. I once asked my mother the best age to get married is what; and she told me from age 24 would be ideal. Girls mature very fast.

Inter: for your case, what will you put in consideration?

Resp: marriage to me is not a must but I always say if I have to do it, it will be just to add the numbers in my family. My

mother told me she doesn't plan to get married again after my father's death, so that leaves the two of us

Inter: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: a Kikuyu like me,

Inter: anything else?

Resp: physical appearance?

Inter: yes

Resp: learned person, tall, chocolate

Inter: what does chocolate mean?

Resp: he is not brown nor is he black, he is in between

Inter: ok, anything else?

Resp: that is all

Inter: let us talk about other related things; I know that there are people of your age who have boyfriends/girlfriends. Do you have a boyfriend?

Resp: I have so many boyfriends and girlfriends, who help me, you cannot say you are on your own, but I don't have lovers

Inter: tell me of your relationship with your first boyfriend

Resp: when I talk of boyfriends, they are friends; I am not involved sexually with them.

Inter: ok,

Resp: how old is he?

Inter: 17,

Resp: there is one with 17, another one with 16

Inter: how did you meet

Resp: we were in school together

Inter: how did you first become friends?

Resp: our teacher advised us that it is good to have a boyfriend who can assist you by giving you advice on some issues you cannot handle as a girl

Inter: ok, I would like to ask you this question though in most cases most people are not comfortable with it

Resp: mhh

Inter: have you ever been involved in sex?

Resp: no

Inter: what was the reason why you have not had sex?

Resp: there are many reasons; first, I fear contracting HIV Aids and it is not possible to know who is infected or not. You cannot conclude from the physical appearance that this person is not infected by the HIV Virus. The one you may be thinking looks healthy could be the carrier of the virus. I fear contracting STIs. I remember one day we were brought a film at a school from Kenyatta National Hospital about STDs and we

were shown how these STIs affect the private parts and it was very scary. Early pregnancy is another reason why I have not involved myself in sex, I don't want to cut my education short, I want to achieve my goal

Inter: these are the issues that have stopped you from having sex?

Resp: yes

Inter: when do you plan to start having sex?

Resp: at our school we are always advised by our teacher, sex is more enjoyable when you do it with your life partner. If you start having it now at a young age, you will lose the interest at the stage when you begin married life and your marriage won't be interesting at all

Inter: mhh

Resp: if you wait till marriage you will also feel proud of yourself. They also tell us that there are some people when they marry a girl who has been sexually involved before marriage, they tend to look at them as girls who were immoral at their younger age and there is nothing you can do to convince them otherwise. That can make your marriage a very unhappy one

Inter: how do you feel for having not been involved in sex by now?

Resp: I am happy because I am not stressed worrying whether I am pregnant, have I contracted an STI or not? You ask yourself

too many questions and are constantly under stress. Even concentrating on education will be difficult and your grades will go down.

Inter: I would like to ask you something on post election violence, how were you affected by them?

Resp: personally I was not affected, I went to school as usual, and there weren't a lot of problems on this end like I hear other places were affected.

Inter: what about your family?

Resp: all was well; our houses were not burnt down nor were our properties destroyed

Inter: what about neighbours and your friends?

Resp: they were not affected

Inter: there were a lot of uncertainties during that time how were you able to handle such things?

Resp: we were very peaceful on this end so there isn't much I can say about that

Inter: you did not encounter any problems during that period?

Resp: no

Inter: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: I think I didn't like the way people were killed and their houses burnt down. Many students were also affected because

of that and they could not go to school and yet the syllabus was still going on

Inter: what else?

Resp: I didn't like the way people started being tribal at that time, it is good to live well as a nation and stop looking at people on tribal lines

Inter: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: I liked when Koffi Annan came and after discussions, there was peace, I felt good

Inter: you like the way things calmed down after the interception of Koffi Annan?

Resp: yes

Inter: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Inter: thank you so much. We have now reached the end of our interview, and appreciate the time we have spent together.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY QUESTIONS/THEMES

1. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED AND UNDERSTOOD
2. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
3. RESILIENCE
4. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent equates adulthood to age over 18 years. She also equates adulthood to someone who can have sex while a child or non adult cannot
2. She doesn't have an insight on the issues affecting the young persons but she feels the children are difficult to handle at her age. She also wishes to get a job. Schooling is a challenge because they lack fees.
3. The respondent was not able to dis???? The resistance of peer pressure on any???
4. She would choose to become a doctor because they help communities. Currently she is a housewife and she hardly goes to work. She plans to go back to school.

Int: I would like to hear from you how you understand the different between an adult and those that are not yet adults

Resp: an adult will be able to fend for him/herself but a child is not able to do that

Int: fending for them means what to you?

Resp: going to work and earning a living

Int: what about the age?

Resp: an adult starts from 18 years and above

Int: how about below 18 years

Resp: about 15-16?

Int: mhh

Resp: those are still children

Int: mhhh what about getting children?

Resp: giving birth?

Int: yes

Resp: they cannot give birth

Int: who?

Resp: children

Int: mhhh what about getting in engaging in sex?

Resp: only adults can be able to do that

Int: mhh

Resp: children don't even know what that is

Int: what else; how about physical maturity

Resp: physical maturity between an adult and child or?

Int: yes

Resp: silence

Int: what about the kind of activities they carry out in daily
like, what is the difference?

Resp: between children and adults?

Int: yes

Resp: children cannot be employed

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: I don't know about that

Int: gauging from what you have just told me, can you tell me how a
child becomes an adult?

Resp: the care you give as a parent

Int: then what

Resp: you have to take care of the child until you feel he/she is
now an adult

Int: I would like to know the stages a child go through to become
an adult

Resp: silence

Int: mhh

Resp: you take care of the child; the child must crawl before he becomes an adult

Int: mhhh

Resp: you will give birth and take care of the child until he goes to school

Int: then after school?

Resp: silence

Int: I would like to know the stages a child goes through before he becomes an adult

Resp: silence

Int: you are very silent, are you able to understand the questions I am asking?

Resp: yes

Int: would you say you are an adult now?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: I am already have children that means I am an adult now

Int: what else?

Resp: I can differentiate the bad from good

Int: what else?

Resp: I can be able to look after my family by working and also live on my own

Int: what do you mean when you say you can live on your own?

Resp: I can work and look after my family without necessarily getting assistance

Int: apart from the fact that you can look after yourself, what else is happening in your life that makes you feel you are now an adult? What is it that makes you feel like an adult?

Resp: there are many things I do

Int: like what?

Resp: silence

Int: what are you currently doing to make you feel that you are an adult?

Resp: silence

Int: I would you to tell me what you were not doing before that you are doing now?

Resp: right now I can go and seek for work

Int: ok, what else?

Resp: apart from employment, also look for money

Int: what else are you doing that you were not doing before?

Resp: silence

Int: as we continue, what do you like about being an adult?

Resp: silence

Int: Mummy, you are very quiet, we don't seem to be on the same wave length. I would like you to be very free about what we are discussing because these are things that happen in everyday life. I would like to hear from you what activities you are currently doing that makes you think you are now an adult and how you feel about it, is that ok?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me what you like about being an adult

Resp: silence

Int: you don't like anything about being an adult?

Resp: silence

Int: what don't you like about being a grownup person?

Resp: silence

Int: is there anything that you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: silence

Int: let me ask you another question; what is the most important event in your life

Resp: none

Int: you don't remember anything happening in your adult life

Resp: there isn't

Int: why do you say there isn't?

Resp: silence

Int: Mummy, it is good for us to understand each other. I am here to talk to you and I cannot be able to know or understand your views on anything when you are silent. I am interested in your views and this will help me know and understand many things that I didn't know about. When you keep quiet, I am not able to know anything

Resp: there are some questions I don't have an answer to, the questions are very difficult

Int: they are not very difficult because these are things that happen in our daily life

Resp: silence

Int: ok let us talk about you and your family. Is that ok with you?

Resp: yes

Int: who do you live with now>?

Resp: I live with my husband here

Int: in what way are your parents involved in your life?

Resp: at home?

Int: yes

Resp: silence

Int: for example, do your parents play any role in your decisions?

Resp: no, for now there is nothing they can do because they are far
and I am here

Int: are they concerned about how you live here?

Resp: they know I am an adult so they assume I can look after myself

Int: supposing you were ill how would they involved?

Resp: they will try to find out if I have gone to a medical facility
for treatment

Int: and then what?

Resp: silence

Int: and how you are living?

Resp: so long as they know I am living comfortable, they will be
happy

Int: and if you are not living comfortably?

Resp: they will not be happy

Int: how will they be involved?

Resp: maybe by asking me to go back home and live with them

Int: so they participate in advising you?

Resp: silence

Int: in what areas of your life do your parents offer advice?

Resp: when I am with my mother she advices me on how married women
take care of their homes

Int: and then; what else?

Resp: silence

Int: is there any other advice she gives you apart from how to take
care of the home?

Resp: silence

Int: what kind of advice do your parents give to you in general?

Resp: they cannot tell me about school because I dropped out

Int: But they can still offer you advice. What do they say about
education, religion and so forth?

Resp: they tell me that going and participating in church is good

Int: what else about religion?

Resp: that is it good to go to church

Int: what about romantic relationships?

Resp: we haven't talked anything about that

Int: what about drugs?

Resp: I don't know about that

Int: what kind of advice have they offer to you?

Resp: they have never told me anything about it

Int: what can make you seek advice from your parents?

Resp: silence.....to get assistance?

Int: what I mean what can make you go to seek advice from your parents?

Resp: If I go visiting them

Int: what I am trying to what can make you go to your parents for assistance?

Resp: maybe if I am sick or we have quarrel

Int: what else

Resp: If the child is ill

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: you cannot go back to your parents for anything else?

Resp: no

Int: is there anything that can prevent you from seeking assistance from your parents?

Resp: there is none

Int: what personal problems would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: you told me that when you quarrel with your husband you can go to your parent's home. Why do you quarrel?

Resp: (unintelligible, a lot of background noise from children playing nearby)

Int: there are some personal problems that you may face but are not able to go to your parents to share with them, what kind of problems are these?

Resp: none

Int: what kind of problems would make you seek assistance from anybody else apart from your parents?

Resp: silence

Int: there are no problems that would make you go seek advice from your friends?

Resp: no

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: where would you get any kind of assistance?

Resp: most times I handle them personally

Int: what kind of problems do you solve on your own?

Resp: problems in my house

Int: for example?

Resp: just domestic problems

Int: mhh

Resp: small domestic problems

Int: like which ones?

Resp: when I don't have money, I just keep silent, I don't talk about it

Int: what happens when you don't have money?

Resp: I go look for work and sort myself out and if I am unable to sort them out, I just keep quiet about it

Int: how do your parents punish you when you do wrong?

Resp: my parents?

Int: yes

Resp: silence

Int: when you are in the wrong, who advises you?

Resp: there isn't one

Int: besides your parents, is there anyone else who can offer you advice?

Resp: there isn't one

Int: do your brothers ever advise you on your behavior?

Resp: they are still very young

Int: how about education?

Resp: unintelligible (a lot of background noise, and respondent speaking softly)

Int: is there anyway despite the fact that your brothers are still young advice you on employment or work?

Resp: no

Int: on marriage?

Resp: they are too young to do that

Int: how do your friends convince you about marriage?

Resp: my friends?

Int: mhh

Resp: I don't have any friends

Int: can you tell me of any major problem your brothers/sisters or friends have encountered?

Resp: silence

Int: do you know of any?

Resp: silence

Int: tell me of any significant problem that your family or friend has faced

Resp: there isn't any

Int: can you see yourself in a similar situation?

Resp: no

Int: tell me about your being in this community; what major challenges are young adults facing in this community? What kind of problems do young adults in this community face?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: how about domestic problems; are they challenges to young adults in this community?

Resp: no

Int: how about insecurity?

Resp: I don't think so

Int: you have said you don't know but maybe you could tell me what problems young adults encounter when they trying to live in this community?

Resp: silence

Int: mhh?

Resp: please ask me another question

Int: ok, now, are there mechanisms in place that the young adults have put in place to be able to counter these challenges?

Resp: youth?

Int: yes

Resp: please repeat the question?

Int: what methods do the youths use to face these challenges they encounter in the community? Is my Kiswahili hard?

Resp: no, I understand

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: in a house

Int: I mean reside?

Resp: in the house?

Int: for example in the estates, if you were to move from this place, where would you move to?

Resp: I would like to live in Umoja

Int: why Umoja

Resp: life there is good; it is also a quiet place

Int: yes,

Resp: there isn't a lot of noise and you cannot buy something good and own it. You do it and it will be stolen the next day

Int: is that a problem in this community; theft?

Resp: yes, it is rampant

Int: is there a possibility of you living in Umoja

Resp: I can live a good life and be able to purchase things for my house

Int: when do you intend to move out of this community?

Resp: possibly next year

Int: let us now talk about education, your expectations and future plans. What would you like to achieve in your life?

Resp: I would like to enjoy good health

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: it is important to be healthy and alive

Int: mhh

Resp: right now many people are dying

Int: why are there so many deaths?

Resp: They are dying because of HIV Aids

Int: is HIV Aids a challenge in this community?

Resp: unintelligible

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: I haven't said anything

Int: what efforts are you making to keep in good health?

Resp: I look after myself

Int: in what way?

Resp: I don't move around with many partners

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: what level of education would you need to be able to reach
 your goal in life?

Resp: I am already done with education

Int: what is hindering you from achieving this goal?

Resp: silence

Int: would you like to go back to school?

Resp: I wouldn't mind

Int: why would you like to go back to school?

Resp: life is hard to manage

Int: mhh what do you mean life is hard?

Resp: domestic life if not easy

Int: in what way?

Resp: there are children and you need finance to take care of them

Int: what else?

Resp: children are sickly all the time

Int: anything else?

Resp: only that

Int: is a child being sick a problem to you?

Resp: it makes me get stressed

Int: if you have an opportunity to go back to school, what level of education would you like to reach?

Resp: unintelligible

Int: are you in school now?

Resp: no

Int: what would you like to be in future?

Resp: to be a doctor

Int: why a doctor?

Resp: that career is interesting

Int: in what way?

Resp: you can help a lot of people in the community (baby crying in the background)

Int: how do they assist in the community?

Resp: they medical treatment and advice to the people

Int: is there anyone you have shared with about your goal in life?

Resp: who?

Int: you, who have you talked to about this dream of being a doctor?

Resp: none

Int: you haven't shared this with anybody

Resp: no

Int: why are you not in school now?

Resp: there was no money for school fees so I dropped out in class eight.

Int: do you have plans to go back to school?

Resp: no, I don't have

Int: have you ever been involved in any activity to generate money?

Resp: yes, (unintelligible, children's noise in the background increases interfering in clarity)

Int: how old were you when you first started engaging in activities to bring in money?

Resp: I started being paid recently

Int: how old were you?

Resp: at 22 years

Int: what feelings do you have of this job?

Resp: this job I have?

Int: yes

Resp: I would wish to grow and employ other people work for me

Int: why did you start this (unintelligible, noise)

Resp: silence

Int: let me put it this way, you mentioned that they started paying you wages recently, why were not being paid from the beginning?

Resp: I was still a student

Int: were there any other jobs you were doing for money?

Resp: no

Int: are you currently involved in any activity to generate money?

Resp: no

Int: but you mentioned you are being paid?

Resp: yes, I am being paid

Int: do you have any other source of income?

Resp: no

Int: you told me you are working as a tailor, why are you doing that job?

Resp: I thought I should go for that instead of sitting idle at home

Int: in a month, what is your gross earnings?

Resp: Sh3,000

Int: are you paid in cash or what?

Resp: cash

Int: how do you spend this money?

Resp: first I use it in the house, do a bit of savings then I
combine the rest with my husbands we send home

Int: tell me about someone who has succeeded in this community

Resp: in my family?

Int: generally in this community?

Resp: none

Int: why do you say so?

Resp: I am yet to see one who is successful

Int: ok, what identifies a young adult who has succeeded in life?

Resp: one who is still in school; because, all the young boys around
here are thieves

Int: how would you be able to differentiate a young adult who is
well mannered from the others?

Resp: It is one who respects his parents, and loves God

Int: Is there any other difference?

Resp: no

Int: how are they able to handle the challenges they encounter in
the community?

Resp: I don't understand that

Int: you mentioned that a good or successful young adult does
certain things that make him be successful, so how is such a

person able to maintain the same character without falling victim to the other boys?

Resp: by avoiding their company

Int: where are your parents currently?

Resp: they are at home

Int: where in particular?

Resp: in Kisumu

Int: when did you start living here????(Unintelligible, very noise children in the background)

Resp: with my father

Int: so you left your mother upcountry in Kisumu and came directly to get married?

Resp: yes

Int: ok, who were you living with before marriage?

Resp: my mother upcountry

Int: what made you leave home?

Resp: I was pregnant

Int: and then?

Resp: I came to join the person who had pregnant me

Int: tell more about your feelings and the challenges you faced when you left upcountry for the first time

Resp: when I got pregnant I had to move out because my mother wanted to beat me

Int: by whom?

Resp: my father

Int: so you decided to do what?

Resp: I decided to go to the home of the man who had made me pregnant; we stayed for while before coming to Nairobi

Int: how old were you when you moved out of your parent's home?

Resp: I was 16

Int: and then what were you afraid off?

Resp: I was afraid of my father

Int: when you moved from upcountry, were you forced by anyone?

Resp: no, my husband is the one who told me to come and stay with him

Int: were you happy about it?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I would not have moved out had it not been for the pregnancy

Int: how do you feeling living alone in this community?

Resp: I feel ok

Int: Unintelligible (more noise in the background)

Resp: silence

Int: what are the challenges/problems you are facing in this community as a young adult?

Resp: I really don't know

Int: what I am saying what problems are you going through living on your own in this community?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: when were you married?

Resp: in 2006

Int: why did you choose this particular man to have a relationship with?

Resp: nothing

Int: you just looked at him and decided to be with him?

Resp: no

Int: there must be something that made you like him

Resp: silence

Int: what is it about marriage that you like?

Resp: there is nothing good in marriage

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: there is nothing

Int: why

Resp: silence

Int: do you feel you are an adult now that you are married?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: I have my own family

Int: mhhh because you are on your own with a family you feel you are an adult?

Resp: yes, because there are children also

Int: ok, Akinyi, at your age, what challenges/problems are you encountering in marriage?

Resp: there isn't any problem I have faced

Int: what about challenges?

Resp: none

Int: I would like us to talk about the first sexual encounter you had in your life

Resp: I don't know that

Int: tell me more about the first sex act you had; how old were you by then?

Resp: I was 16 years

Int: mhhh, how old was your lover?

Resp: I don't know how old he was

Int: how old is he now?

Resp: he is about 25 years old

Int: how is your romantic relationship currently?

Resp: it is good

Int: what made you have sex with him?

Resp: silence, I don't know

Int: you don't know why you had sex with him the first time?

Resp: no

Int: did you use any preventive method during this time?

Resp: no,

Int: why didn't you use one?

Resp: I didn't know about any

Int: you didn't know of any?

Resp: no

Int: you told me you got your first born at 16; tell me more about
your first pregnancy

Resp: long silence

Int: did you plan for that pregnancy?

Resp: no, I didn't even know that I was pregnant, it was a mistake

Int: was it a mistake

Resp: I had not planned to start having babies at that time

Int: how else was it a mistake?

Resp: I was still living with my parents and I wronged my father

Int: how do you feel being a parent?

Resp: good

Int: what do you mean when you say when you say good

Resp: I feel good because now I am a mother

Int: what are the challenges of being a parent?

Resp: they are many

Int: like which ones?

Resp: when the child is ill

Int: you were telling me that sickness is one of the challenges,
what are the others?

Resp: there aren't

Int: we are about to finish, what are your feelings towards young
adults of your age and are about marriage?

Resp: of my age?

Int: yes

Resp: there is no one of my age who is a parent

Int: but they may be planning to be parents in the near future

Resp: I wouldn't know because most of them are still in school

Int: are there any worries about being a parent at your age?

Resp: Silence

Int: is there any joy in getting children at your age?

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of joy is there?

Resp: if they have children?

Int: yes, at your age?

Resp: they feel good

Int: what do you mean they feel good?

Resp: they are happy they are mothers because we have girls who have never had children in their lives

Int: I would like us to talk about the challenges people went through during the post election violence, you understand that?

Resp: yes

Int: how were you affected with those post election violence?

Resp: many people died

Int: yes?

Resp: people were beaten, others maimed, others killed

Int: how were you affected personally?

Resp: we were not affected in our house

Int: what do you mean you were not affected?

Resp: nobody in our home was killed or harmed in anyway

Int: yes; was your income affected in any way?

Resp: there was no income because there was nothing going on; there was no money and no work

Int: did it leave any painful mark?

Resp: there was no fighting here

Int: what anxieties did you experience during that time?

Resp: I was scared

Int: what were you scared off?

Resp: I was just afraid of the violence and we were not able to go far from here

Int: what didn't you like about the violence that took place?

Resp: I just didn't like the fighting

Int: why?

Resp: people were fighting and other dying

Int: where were these people from?

Resp: from the upper side of this area

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: nothing

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: there was nothing good about it

Int: thank you so much. Is there anything you would like to add on
what we have just discussed?

Resp: no

Int: ok, thank you so much

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY QUESTIONS/THEMES

5. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED AND UNDERSTOOD
6. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
7. RESILIENCE
8. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

SALIENT POINTS

5. Someone who thinks so much and can start own business and run it well. Someone who depends on self and can work with his own two hands
6. Police harassment, drug abuse and peer pressure. Also lack of employment is faced as a challenge.
7. The respondent say she is able to resist pressure of having sex and instead opts to stay with one partner who is the husband
8. She chose her career path of being a tailor because she loved the job. She also would like to become an accountant

Int: I would like us to talk about a few things regarding adulthood. Let us start by you telling me the difference between an adult and one who is not an adult

Resp: what can I say?

Int: please speak louder to enable us capture your voice

Resp: it is to grow up

Int: what does that mean?

Resp: being a mature person

Int: how can you differentiate an adult from one who is not through years?

Resp: they think a lot,

Int: what else?

Resp: they are no longer childish

Int: what does that mean?

Resp: they think as adults

Int: how do adults think?

Resp: they think of how they are going to improve their future

Int: in what way?

Resp: like starting a business

Int: how about an able bodied person?

Resp: you start thinking of yourself and your life in general

Int: does marriage mean anything to an adult, is there any
difference in marriage between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: silence

Int: let me ask you a different question; does circumcision
contribute to the differences between an adult and one who is
not?

Resp: no

Int: why is that so?

Resp: silence

Int: how about the economic situation and dependency of person; is
there a difference between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: silence

Int: what about when someone has moved out of the parent's home,
what is the difference?

Resp: you can learn to be self reliant

Int: how?

Resp: you start looking for something to do and move out of the home
of your parents

Int: how old should one be?

Resp: about 18 years

Int: how about being in employment?

Resp: so that you can help yourself

Int: who should look for employment?

Resp: the adult

Int: does education make any difference between an adult and that one who is not?

Resp: when you are an adult, there is a lot on your mind

Int: mhh

Resp: you think of how that education will help you in future and how you can use it

Int: what else

Resp: think about the future life

Int: how?

Resp: the way you can live and be happy (noisy background)

Int: to add on what we have just discussed, can you tell me how a child reaches adulthood?

Resp: good care

Int: you mentioned how an adult is defined, now I would like to know how a child grow into an adult

Resp: being born, bringing it up

Int: up to?

Resp: until he is grown up

Int: I would like to know the stages he goes through before being adult

Resp: he grows up age 18 years

Int: that means?

Resp: he is an adult

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with adulthood?

Resp: an adult is self reliant, does his own things to benefit him and his children

Int: what makes you feel as an adult?

Resp: I do my own jobs around the home, I am self reliant

Int: what else?

Resp: silence, there is no other

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I am independent

Int: what else do you do?

Resp: I look after my children

Int: what else?

Resp: I also think of my life

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: how I can live a better life

Int: what are you doing or experiencing that you were not doing before?

Resp: running a business

Int: is there anything that is going on in your life that makes you feel you are not an adult?

Resp: nothing, all I am doing is good with me

Int: what do you like about adults?

Resp: being self reliant

Int: and what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: none

Int: is there anything you are doing that you feel is not good as an adult?

Resp: no

Int: what is the most significant even that happened in your life and the memory of it still lingers in your mind?

Resp: good or bad?

Int: either but very significant in your life

Resp: there isn't any

Int: is there any even that happened in your life that you still remember to date?

Resp: no

Int: tell which is the most significant event in your life?

Resp: getting my tailoring course

Int: why is it significant?

Resp: because I loved it

Int: I want as to talk about your family and how you grew up them.
Who do you live with now?

Resp: my husband

Int: how do your parents influence your life today?

Resp: they still take care of me

Int: they are still taking care of you?

Resp: yes

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: in what areas of your life do they have influence most?

Resp: apart from taking care of me and encouraging me to have beautiful thoughts about the future

Int: please speak a bit louder so that we can record that, what do you mean when you say beautiful thoughts?

Resp: to tell me how I can look after myself

Int: what else?

Resp: how I can bring up good mannered children

Int: mmm

Resp: that is all

Int: how about employment?

Resp: they also advice me on that

Int: what to do they tell you?

Resp: to live in peace with other people

Int: yes?

Resp: help others

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: how about accommodation and related issues?

Resp: silence

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: advise?

Int: mhh

Resp: good advice

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: advice on how I can help myself in life

Int: in most cases what kind of advice do your parents give?

Resp: how to be self reliant

Int: yes

Resp: silence

Int: do they advise you on education?

Resp: education is good and you cannot get a good job is you are not
well educated

Int: so what do they tell you?

Resp: make sure I educate my children well

Int: what about relationships with others?

Resp: to love one another

Int: is there any other?

Resp: live peacefully with other people

Int: what do they advice in relation to religion?

Resp: they tell that religion is good and I should obey God at all
times

Int: do they advice you on things related to romantic
relationships?

Resp: to live well with my husband without roaming all over

Int: what do you mean roaming all over?

Resp: not having other marital affairs on the side

Int: how about drugs?

Resp: they are not good

Int: what do they tell you about marriage?

Resp: to live a humble life and love my family

Int: what can hinder you from seeking help from your parents?

Resp: none

Int: what kind of personal problems would make you seek your
parent's assistance?

Resp: none

Int: ok, for instance, what kind of problems would make you seek
assistance from your parents?

Resp: when you quarrel with your husband

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: can you seek assistance from your parents because of that
problem?

Resp: yes

Int: and what would make you seek assistance from anyone else apart
from your parents

Resp: I can get help from a close friend

Int: with what kind of problem would you go to tell her?

Resp: sickness, maybe I am in need something

Int: something like what?

Resp: maybe I need a small loan

Int: you have mentioned that when you have a problem like sickness
or you need a loan, you got to seek for help elsewhere, who
would you go to?

Resp: to a friend

Int: why a friend?

Resp: she is the nearest person that I can go to

Int: who usually rebukes you or advise you when you make a mistake?

Resp: whoever I have wronged

Int: I mean who rebukes you when you personally have made a
mistake?

Resp: I do it personally

Int: someone can come to you and tell you that you have wronged
them, isn't it?

Resp: yes

Int: who would that person be?

Resp: a friend

Int: do your siblings influence your behavior in any way?

Resp: they are all younger than me

Int: who else has influence over your life apart from friends?

Resp: other people

Int: which other people are these?

Resp: my mother

Int: what does she tell you about behavior?

Resp: that I have good behaviors

Int: how do your friends influence our life on behavior?

Resp: I should learn to live without getting into brawls with people

Int: do they influence you on education?

Resp: they tell me it is good to be educated

Int: how

Resp: you cannot be lied to by other people when you are educated

Int: do your friends have any influence on you on issues related to work?

Resp: how I can work and be self reliant so that I don't become a burden to my husband or family

Int: what do they tell you about marriage and relationships?

Resp: they usually advice me on how I can live with my husband peacefully

Int: tell me any major problem your friend or siblings has been involved in

Resp: I don't know of any (cock crowing nearby, background noise still on)

Int: I want us to talk about your life in this community; tell me the major challenges that youths face in this community

Resp: heavy drinking of liquor, smoking bhang

Int: what else?

Resp: drugs, thefts

Int: what about children dropping out of school is that a challenge in this community?

Resp: silence

Int: how does insecurity affect youths in this community

Resp: silence

Int: I think we are not communicating here. There is insecurity here in the community?

Resp: yes

Int: how does it affect the youths in this community?

Resp: they are usually harassed by police

Int: what else

Resp: just that

Int: does HIV Aids affect in any way?

Resp: silence, I don't know

Int: what about general ill health?

Resp: I don't know

Int: you told me that there are a number of challenges that youths are experiencing in this community. What strategies have youths put in place to enable them cope with these challenges?

Resp: silence

Int: what do they do so that they are not caught by the police?

Resp: thy have been told not to roam at night and look for employment

Int: what do they do so that they are not involved with boys who take drugs?

Resp: they should not join those boys who take drugs

Int: what does good behavior mean to you?

Resp: good behavior?

Int: yes

Resp: (air plane above) not taking bhang, avoid walking people who are known to be bad influence in the community

Int: how about stealing and drinking; what do they do to stop these things in the community?

Resp: they look for work to do and once they are busy they don't have time to go and join those bad companies

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: here

Int: why in this community and not anywhere else?

Resp: I just love this place because you cannot miss anything to feed on because you can do small business to lift up yourself

Int: what is the most important achievement you owl like to attain in life?

Resp: to be self reliant

Int: are you self reliant now?

Resp: yes

Int: and what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: have a good job and if possible employ people

Int: what efforts are you doing to reach that goal? (air plane)

Resp: restocking my business until it grows

Int: what would hinder you from achieving that goal?

Resp: nothing

Int: what level of education do you need to be able to achieve that goal in life?

Resp: form four

Int: why that level of education?

Resp: that is enough for running a business

Int: when do you think you will reach that level of education?

Resp: I cannot

Int: why?

Resp: I dropped out of school

Int: what would you like to be your career?

Resp: accounts

Int: why?

Resp: I love accounting

Int: do you have any plans of going back to school?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever been involved in any income generating activity and how old were you when you started this job?

Resp: when I was 19 years

Int: what were your feelings about this job?

Resp: to be a big business

Int: why did you start working at that early age?

Resp: I didn't have anything else to do

Int: have you ever been employed before this one?

Resp: no

Int: why are you doing this job of tailoring and embroidery?

Resp: I love it with all my heart and that is where I get my daily bread

Int: how much do you earn in a month?

Resp: about Sh2,000

Int: how do you spend the money?

Resp: to educate my child, buying food in the house

Int: in this community, of what importance is success?

Resp: when you succeed you become self reliant

Int: tell me of anyone who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: they are many

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: they improve their lifestyles and they are self reliant

Int: what do you mean when you say they are self reliant?

Resp: they have enough money to cater for the family needs and don't depend on anyone for anything

Int: what does a wealthy person have or own?

Resp: Have his own things

Int: like what?

Resp: he has property that can help him make money

Int: what distinguishes a successful young person from the others?

Resp: when you look at him, his face doesn't spell problems

Int: how can you identify a successful young man?

Resp: maybe he has his own business

Int: and behavior?

Resp: it is good

Int: let us go back a little, a person who is successful, what does he own?

Resp: maybe he has his own business

Int: what kind of business?

Resp: any kind; so long as it is bringing in money

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved young person from the others?

Resp: when you compare both of them, you will find that his behavior if good

Int: how?

Resp: he is self reliant

Int: what does he do so that he is able to cope with the challenges
 that are here in the community?

Resp: he avoid company of those who are ill mannered

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what can a young person do to succeed in life?

Resp: leave bad behavior and look for employment.

Int: I want us to talk about the family and marriage; where are
 your parents?

Resp: they are upcountry

Int: where is upcountry?

Resp: Gatundu

Int: what made you leave home?

Resp: I came to look for work

Int: tell me what your feelings and concerns were; when you first
 left home?

Resp: I passed through a lot of things

Int: like what?

Resp: I did not get a job immediately I came

Int: so what did you do?

Resp: I used to go round asking for work

Int: how old were you?

Resp: I was 18 years

Int: what were your fears when you first moved out of home?

Resp: meeting with people I am not used to

Int: were you harassed in any way?

Resp: no

Int: how happy were you when you left home?

Resp: when I got a job

Int: I would like to know if you were happy because you had now
left your home and come to stay in here.

Resp: living away from my parents

Int: how do you feel living alone?

Resp: I don't have anyone to bother me with their problems

Int: what are the challenges you are facing as a young person
living alone?

Resp: to be self reliant

Int: why do you say being self reliant is a challenge?

Resp: because I am taking care of myself

Int: I want to know the kind of problem that you encounter living
alone

Resp: you can find yourself broke or not have a job

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: when were you married?

Resp: in 2007

Int: how old were you?

Resp: about eighteen and half

Int: why did you decide o get married?

Resp: I wanted to do it

Int: why did you choose this particular spouse?

Resp: I loved him

Int: any special reason as to why you loved him more than others?

Resp: no special reason, I just loved him

Int: how does it feel like being married?

Resp: very nice

Int: what is it that makes you feel nice?

Resp: I am happily married

Int: do you feel adult because you are married?

Resp: yes

Int: what are the challenges you are facing in your marriage at this point?

Resp: I am happy with my marriage

Int: tell me about your first experience in sex?

Resp: it was when I got married

Int: how was it?

Resp: it was nice

Int: what do you mean when you say it was nice?

Resp: I liked it

Int: you liked having sex?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 18 years

Int: and your lover?

Resp: he was 26 years old

Int: how is the relationship between the two of you?

Resp: it is good

Int: why did you decide to have sex with him?

Resp: I loved him

Int: did you use any protection during the act of sex?

Resp: no,

Int: why?

Resp: I have no reason at all

Int: why didn't you use any protection?

Resp: we just didn't

Int: and who came up with that decision that you should not use protection?

Resp: I did

Int: let us talk about parenting; when did you get your first born?

Resp: in 2005

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 19 years

Int: tell me about your first pregnancy with your first lover?

Resp: it is the same one

Int: I want to know how you planned for it

Resp: I wanted to have a baby

Int: and so you decided?

Resp: to be pregnant

Int: did it affect you in any way?

Resp: no

Int: tell me the reasons why you decided to get the baby at that time?

Resp: we decided to have it at that time

Int: why particularly at that time?

Resp: I wanted to have a baby

Int: how does it feel like being a parent?

Resp: I feel good about it

Int: what else?

Resp: having my own baby call me mother

Int: mhh? What are the challenges facing as a parent?

Resp: bringing up my child

Int: what are the challenges you face bringing up this child?

Resp: none

Int: but bringing up a child is a challenge?

Resp: yes, bring the child up with love

Int: the problems you face bringing up the child

Resp: I want it to have good manners, love others without quarrelling

Int: what are your concerns about people of your age who are on their way to being married and being parents as well?

Resp: to be well behaved, be self reliant and make use of their talents

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: do you feel unhappy when you see young people of your age becoming parents?

Resp: no

Int: any worries?

Resp: no

Int: how happy are you when you see young people becoming parents?

Resp: it is nice for one to have a family

Int: during the past post election violence how were you affected?

Resp: I went away instead of being here worrying

Int: where did you go?

Resp: I went upcountry

Int: how were you affected personally?

Resp: moving from my house to other peoples homes for safety

Int: how about to the family as a whole?

Resp: they were not affected

Int: was your means of income affected in any way?

Resp: I was not able to work at all because of insecurity

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: they were not affected much

Int: how were they affected?

Resp: most of them had already moved away

Int: how were you able to cope with the uncertainties that followed the violence?

Resp: we were just living under fear (too much noise in the background)

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: moving from one point to another, leaving my work and living in fear not knowing what next

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: nothing

Int: I think I will stop there; we will talk another time. I can see you were really bored,.....mummy,

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

21. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

22. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

23. RESILIENCE

24. HOW THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

25. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent understands adulthood as over 18 and for girls, anybody who has given birth is an adult
2. Unemployment and the youth engaging in mugging is the main challenges the youth face as a young person and also drug use and crime
3. The respondent is able to resist pleasure from the friends in terms of not drinking because she knows that it can harm her body
4. She chose to sell clothes to care for her child and also because she has been advised to use her own hands to feed (eat)

Background information

Transcriber's note: I think the position of the recorder is not well placed, when the interview is speaking, it is clear but the moment the respondent starts, there is so much irritable krrrkkkkkkkrr and all becomes unintelligible. A very stubborn respondent, her mind elsewhere, not answering questions directly; and giving the impression the interviewer is wasting her time for nothing

Int: now, I would like to hear from you, your views about adulthood.
What is the different between an adult and a child?

Resp: anyone who has given birth is an adult and 18 years old

Int: what about in education?

Resp: there is no difference

Int: why?

Resp: silence

Int: you have told me that an adult is anyone who has given birth
and is 18 years old. What other difference is there?

Resp: how?

Int: I would like to know the difference, in your view, between an
adult and a child in regard to education

Resp: it will depend

Int: on what?

Resp: silence

Int: is there any difference between an adult and a child in regard
to circumcision?

Resp: of a boy?

Int: mhhh

Resp: they are circumcised when they are older

Int: please speak louder to enable me record that

Resp: it signifies that he is now an older person

Int: when do boys get circumcised?

Resp: at the age of 18 or less, it will depend others do it at 20 or 21. Before people used to do it when they are older but now even small children do it. Long time ago, boys used to be given advice before they face the knife so they knew what they were going in for. Right now it is not so different because they are still getting circumcised at an older age so that they are now considered as adults and expected to do their things in a mature things

Int: which things?

Resp: he is supposed to behave in as an adult

Int: how?

Resp: he can give opinions

Int: for example which ones?

Resp: if he was circumcised earlier he will be expected to advice the other

Int: what responsibilities do adults have that children don't have?

Resp: an adult is intelligent

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: you can differentiate the two

Int: in what way?

Resp: there are children also who behave like adults and yet they
are not yet adults

Int: what about physical maturity?

Resp: for a girl or boy?

Int: for both; tell me about a girl first

Resp: when you are an adolescent, you are now an adult

Int: what age is an adolescent?

Resp: an adult, she can differentiate things and is having her
periods

Int: when does one start having periods?

Resp: at the age of (unintelligible, too much shuffling, recording
device not in one place)

Int: tell me the stages a child goes through before he can be
considered an adult

Resp: from infancy, walking, (unintelligible)

Int: from ten to

Resp: ten to fourteen,

Int: then

Resp: 15

Int: mhh

Resp: 18

Int: what happens?

Resp: becomes an adult

Int: what does a four year old do?

Resp: does what?

Int: mhh

Resp: that is a big child she can fetch water for you, you can send him or her to the shop or somewhere

Int: what about 14 years

Resp: (unintelligible, shuffling) washing cloths and doing other household chores

Int: would you consider yourself as an adult?

Resp: I am an adult (unintelligible)

Int: do you feel you are an adult because you have children?

Resp: no, (unintelligible)

Int: what experiences are you going through now that make you feel you are an adult?

Resp: jumping bladder, I used to play with others when I was still a child.

Int: what are you doing that makes you feel a kid?

Resp: there are certain things I used to do as a child that I cannot do as an adult.

Int: mhhh

Resp: (unintelligible)

Int: what else?

Resp: (unintelligible) someone older, someone who can offer advice

Int: are there things in your life that makes you feel you are
still a child?

Resp: there isn't

Int: (unintelligible), something that is happening in your life
that makes you feel, I am still along way to becoming an adult

Resp: I am still under the care of my parents

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what is that you like about adulthood

Resp: many things

Int: like?

Resp: as an adult you are responsible in your ways and the way you
talk. As an adult you can be asked to give views and opinions

Int: Is there anything you don't like about being an adult?

Resp: no

Int: is there any significant event that happened in your life that
you remember to date?

Resp: something I can't forget

Int: yes

Resp: I was mugged

Int: where?

Resp: at Bankers

Int: why is that even very significant to you?

Resp: I cannot forget what happened because I was knifed and I still have the scar to remind of that incident

Int: who do you live with?

Resp: my mother

Int: how influential are your parents in your life

Resp: they encourage me to work so that I can be able to bring up these children

Int: what else?

Resp: (unintelligible)

Int: how involved are they in your decision-making?

Resp: they are very much involved

Int: how about your life in general; how influential are they?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: they advice me how to look after myself, and use themselves as role models of what I should try to do, look for jobs, assist parents. They tell me that my grandparents used to encourage them to grow up into responsible persons, so that they are self independent. My grandparent used to advice them about life in general so after her death, no child of theirs will suffer or beg from people but will be self reliant and on their own

Int: what kind of influence do your parents have on your education?

Resp: the tell me education is good

Int: what about religion?

Resp: they tell me that religion is good and how they started going to church as young children, the benefits and how they were taught to respect their parents so that they can live longer

Int: how about romantic relationships?

Resp: that it is not good to be romantically involved when you are still young. That person will ruin your life

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: drug abuse; what did they advice you about drugs?

Resp: it is bad and most people who are involved in drugs usually commit crimes or become addicted to it and do crazy things to

themselves and their families. In the worst scenarios, they can kill. When on drugs, nothing really matters in life

Int: what are the reasons you would seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: many reasons, for example, if you have problems

Int: what kind of problems?

Resp: when I am ill I will tell my parent

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: are there any issues that would stop you from approaching your parents when you have a problem?

Resp: there are very many things because in most cases you need to seek advice from your parents before you do anything, for example you meet a spouse, you can seek advice from your parent on how to stay with this person and they will tell you to ask the person to come and meet the parents otherwise he will treat you as a loose woman he picked from the roadside

Int: that is why I want to know if there are any reasons that would make you not look for assistance from your parent?

Resp: for example what I have just mentioned about because such kind of person will not treat you well

Int: is there anything that can stop you from approach your parents for help?

Resp: regrets that had I talked to my parents, such a thing would not have happened to me

Int: what is to regret?

Resp: to be unhappy about something that you did and it was not good

Int: what personal problems would make you seek help from your parents?

Resp: if someone hurts you, and you are unable to react to it, you can seek advice from your parent

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: are there issues that you would not seek help from your parents?

Resp: maybe you want to know more about your friend and your friends know more about that family, they can offer advice and how to approach the issue

Int: how do your parents punish you?

Resp: they correct and advice me on the next cause of action so that I don't repeat the same mistake again

Int: besides your parents who else is influential in your life?

Resp: my cousins, they can also advice me when I approach them

Int: who else?

Resp: even my sister, uncles, aunts. These questions are not yet over?

Int: not yet. Do your brothers also offer advice on your behavior?

Resp: not to be involved with men without a plan otherwise they will mess your life

Int: how about your friends, are they influential when it comes to behavior?

Resp: to be good to my parents and assist them

Int: mhh, what about employment?

Resp: when they hear of a place they invite to join them

Int: tell me about a significant experience your brother has been through

Resp: doing things he is not familiar with

Int: like what?

Resp: for example drug abuse (unintelligible)

Int: do you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: there are certain things that are of no benefit in your life
for example there is nothing good about drugs that will
benefit my body except ruin it, my life will be ruined by
constant use. You are not through with them yet?

Int: I would like us talk about your life in this community; what
challenges.....

Resp: you mean we are going to fill all those pages, I am not doing
that

Int: we are just about to finish

Resp: I am tired

Int: tell me the challenges young people go through in the
community?

Resp: they involve themselves in crimes, mugging and knifing people
after they have stolen from them (noisy background)

Int: why do the young people involve themselves in this?

Resp: they are jobless and their parents are not working. There are
some young people who do it just because they see others doing
it not because they are poor in their family

Int: what about HIV Aids?

Resp: it is a challenge because most of them don't use protective
when having sex. But if have sex and then get treatment,
before 24 hours, then you cannot contract it

Int: what strategies have been put in place to meet these challenges that are facing youths in the community?

Resp: I mentioned earlier on that it is due to unemployment

Int: so what do they do?

Resp: some are orphans and have no source of income so they get involved in criminal activities to survive. They are used to crime and they don't feel anything at all

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: if asked, I wouldn't live in a place like this where there is a lot of crime going on

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: Githurai

Int: why Githurai?

Resp: the behaviour in this community is not conducive for children's growth, people are killed now and then, children start learning about petty crimes at an early age, and some are caught and die because of mob justices. We also have rape cases which are rampant in the community

Int: are there any chances of you living in Githurai?

Resp: yes, if you have your people

Int: and if you don't have?

Resp: you rent a house

Int: what efforts are you doing to achieve this?

Resp: I am looking for money; money is the only thing that can sort out my problems. If you ask many people they would like to live in an estate because it may not be easy to get some of the crimes happening here in the estates

Int: what is the most important achievement you would like to reach?

Resp: be able to be like my grandmother who was able to look after her children till they were self independent

Int: mhh

Resp: educate all my children and make sure they are self independent

Int: what efforts are you making so that your children can get good education?

Resp: I am working

Int: what can stop you from achieving this goal; of educating your children?

Resp: unless I am helpless

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve your goals

Resp: I can't reach that goal

Int: why?

Resp: a lot depends on your intelligent

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: you can find an illiterate person doing better in life than an educated one. We are not through yet?

Int: we about to finish

Resp: I am tired and going away

Int: just a little more

Resp: whoever I was going with has already left me

Int: are you in school?

Resp: no

Int: what would you like to do if given a chance to be in school?

Resp: today?

Int: yes

Resp: either be a salonist or dressmaker

Int: do you have any plans of going back to school?

Resp: no

Int: what are you doing for upkeep now

Resp: I am hawking clothes and any jobs that come my way. I am not choosy when it comes to jobs, I can fit anywhere

Int: how old were you when you started selling clothes

Resp: I was very young

Int: at what age?

Resp: I was 14

Int: why did you decide to start doing this job?

Resp: I didn't want to stay idle

Int: how much do you make in a month?

Resp: about Sh1,000-2,000

Int: what do you use the money for?

Resp: for the family upkeep and paying school fees

Int: what does mean to succeed in this community?

Resp: it means working and being able to take care of your family
needs

Int: yes,

Resp: educating them.

Int: I am about to finish, just a few more

Resp: all these questions?

Int: I am going to jump some

Resp: I wish I had know, I would not have stayed back for this.

Int: tell me about someone who has succeeded in life?

Resp: my uncle succeeded and I think he works with you

Int: do I really know him?

Resp: he was a business man and later on joined your organization.
He later built a house in Umoja and removed his children from
this community. They are now living in a better environment

Int: what can identify a successful young person?

Resp: there is no one here who has succeeded and the one who
succeeded left

Int: how can you identify a good young man from and ill mannered
one?

Resp: one who is not involved in petty crimes, respects parents and
not hard headed, avoids bad company

Int: what will a young person do to succeed in life?

Resp: to avoid bad company, not be idle but seek for employment

Int: for how long do you intend to live with your parents?

Resp: I don't

Int: for how long do you want to live with your parents?

Resp: I am not answering

Int: you would like to move out of your parent's home at what age

Resp: when I ready to get married and are self independent

Int: what will make you move out?

Resp: I will be self independent

Int: what is the importance of getting married in your family?

Resp: It means getting ready do take care of your responsibilities,
once you are married you follow the rules in the new home

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: I am not

Int: why not?

Resp: I just don't want

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: tribe or what do you mean?

Int: you tell me

Resp: I would like to get married to a Kikuyu

Int: what type of person; your age?

Resp: slightly older than me

Int: how old?

Resp: about 40 years

Int: and work?

Resp: I won't answer that

Int: let me finish just a couple

Resp: those are too many questions; you need to buy soft drinks for the respondents

Int: I will inform the office all about that but let us finish

Resp: you are still here, so why can't I come back we finish?

Int: it is not possible to stop the recorder, once I do that it will be over. I just want to know one last thing. Have you ever had sex?

Resp: silence

Int: how old were you when you first had sex?

Resp: unintelligible

Int: what is the relationship like at the moment?

Resp: I live on my own

Int: why did you have sex with him?

Resp: we were married by then

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: we knew our status

Int: how old were you when you got your first baby

Resp: in 2003

Int: how old were you?

Resp: I was 17

Int: did you plan to be pregnant?

Resp: no

Int: how do you feel being a parent?

Resp: nothing

Int: what challenges are you facing as a parent?

Resp: problems are a must to every parent

Int: tell me what uncertainties....

Resp: those are too many questions and I am gone

Int: they are these few

Resp: no, I am gone, I don't want those questions

Int: one more

Resp: no

Int: ok.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

26. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

27. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

28. RESILIENCE

29. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

30. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Respondent equates adulthood as someone who can give advice to the young ones and also someone who is married is an adult. She also equates an adult as someone who can sustain him/herself
2. Unemployment is one of the major challenges young persons face in the community. This has led to the youth engaging in crime and drugs
3. The respondent is able to resist pleasure from the peers because she has a child and also she has a saloon, she also lives with her mother who can punish by throwing me out
4. The respondent would like to live in Buruburu because she can open a business card and get customers who can pay well

Background information

Int: I would like to hear your view on adulthood. What is the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: in what way?

Int: through age, how can we differentiate an adult and a child?

Resp: the difference in age is an older person is more intelligent than that one of a minor. The older person will advice the younger person or minor. The older person will definitely influence the minor in all areas of life

Int: how about through employment?

Resp: of course you can be self reliant

Int: how does that differentiate an adult from a minor?

Resp: I don't understand

Int: ok, just listen carefully and you will get it, I will ask you again, what is the difference between an adult and a minor if you put marriage into consideration?

Resp: an older person is mature andI am even confused now.....can get married

Int: what do you mean by the word mature?

Resp: that is a person who is ready to go and be on own by getting married

Int: how about being self independence?

Resp: an adult will go out and look for means in which he can bring in income but a child will not but depend on the adult help him

Int: what about sex?

Resp: sex is for adult who are already married but not younger persons

Int: and circumcision?

Resp: I think that is.....circumcision for boys?

Int: how does that differentiate an adult from a minor?

Resp: I am not sure when a boy should be circumcised and if he passes through that age without being circumcised; his friends will always jeer at him until he is circumcised, it is a transition period from boyhood to adulthood or manhood. He will be considered as an adult

Int: what about moving out of the home, can that also be a factor differentiating an adult and a minor

Resp: yes, because an adult may not like where he is residing and make a decision to move out whereas a child cannot be able to make that decision, he will wait on the decision made by the adult.

Int: from the information you have just given me; give me the stages a child goes through to adulthood?

Resp: a child needs to be taken care of by an adult until he attains an age where he can now be self independence

Int: before the child attains that age, what does he pass through; what are the stages?

Resp: he passes through difficult situations, maybe the parent has left the child with a neighbor or relative to go and look for some income to feed the family.

Int: at what stage does he become an adult?

Resp: at the age of 15 years

Int: when you examine yourself today, would you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: yes, because I look after myself, I don't need to really depend on someone else to assist me for my upkeep.

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I wake up very early in the morning to go and look for employment so that I can get some income to take care of my needs

Int: apart from waking up early and going to seek for employment in order to get some money for your upkeep, what else are you doing in your life that make you feel an adult?

Resp: that one is difficult

Int: what are you experiencing in your life that makes you feel that you are still a minor?

Resp: I don't know

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: as a parent I feel an adult since I am a mother of one child

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what is it you enjoy as an adult?

Resp: silence

Int: is there anything you like about being an adult person

Resp: I don't understand that

Int: you have just told me that you are an adult. What do you like about it?

Resp: as a parent I would like to be.....I don't know how to express myself

Int: what is it that you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: there are some adults who don't like being called adults and yet they are already parents

Int: you don't like that?

Resp: I am already a parent so I don't mind, I like it

Int: is there any significant event that you can't forget in your life?

Resp: in my life?

Int: yes

Resp: mhh, what I remember is that in 2006, February, I was bereaved I lost my husband he was involved in a road accident and was in shock (noisy background of kids) for some time. It was a death incident

Int: who did you loose in that accident?

Resp: I lost my husband in a road accident

Int: my sympathies

Resp: thanks

Int: who are you currently living with?

Resp: I live with my mother

Int: do your parents have any influence in your life

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: they would like me to have a happy and be able to take care of my child. The also want my saloon business to thrive

Int: do they have any influence on your decision making?

Resp: I don't understand that

Int: you mentioned that your parents want you to have a good future, what is their role in the decisions you make in life?

Resp: influence?

Int: in your decision making?

Resp: silence

Int: what about where you are living?

Resp: silence...I don't know. How I live in Highridge?

Int: yes

Resp: they tell me to learn to live in harmony with other people and avoid bad company

Int: what kind of advise do you get from your parents?

Resp: in my life, they want me to take care of myself, not be a loose girl in this community

Int: what do you mean by being loose?

Resp: not to roam aimlessly in the community, and be serious in my saloon business

Int: what kind of influence do your parents have over you in regard to religion?

Resp: religion?

Int: what advice do they give you on religion?

Resp: to attend church

Int: what do they tell you?

Resp: attend church regularly for religion is a very important part of my life

Int: what about advice on romantic relationships?

Resp: dress appropriately so that you don't find yourself in compromising situations for example if you were minors, it is easy for a man to rape

Int: what about drug abuse?

Resp: they destroy someone's life and constant use affects a person socially, psychologically and in all areas of his life including his family

Int: give me an example of issues that would make you seek help from your parents

Resp: for example, if you have a problem and you need the presence of a parent, you have to approach your parent for that

Int: like which one?

Resp: a problem like.....you get a partner you want to marry, you have to bring him home to meet your parents

Int: another example would be?

Resp: maybe you have been sent away from your marriage, you go to parents for advice

Int: what kind of issues would you not approach your parents for help?

Resp: if you have fears on an issue, you cannot approach them

Int: what kind of issue would this be?

Resp: maybe if your parents are very harsh generally, it is not easy to approach them with an issue; you have to find a way of approaching her

Int: what would you do that would make your parent quarrel with you?

Resp: if you make mistakes

Int: I am interested in knowing some of the mistakes that would make your parent quarrel with you

Resp: for example, you left home and spend the night out, you don't inform them where you are going, and they will definitely get annoyed and quarrel with you. Another example is you go out and don't come back on time and are not able to explain where you have been

Int: what personal problems would make you look for help from your parents?

Resp: problems?

Int: personal problems that would lead you to seek help from your parents?

Resp: maybe something to do with my house

Int: mhh

Resp: maybe we have a domestic quarrel with my husband, I can approach my parents to advice me on how to handle the situation

Int: what other personal problem would make you seek help from your parents?

Resp: if my child is ill, I can seek for help from them

Int: mhh

Resp: if I have a financial problem, I can also approach them

Int: what kind of issues would you approach other people besides your parents?

Resp: a very private matter

Int: like?

Resp: I really don't know

Int: what kind of problem would you tell your best friend?

Resp: if I have a date with my boyfriend I can tell my friend

Int: why would you look for that assistance from your best friend?

Resp: it means she is trustworthy and can keep my secrets

Int: how do your parents punish you?

Resp: how (noisy background, children playing)

Int: when you are in the wrong, how do they punish you?

Resp: they deny you food and other basic necessities for a day or two

Int: besides your parents, who else plays an influential role in your life?

Resp: none

Int: how do your siblings influence you on behavior?

Resp: some are very harsh and monitor your relationship with boyfriends. If they don't like your boyfriend, they will tell you to stop seeing him

Int: do they have any influence on your education?

Resp: encourage you to continue and concentrate on your education and stop involving yourself in leisure

Int: mhh what else

Resp: with a good education background you can succeed and help your parents

Int: do they have any influence on employment?

Resp: they encourage me to work hard and make my business move forward; they also finance it when it is down. For example, if I need a blow-dry, he can buy one for me so that my business does not go down.

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: we have never talked about that with them

Int: do your friends have any influence on your behavior?

Resp: there are a few trusted ones that can offer good advice

Int: what do they tell you about behavior?

Resp: to be very careful on the friends I have and how I behave
towards them

Int: do they have any influence your on education

Resp: not all of them are good friends but for the few good ones
convince and encourage me to continue with my education.

Int: what do they tell you about employment?

Resp: they don't

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: we don't discuss that with them

Int: tell me a very significant problem that one of your friends or
sibling has been involved in?

Resp: there is a friend of mine who had a problem. She didn't have
accommodation because she had been sent away from her home

Int: do you see yourself in such situation?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: maybe I get involved in a serious disagreement with my parents; I will have to seek for alternative accommodation until we are able to solve our issues

Int: I would like us to talk about your life in this community, what are the challenges that face youths in this community?

Resp: there are many cases of unemployment; they involve themselves in criminal activities like mugging people and stealing from them. And this is brought about by unemployment

Int: what other challenges are there?

Resp: none

Int: what about dropping out of school; is that a challenge in this community?

Resp: usually that happens due to lack of school fees

Int: poverty?

Resp: there is a high rate of poverty in this area of Highridge

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: there are so many people with very large families and they are unemployed. Instead you will find them by the roadside begging for food and money to take care of their families

Int: HIV Aids?

Resp: HIV Aids in there

Int: is it a challenge to the youths here?

Resp: yes, and they need to take care of themselves and not get involved in premarital sex, unprotected sex

Int: are youths infected with the HIV virus

Resp: quite a number of them are infected because of their careless behavior

Int: ill health?

Resp: because of lack of food?

Int: yes,

Resp: if someone doesn't get a balanced meal, they will definitely get ill health and that is a common thing in this community. Not many people are able to provide three meals a day for their large families.

Int: what strategies are in place to help the youth cope with this situation or unemployment, poverty, HIV Aids and the rest?

Resp: if they can get employment that would help them. School dropouts can be taken back to school

Int: who will take them back to school?

Resp: a sponsor both locally or international (children in class learning)

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: In my life I would wish to live in an estate

Int: like which one

Resp: Buruburu

Int: why?

Resp: I think they live a better life than we do here

Int: how?

Resp: through their business, for example the work I do, I can stay for about a week or so without getting a client but I am sure if I was in a place like Buruburu, I would at least get something at the end of the day and customers are there in plenty

Int: is there a chance of you living in Buruburu?

Resp: I don't understand

Int: is there any possibility of you living in Buruburu?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: currently I am not able to

Int: are you making any effort to enable you live in such a place?

Resp: I am making efforts by working hard

Int: what would you like to achieve in your life?

Resp: I would like to make it in my hairdressing work, a renowned hair saloonist

Int: why would you want that kind of job?

Resp: I feel it is the best for me in my life and from it I can advance in many things

Int: what efforts are you doing to make sure that you reach that goal?

Resp: I wake up early, open it early enough so that clients don't have to go far looking for where they can have their hair done that early; maybe they want to go somewhere

Int: what would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: how?

Int: do you think there is anything that can stop you from being a renowned hair saloonist?

Resp: lack of finance

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve that goal?

Resp: I was only able to make it to Std 8 and due to lack of school finance; I could not proceed to secondary school

Int: what level of education would you like to reach so that you can be a great hair saloonist?

Resp: university level

Int: do you think you will reach university level?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I don't have that ability at the moment

Int: what would you like to study for?

Resp: like?

Int: I would like to know that from you

Resp: I would like to study hairdressing

Int: why?

Resp: so that you can be able to handle different kind of clients
and meet their needs

Int: is there any significant person in your life that you have
shared this dream with?

Resp: my parents

Int: why are you not in school currently?

Resp: I went to school

Int: and currently?

Resp: lack of finance

Int: do you have any plans to go back to school?

Resp: no, I don't have any plans

Int: when did you start getting employed; how old were you?

Resp: I was 18 years old

Int: what is your experience like on this job you are currently doing?

Resp: it is good

Int: why do you say so?

Resp: I am trying best and whatever I get from there goes to the family kitchen kitty

Int: why did you decide to start working at 18?

Resp: I didn't want to stay at home idle, I also knew that at one point in my life I will have to be self independent

Int: why are you doing this particular job?

Resp: it is my talent from God

Int: how much do you earn in a month?

Resp: roughly I can get about Sh500

Int: how do you spend the money?

Resp: sometimes I use it to buy saloon equipment

Int: If I may ask, do you get Sh500 in a month or a day?

Resp: in a month because in a day, there are days when you get no customers at all and maybe when they come it is on a Sunday. It is a question of chance, they may come or not

Int: what does success mean in this community?

Resp: it is of importance because when you succeed it means you have gotten employment and can assist your family

Int: any other meaning of success? (Someone else complaining in the background about too many lengthy questions after an interview)

Resp: you can get someone to sponsor you with saloon equipment that you don't have

Int: tell me of someone who has succeeded here and he is doing

Resp: there is no one who has succeeded here

Int: how can you identify a successful young person?

Resp: there isn't anything

Int: there is no youth who has succeeded here?

Resp: no

Int: and how would you identify one who has succeeded?

Resp: silence.....I am tired

Int: what does a youth need to do to succeed in life?

Resp: ability to do any work without being choosy, in that way he will progress very fast

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: they live here

Int: for how long do you intend to live here with your parents?

Resp: I don't know

Int: up to what age do you intend to live with your parents?

Resp: up to age 25

Int: how old are you now?

Resp: 21 years

Int: for what reason will you move out?

Resp: we or me?

Int: you, what is the reason that would make you move out of your parent's home?

Resp: when I go to live on my own?

Int: that is what I am interested in

Resp: if I get a husband I can move out

Int: is it important for someone to get married in your family

Resp: It is important because it is not good to continue living with your parents, they would also like to see you being independent

Int: there are a few more questions

Resp: you are not through?

Int: do you have a boyfriend

Resp: unintelligible, people talking in the background loudly about the interview

Int: tell me about your first sexual incident

Resp: what?

Int: tell me about the first time you had sex, how old were you?

Resp: I was 15 years old

Int: how old was your partner?

Resp: he was 20

Int: why did you decide to have sex with him?

Resp: feelings, I don't know how to tell you that in Swahili

Int: how was it the first time?

Resp: not bad

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: silence

Int: did you use any protection during the sexual intercourse?

Resp: yes

Int: which one?

Resp: condom

Int: who made the decision that you should use a condom?

Resp: both of us

Int: why did you decide both of you to use one?

Resp: it was a question of trust since we didn't know each other very well

Int: is there any time you didn't use protection

Resp: no

Int: for you to get the baby?

Resp: oh...

Int: why didn't you use protection during sex?

Resp: that was bad luck

Int: who decided not to use a protection?

Resp: him

Int: when did you get your first baby?

Resp: when?

Int: how old were you?

Resp: I was 19

Int: tell me more about what you went through the first time you had sex?

Resp: no, I cannot tell you that

Int: why don't you want to tell me about it?

Resp: It is difficult

Int: you can tell me how the pregnancy was, experiences; did you plan for it?

Resp: yes, we decided to have a baby

Int: why did you decide to get a baby at that particular time?

Resp: the decision was based on the thought that if we have a child, the home will be lively. And a family without a baby usually has problems

Int: what kind of problems are these?

Resp: it will be concluded you are barren, you did too many abortions that is why you are not getting pregnant, and generally every married couple feels complete with a baby

Int: what are your feelings about parenthood?

Resp: I feel.....

Int: do you feel an adult because you are a parent?

Resp: yes

Int: why

Resp: I am a mother

Int: what are the challenges of parenthood?

Resp: (unintelligible, airplane)like problems

Int: yes

Resp: a sick baby and there is no one to assist you, you are to make sure that the baby's needs are met as parent

Int: what do you think of your age mates who would like to be parents or want to have children?

Resp: repeat the question

Int: what are your feelings towards parents to be of your age?

Resp: there are some people who are not able to take care of their families due to their poverty level

Int: what is your concern about them?

Resp: you sympathize with them

Int: how were you affected by the post election violence?

Resp: people were killing each other after the results

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: how were you affected in your income?

Resp: many people lost their homesteads and many died. There were many incidents

Int: how were your friends affected?

Resp: some them lost members of their families and property and they were carrying a lot of pain with them because of those loses

Int: mhh?

Resp: silence

Int: were you affected in this community?

Resp: it was not easy for us to move out because people were moving all over armed. It was not easy for us to go out and buy food from the shops

Int: ok, how were you able to cope with the uncertainties of the post election violence?

Resp: we lived in worries not sure of what next. I remember one time they almost burnt these houses down

Int: what didn't you like about these post election violence

Resp: on the election days?

Int: mhhh

Resp: there was a lot of fighting

Int: what did you like about the clashes?

Resp: nothing

Int: thank you so much for the time we have spent with you on this interview

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

31. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

32. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

33. RESILIENCE

34. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

35. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Adulthood has responsibility for instance children must be fed. But the respondent does not see education as a fact to distinguish adulthood to non adult because in the community the education is low in adulthood. Over 18 years is an adult
2. Attending school is the biggest challenge because the parents are not educated and some children/young person lost their parent's long time ago
3. The respondent is able to resist the friends' pressure of going to clubs because of the child she has. She is responsible for their child's welfare as the father refused to care for the child. She also has been advised well by the grandmother she lives with.
4. She would like to meet the mother and father who left her when she was 6 months with the grandmother and ask them why they brought her into the world of misery. She doesn't understand how she could be left by her parents

Background information

Int: I would like us to talk about adults and my questions are based on the difference between an adult and a young person

Resp: you want me to differentiate an adult from a child

Int: yes

Resp: a child doesn't know anything and an adult understands the difference between a wrong and a good thing

Int: what about the age?

Resp: anything below 18 is a child and above 18 is an adult

Int: how about being self independence?

Resp: an adult is independent so long as he doesn't have ill health. A child will depend for guidance on parents, sisters, brothers, relatives and friends

Int: Is there any other difference between adult and children?

Resp: small children go to school and most young persons are school drop outs because of drugs. You cannot stop an adult from what they want to do but for children they depend on adult in everything in their life

Int: what about education wise?

Resp: most people here are illiterate and I don't see it any better for their children. They have lost hope in life. The adults and children in this community are one and the same for they have no future

Int: how about taking responsibilities?

Resp: only adult have responsibilities like educating their children but a child doesn't have that, you have to feed him, clothe him and if he gets sick, you have to take responsibility of taking him to a medical facility. A child cannot think of carrying an adult to hospital but you would think of that as an adult

Int: physical maturity?

Resp: nowadays most children look very big, I don't know if it is the food they eat, but they mature very fast. Both the adults and children are mature

Int: what do you mean both adults and children are mature?

Resp: how do I put it clearly?

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: for girls?

Int: all

Resp: boys and girls?

Int: yes

Resp: that is cultural art, there are communities who circumcise babies, others wait until someone is mature. It is not bad either but I don't agree with circumcision for girls

Int: how about being sexually active?

Resp: children?

Int: the different between adults and children?

Resp: children are the ones who are more involved in sex more than adults. An adult will go for sexual intercourse because there is a need to do so but here in Koch, you will find someone with ten children and she will do anything so as to be able to feed her family and that involves commercial sex. There are other children whose parents have abandoned them or the children are orphans, they find that as an easy way to get money to feed them and meet other needs

Int: from the information you have just given me can you tell me the stages a child goes through before becoming an adult?

Resp: a child needs good care, food, guidance in life and up to the age of 18, the child is now an adult though of late, even a child of 12-15 years is already an adult

Int: can you give me those stages until he becomes an adult

Resp: there is adolescence, you must through that and for girls they will have to go through menstruation. From there, for boys they have to be circumcised according to their culture. Most times a boy who has gone through circumcision is considered a grown up or an adult

Int: I would like to understand the stages that one passes through to adulthood

Resp: stages?

Int: yes

Resp: I don't know how to explain that. I have told you
adolescence,...I don't know

Int: when you look at yourself, do you feel an adult?

Resp: of course, I already have that ability to understand things,
if you understand things then you are an adult even if it is a
child, you are already grown up although the age is small and
so is the body. To be an adult means being able to understand
things

Int: what are you experiencing right now in life that makes you
feel you are an adult?

Resp: when I was still in school, I felt I was still a kid but when I
stopped schooling, anyone could reason I am now an adult and
can look for employment and take care of myself. After a while
I got a baby now this was a confirmation that I am adult and I
am taking responsibility for the baby. I don't bother about my
parents and my grandmother is too weak to assist me feeding my
baby

Int: what experiences make you feel you are still a child?

Resp: there are times when you are so broke and then wonder am I
really an adult or a child. There are other times in the
family when discussions are going on, when you contribute no

one takes you seriously they still look at you as a child, it is disappointing, you feel very childish then

Int: currently, what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: frankly speaking, you will be respected as an adult and people will listen to you. You can do things to your own liking and be able to control yourself.

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: as an adult you have to listen to others views and opinions but not underrate others, you don't want to be corrected just because you are an adult. You feel you are above reproach

Int: what is the most significant even that has taken place in our life that you cannot forget?

Resp: giving birth

Int: why?

Resp: it was my first day and I was very confused and I didn't know what happens or what to do but now, as an adult, I thank God I know and understand everything very well

Int: when did this happen?

Resp: this year in January

Int: for now who are you living with?

Resp: my grandmother

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: they are not there

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: they are alive but separated

Int: where do they live?

Resp: I don't know

Int: what influence do they have over your life?

Resp: they don't because they have never been there for me

Int: who has influence in your life right now?

Resp: my grandmother

Int: what does she influence you on?

Resp: what I should do and they correct me when I do something wrong
and encourage and advise me when it is good

Int: how about your normal daily life?

Resp: my grandmother

Int: how does she influence your life?

Resp: we live together with her

Int: what kind of issues does your grandmother have influence over
in your life?

Resp: she advices me on all aspects of life. She gives me hope go on
and that life is full of ups and down

Int: what does she tell you about education?

Resp: that life is worthless without sound education but I don't know where my head was in education. God willing, I am likely to go back to school

Int: what is her advice on religion?

Resp: she has no objection to religion

Int: what is her advice on that?

Resp: she says, religion is a must in someone's life, both of us are Christians, there are too many churches that have thrived up and she advises me to be very careful where or who I follow in religion but otherwise, religion is the best foundation of someone's life

Int: what does she advice you on romantic relationships?

Resp: she advises me to take care of myself and concentrate on my kid's upbringing

Int: what kind of problem would you seek advice from your parents?

Resp: very many problems; like bringing up a child, my personal needs because my grandmother is really frail, and if I could see them, I would go to them for advice as my parents but where do I find them

Int: what kind of personal problems would you ask for their assistance?

Resp: I would ask them why they seared me when they were not ready to take responsibility of my life and leave me under the care

of my grandmother. What do they think of my life? I understand they left me at the age of five months and now I have an 11 month child, they have never taken the responsibility of knowing where their child is. I would really like to get those answers from them, what do they think of me if they ever do.

Int: what would stop you from seeking help from your parents?

Resp: none

Int: you have mentioned about personal problems that you would seek help for from your parents. Are there other reasons you would seek help from anybody else apart from your parents?

Resp: as I told you I have no parents and my grandmother is there but frail, if I get someone else I can approach for any kind of assistance including for example, going back to school, I would readily do so

Int: where would you look for this assistance?

Resp: from well wishers, the government, and anybody I see can be of help, I will approach them

Int: how do you get punished when you are in the wrong?

Resp: I am denied a meal or milk for the baby because she is the only source of help I have at the moment. The aim is to bring me back on course not to harm me

Int: apart from your guardians, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: my sister, she encourages me to go to school and I am lucky I was able to see the inside of a classroom, she never had that opportunity and she is the eldest

Int: what about your behavior?

Resp: she advices me not to roam and spend nights out. I should respect myself and stay put in one place, not go quarreling with neighbours

Int: how about on employment?

Resp: she has been encouraging me to get a job and do and she has also been trying to look for opportunities for me. It is just the we have not been lucky yet but she has been very helpful

Int: and on marriage?

Resp: she tells me not go get married now, I am still too young. She is also single though she has a 7 year old child. She against marriage

Int: what about relationships?

Resp: I don't know about her relationships

Int: what about yours?

Resp: with people?

Int: yes

Resp: she doesn't have any problem with that

Int: how do your friends influence you on relationships?

Resp: there are good and bad friends so it is up to you to decide which one you will listen and which one you can ignore. Most of my friends want me to go to clubs with them but you see I have a kid and they don't, so I cannot fit with them. And for those with children they live them under the care of their parents. I cannot leave my child under the care of my grandmother and she is that old

Int: tell me of any significant event that your sibling or friend has been involved in

Resp: problems are many and their problems are more the same as their. They come and we discuss these things. Some will come with problems like not having clothing and you give her one if you have it, sharing things like food and so on

Int: do you see yourself in such situations?

Resp: yes, there is nobody who can avoid some situations

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: I have been in such a problem before and I had to look for clothing and food from them and it is not once or twice, but that is a daily occurrence. Even if you have money, you will still have issues that need sorting out

Int: I would like us to talk about your life in this community, tell me more about challenges youths face in this community

Resp: unemployment for youths though the government initiated something like *Kazi kwa Vijana* and *Malipo Kwa Wazee*, I have heard of something like that, most of the youths are jobless. The simple jobs that are available are not well paying so the youths still go out there and start mugging people and life goes on

Int: and poverty?

Resp: that is the main problem that has brought all these problems in the community. If all of us were able, no one would steal from the other. Young boys got into mugging people and stealing from them, young girls enter into prostitution and so many bad things that harm the households

Int: what about HIV Aids?

Resp: that is a very big challenge and it goes hand in hand with poverty. If there is no food on the table do you think I will have time to go to the VCT for this person to be checked and maybe I go with more than two people? I mean can I really be visiting those clinics three to four times a day; so HIV Aids is spreading at an alarming rate here in the slum

Int: dropping out of school?

Resp: If your parent/guardian is not able to take care of your school fees, then you will definitely drop out of school

Int: ill health?

Resp: how can you work when you have no good health? Even if it means mugging people on the paths, you need to be strong and in good health to do that otherwise people will met on you mob justice and you will die there because you were too weak to run for your life. To be able to get employment anywhere, you need good health to convince those people that you are able to do that

Int: what strategies have been put in place to cope with all these challenges?

Resp: youth groups have been formed and banks are also giving youths loans to start small businesses to keep them busy. Others start clubs like sports, entertainment like drama, cleanups in the area and life goes on

Int: which neighborhood would you like to live?

Resp: is there anyone who doesn't have hopes of living a better life? Life in Koch is hard and not very interesting but I can foresee myself liking it since they have started upgrading programmes which is a nice thing

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: Hurlingham

Int: why

Resp: there is fresh air, change of environment and once you change environment, you are also a changed person. If I can change

this environment I will be somewhere and I will be known but down here, who knows you apart from yourself and your shadow?

Int: what are your chances of living in a place like Hurlingham?

Resp: once I go back to school, I am sure of getting a well paying job after school and living there. That is place where learned people live though even in Koch we are learned but we are jobless

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: my child to complete school and be a renowned person

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: that is the only thing that I am living for that matters, I want God to prolong my life so that I will be able to see my child somewhere and famous, who doesn't want to see his/her child prosper?

Int: what efforts are you making to meet this goal?

Resp: my going back to school will determine this because I will get a job and be able to take care of myself and the baby

Int: I like your Swahili very much. What would make you not achieve this goal?

Resp: Poverty; because if I don't have anyone to sponsor me in school so that I can achieve my dream or a I get a partner who together our aim is to reach our goals then I can make it but otherwise it would be difficult

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve this goal?

Resp: I don't want to say anything right now because today, things are changing at a very fast rate; for example I may say form four and by that time form four might be an equivalent of class one. A class 8 certificate will take you no where. It is said education not very important here but the ability to meet your talent. You have a talent you will go further, you have a good education background up to Makerere University and have no talent, and you are useless in life

Int: but there is a level education you would like to attain in life

Resp: form four

Int: when do you think you will reach that level of education?

Resp: year?

Int: yes

Resp: about 2012 and If I have to repeat form one then I can accomplish that I 2013

Int: what course would you like to take?

Resp: of course law

Int: why

Resp: People go for law and they don't understand what it is, they worry more about their pocket, how much bribe there is in a

certain case and today, and once he has taken a bribe; that is that. Law is money; there is nothing more to it

Int: who have you shared with this dream?

Resp: my grandmother

Int: what did she say?

Resp: she was very happy and promised to keep me in prayer

Int: have you ever looked for employment?

Resp: yes

Int: what was that?

Resp: selling vegetables

Int: at what age was that?

Resp: 17-18 years

Int: what were your feelings about that job?

Resp: I wanted it to thrive

Int: I want your experience of that job

Resp: I didn't have any experience, I was just trying

Int: what did you like about the job?

Resp: It was not well paying as I had expected

Int: are you involved in any income generating activity currently?

Resp: no

Int: what does it mean to be successful in this community?

Resp: very important

Int: how?

Resp: it is the vision of every family; to succeed. If you are a business it thrives, if it is education you complete school and come out with the required results

Int: tell me about anyone who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: there is none

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: there is no one who has tried and not succeeded

Int: how would you identify a successful youth in the community?

Resp: employment

Int: explain that

Resp: if anyone has a job, he has succeeded

Int: how would you differentiate a well behaved youth and that one who is not?

Resp: the behavior will tell us

Int: what does one need to do so that he can be leveled as well behave youth?

Resp: you must fear being part of those groups that are involved in criminal activities, drugs and things that are law breaking.

You don't give in to peer-pressure and you'd rather be called timid but you know what you are doing in order to be successful, in fact that way you will earn more respect from other people

Int: what can a youth do to be successful in life?

Resp: be hard working in everything he does

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: mhh If you are working you have to have faith that job is good, if it is education, you have to work hard at school and pass your exams. If you are working, do it the right way. If you are giving assistance, do it without discrimination, just serve everyone

Int: you don't know where your parents are?

Resp: no

Int: for how long do you intend to live here?

Resp: until the government removes me from you

Int: at your grandmother's place?

Resp: until I am able to be independent

Int: when do you intend to move out?

Resp: I don't think that is possible to say because I am not sure when that assistance will come my way

Int: for what reason would you move out?

Resp: if I am successful in life, I will definitely move out to another area

Int: of what importance is marriage to this family?

Resp: there will be wealth through bride price though I understand that is no longer going to be there. I don't understand where the important will come from when they remove things like bride price

Int: when do you intend to get married?

Resp: I don't have any plans to get married

Int: let us talk about relationships; have you had sex before

Resp: yes, I have a child

Int: tell me about your first sex?

Resp: how?

Int: how old were you?

Resp: I was 16

Int: how old was your partner?

Resp: I don't know and I hadn't asked

Int: what is the position of relationship now?

Resp: when he discovered that I was pregnant, he disappeared, I don't know where he is

Int: why did you have sex with him?

Resp: we were in love

Int: did you use protection?

Resp: no

Int: why

Resp: we trusted one another

Int: whose decision was it that you shouldn't use protection?

Resp: it was his

Int: how old were you when you had your first baby?

Resp: 18 years

Int: tell me about your pregnancy and the experience you went through during that period

Resp: as usual, you have to attend clinic, you are examined, you have to eat well, attend clinic on monthly basis. I experienced a lot of things because I didn't know anything about pregnancy. My grandmother really encouraged me and I never for a single day thought of aborting the baby

Int: tell me the decision to get a baby at that time?

Resp: that was not my decision but bad luck

Int: what are your feelings about parenthood?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: why?

Resp: if is the first step in life, who doesn't want to be a parent in life surely?

Int: what are the challenges of parenthood?

Resp: you should have said challenges of a single mother?

Int: yes

Resp: many and countless. The main ones are feeding the baby when you are jobless and a dependant on someone else. It is a very big challenge. When the kid is ill, the needs are many especially a small one. You need to take the baby to hospital in fact that is why many girls get involved in to many things to enable them look after their babies because they don't have any other source of income

Int: what are your feelings towards your age mates who are looking forward to being parents?

Resp: there is very little you can do when someone is determined to be a parent but people need to think before deciding to become parents. If I could rewind the clock, I would think again, it is too late but life has to go on. For stubborn cases let them learn from experience the way I did

Int: what concern do you have for your age mates who want to have children?

Resp: it is the young generation and most of us are school dropouts, if we get children at this early age, where will the

professionals come from in future days to come? I feel we may not have learned generation at some point

Int: how were you affected by the post election violence?

Resp: I was really affected

Int: in what way?

Resp: I stayed at home for so long and that is the time I was supposed to enter Form One. I joined school in second term and some of my relatives in Nakuru lost their properties. They all landed here and my grandmother could not send them away.

Int: how were you able to cope with the uncertainty of what is going to happen tomorrow?

Resp: we just prayed for sanity and peace to return to the country

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: the killings that took place, I just didn't like the clashes, and many people were displaced, they lost property, many separated and to date some have never been able to find their kin

Int: what you like about the post election violence?

Resp: nothing was good about that

Int: I think we will end there. Is there anything you would like to add?

Resp: too many people come here and ask us these questions in the name of research, and I have seen yours are slightly different, how do they help us because I have not seen any different since we started answering these kinds of questions

Int: these are my opinions, usually when we do these researches, we inform the government and other stakeholders, so that they can know and understand what our people are going through. Then from there they can plan for the changes. Without the researches, it may not be easy to know what is going on or how to cope with the challenges facing our people

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

- 36. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 37. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 38. RESILIENCE
- 39. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 40. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Respondent equates adulthood with marriage, parenthood and age.
One is an adult at 18 years of age
2. Attending school is challenge as parents are unable to pay school fees or they lack people to advice them on the importance of schooling
3. She would like to work as a computer operator, it is good job

Background information

Int: if you are ready, let us start, what is the difference between adults and young people?

Resp: I don't know

Int: please speak louder, in your opinion, what is the different between an adult and a child? This is not an example so any answer is good for me

Resp: I don't know what to say

Int: just say what is on your mind

Resp: it is hard

Int: if we say one is an adult and the other is a child, what is the difference; do you think it is the age?

Resp: yes

Int: which age for a child and an adult?

Resp: I don't know what to say

Int: I just want you tell me what you think not what others think or feel.

Resp: I don't know what to say

Int: what about someone who has a baby?

Resp: that is a difference

Int: how about moving out of the home?

Resp: that can also be a difference

Int: ok, but please speak louder.

Resp: those questions are very difficult

Int: I told you before this is not an exam where we will mark and say you have passed or failed but we just want to know your views on certain issues especially on adulthood. What about employment?

Resp: yes

Int: and education

Resp: the same

Int: how does education differentiate between an adult and a child?

Resp: those questions are difficult

Int: they are hard?

Resp: These are just your usual views

Int: and if someone is sexually active, can this determine the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: yes

Int: and being responsible?

Resp: I don't know how to answer those questions, they are hard

Int: can you compare yourself with an adult

Resp: because I am a parent

Int: what do you feel?

Resp: I am an adult,

Int: why do you feel as an adult?

Resp: because I have given birth

Int: and what else are you going through that makes you feel you
are an adult?

Resp: age

Int: you told me you are 19 years now?

Resp: yes

Int: how old should an adult be in your opinion?

Resp: I am an adult and when you are 18, you are an adult

Int: what else are you experiencing that makes you feel you are an
adult?

Resp: I am married

Int: what do you like about being an adult?

Resp: those questions are hard

Int: just tell me what you feel and it is not the same as any other
person; what those other people feel is not the same as what I
feel you feel

Resp: having a baby

Int: what significant event has ever happened in your life that you
remember?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: none?

Resp: no

Int: I would us to talk about your family, who do you live with here?

Resp: my husband

Int: where is your father?

Resp: he is not there

Int: is he alive?

Resp: my mother is still alive

Int: what influence do your parents have over your life?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: not even life in general?

Resp: my mother supports me

Int: in what way?

Resp: she provides me with food, clothing

Int: what else?

Resp: only those

Int: does offer you advice?

Resp: I don't know that

Int: does offer advice on religion

Resp: yes

Int: what does she tell you?

Resp: skip, those questions are difficult

Int: just tell me what she tells you to do maybe do this and that.

Does she offer any advice in regard to your education?

Resp: no

Int: on relationships?

Resp: no

Int: what about romantic relationships

Resp: yes

Int: drugs

Resp: yes

Int: marriage?

Resp: no

Int: she doesn't give you advice on marriage?

Resp: she does

Int: just give me one example

Resp: she advices me to stay with my husband

Int: would you like to add another example?

Resp: no,

Int: what would make you see assistance from your mother?

Resp: looking after the baby and other personal needs

Int: like which one?

Resp: if the baby is ill

Int: what else

Resp: food

Int: are there issues that would make you seek help elsewhere and not your mother?

Resp: I don't fear my mother, I can tell her anything

Int: is there any problem or issue that can make you seek assistance elsewhere apart from your parents?

Resp: no

Int: maybe you have a problem with your husband?

Resp: no

Int: you told me that you talk about marriage with your mother?

Resp: yes

Int: how does she punish you when you make a mistake?

Resp: they give me advice

Int: what kind of advice?

Resp: that I should do the right things and not follow the wrong ways

Int: what are the wrong ways?

Resp: unintelligible

Int: don't worry this is between the two of us and we are not going to tell anyone else

Resp: men lie to women so that they have sex with them

Int: so she advices you about men issues

Resp: yes

Int: what about your brothers....do you have brothers

Resp: yes

Int: how old?

Resp: they are younger than me

Int: what about sisters?

Resp: they are older than me

Int: do they have any influence over your life?

Resp: no, people live their own lives

Int: they don't influence you on issues like marriage, behavior and the like

Resp: no

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: no

Int: they don't have any influence over your life?

Resp: no

Int: tell me of any significant event that your sibling or friend experience in her life

Resp: there isn't

Int: think of your brothers/sisters or friends

Resp: none

Int: I want us to discuss about challenges that face young people in this community. What are the challenges that you have notice affect young people here?

Resp: I don't know what to tell you

Int: things that youth go through in this slum

Resp: I don't know

Int: could there be insecurity issues here

Resp: yes

Int: what happens?

Resp: they steal from people on the road

Int: what about children dropping out of school?

Resp: it is a challenge here

Int: why do they drop out of school?

Resp: some of them have school fees

Int: and others?

Resp: there is no one to advice them to go to school

Int: what about HIV Aids?

Resp: yes

Int: and ill health?

Resp: yes

Int: are domestic violence cases there in this community?

Resp: not many

Int: what strategies have are in place to try and cope with these challenges; we school dropout cases, insecurity and HIV Aids?

Resp: for HIV Aids?

Int: how do they cope with such challenges?

Resp: these questions are difficult

Int: I told you that these are just your views and it is not an exam. How are the youths able to stop being affected by the HIV Virus

Resp: going the wrong way

Int: going the wrong way or right way?

Resp: going the right way (interruption from a relative saying the want to take the baby to hospital and they should be quick with the interview)

Int: which neighborhood would you like to live in either now or in future?

Resp: somewhere else

Int: where?

Resp: I would like to forward

Int: and live where?

Resp: silence

Int: what do you mean with going forward?

Resp: those questions are difficult

Int: can you give me an example of where you would like to live

Resp: I don't know what to say

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: have a job

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: what kind of job?

Resp: any

Int: how much would you like to be paid?

Resp: Sh10,000 and above

Int: what efforts are you making to achieve this goal?

Resp: I would like to go back to school to be able to achieve that

Int: what would stop you from achieve that goal in life

Resp: not going back to school

Int: do you think what level of education do you need to enable you
get that job?

Resp: where I left off from

Int: up to where would you like to reach because you told me that
you reached class 8?

Resp: up to college level

Int: college?

Resp: yes

Int: what course would you like to take?

Resp: for the office

Int: there are so many office careers which one do you have in
mind?

Resp: I would like to deal with computers

Int: have you ever told anyone about this goal you would like to do
in life?

Resp: no

Int: you have not discussed with anyone else?

Resp: no

Int: you told me that you left in class 8 but you didn't tell me
the reason you dropped out of school

Resp: there was no to pay school fees for me

Int: mhh

Resp: lack of school fees

Int: I want us to look you leisure time in this community, have you
ever worked before?

Resp: no

Int: what does success mean in this community?

Resp: having employment

Int: give me an example of someone who has succeed but not the
name, what does he have

Resp: he is a happy person (interruption again)

Int: we are almost through

Resp: someone with a car, house,

Int: how about a successful youth?

Resp: lives happily

Int: an example of a happy person

Resp: he has education

Int: how can you differentiate a youth with good behavior from one who isn't?

Resp: he has good behavior and does not steal

Int: what can youths do in this community to be able to succeed?

Resp: get employment

Int: you told me that you live with your parents here

Resp: my mother is the one who told you that the baby is ill

Int: when did you get married?

Resp: no, I am not married

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: even now if I get a good man

Int: why do you want to get married?

Resp: so that he can help me

Int: what kind of person do you have in mind for a husband?

Resp: silence

Int: how old?

Resp: he can be 30 years

Int: and you told me that you are 18 years?

Resp: yes

Int: and what else

Resp: someone working

Int: from where?

Resp: anywhere, as long as is good to me

Int: you already have a child so I will not ask you some of the questions related to that. Can you tell me about your relationship with your boyfriend, where did you meet?

Resp: in the community

Int: how old was he

Resp: he was 26

Int: are you still in a relationship?

Resp: no

Int: is there anyone who else who knew about your relationship?

Resp: yes, because I got a baby

Int: ok, can you tell me about your first sex experience, how old were you?

Resp: 18 years

Int: and our boyfriend?

Resp: 26

Int: that is the one you told me he left you?

Resp: yes

Int: why did you choose to have sex at that time?

Resp: he lied to me

Int: what did he tell you?

Resp: that he will marry me

Int: did you use any protection

Resp: no

Int: why didn't you use any?

Resp: I didn't want

Int: when did you get the baby?

Resp: February 2nd

Int: can you tell me about the pregnancy? Had you planned for it?

Resp: no

Int: how were you affected by the pregnancy?

Resp: unintelligible

Int: did the pregnancy affect you in any way?

Resp: no, it was unexpected

Int: were you happy

Resp: I was happy

Int: you were happy about the pregnancy?

Resp: yes

Int: what challenges are you facing as a parent?

Resp: none

Int: what are the feelings of your fellow age mates who are parents like you?

Resp: some are not happy about being parents

Int: to finish off, how did the post election violence affect you?

Resp: I was not affected in any way

Int: what about family members?

Resp: no

Int: during the uncertainties of what is next, how were you able to cope?

Resp: I don't know that

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: fighting

Int: is there anything you liked at that time?

Resp: no,

Int: thank you so much for you time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4K024

STUDY POINTS

- 41. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 42. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 43. RESILIENCE
- 44. HOW THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 45. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 5. Adulthood is defined as mature thinking and mature behavior
- 6. Drugs and commercial sex. Attending school is also a big challenge due to lack of cool fees and early marriages
- 7. They have formed youth groups with activities such as dancing and having seminars to discuss the girl child
- 8. Respondent would like to become an accountant so as to work in a bank
- 9. Young people should work hard and complete their education and get employed

Background information

NONE

Int: THANK you for giving me your time; if you are ready I would let to start? In our opinion what is the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: ok, there is a way adults behave maturely from children. A child may look physically big but still a child from the behavior.

Int: give me an example of how an adult behaves differently from a child to show maturity.

Resp: for an adult, there are certain things when done wrong, a responsible adult person will accept but a child will not be comfortable with correction

Int: how else can we determine a mature person from a child?

Resp: you will know an adult from the kind of friends he has, and they way he respects his parents, for example if he goes for an interview he will behave in a mature way but a child goes to parties, you can easily spot him out and know this is physically big but not yet mature from the way he will behave there

Int: what does a child do?

Resp: he is very childish in his ways, for example when you discuss stories on love affairs, a child will blush and start giggling

Int: who are these discussing?

Resp: adults; and a child will see as if that is a strange topic to be discussed

Int: can sexual relationships determine the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: what I would say is between adults there is a way they can discuss such topics but you cannot be able to discuss such topics with children. A child will think you are spoiling him by talking such kind of stuff

Int: what about education?

Resp: you cannot compare a form four person with someone in class eight. That one in form four is already matured, he thinks about the future, sets goals and how to achieve them but a class 8 child is thinking about form one. Even if you tell him to think of his future, he will see as if it is very far in the future

Int: what about employment; can that tell us the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: yes, an adult can be employed and work hard and take care of his hard earned money but a child will want to spend it on leisure.

Int: what I wanted to know is would you be able to note any difference between an adult and a child through employment?

Resp: ok, a grownup will work and be responsible but a child is thinking in terms of feeding

Int: how about marriage?

Resp: there are some marriages, ok what do you mean?

Int: ok, I wanted to know if one can tell the difference between an adult and a child by marriage.

Resp: I don't think so, because like in our Somali tribe, girls get married at the age of 13, 14 and frankly speaking anyone under 18 is not mature enough. Above 18 is mature

Int: what about being involved in sex?

Resp: that is a personal thing

Int: can it show the difference also between an adult or a child?

Resp: no, because you can still be young in age and already you have had sex, yet you get another person who is older in years has never done it.

Int: how about physical maturity?

Resp: no, you get mature in the brains not physically

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: no, that is not possible because in our culture, small children are circumcised

Int: at what age?

Resp: even a new born child

Int: how about when one moves out of the home and goes to stay on their own?

Resp: that is possible because it means they are mature and hey can look after themselves, it is a decision you make that you want to be on your own, maybe look for employment or something like that.

Int: you are maturing or matured?

Resp: you are already mature because you feel it is embarrassing to live in your parent's house but in our community only boys can do that not girls. We are usually comfortable at home

Int: how about having a child?

Resp: no, because there are people who get babies at a very tender age

Int: do you think you are now an adult or a child?

Resp: I look at my age mates, my behavior and the books I read

Int: do you feel an adult or a child

Resp: I am matured enough

Int: what do you mean matured?

Resp: I can go out and look for food and if I encounter a problem, I would know how to handle it

Int: what are you experiencing that makes you feel you are an adult now?

Resp: what can make me feel an adult?

Int: what you are doing that can make you feel an adult not what
 you can do

Resp: right now I can go for seminars and sit with my fellow youths,
 enjoy myself and feel I am a step ahead

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: I know I can do certain things and succeed, if I fail, I can
 still take responsibility and get another alternative

Int: what do you like about being an adult?

Resp: ok, in our community, I don't like being out of the topic, you
 can be discussing issues and people bring in tribalism, I hate
 tribalism because you can hear it from your parents and
 neighbors, you feel they are not doing the right thing because
 I have friends from those tribes they don't like

Int: is that because you think you are an adult that is why you
 feel that?

Resp: I just don't like tribalism

Int: you feel you are an adult as you told me, what don't you like
 about adulthood?

Resp: those questions; skip that one. Maybe the only thing I can
 say makes me feel that I am still a child is maybe you want to
 go somewhere and when you ask for permission you are told no,
 you are not going anywhere outside this compound. You are
 forced to stay at home and start wishing otherwise

Int: ok, what is the most significant even in your life, something that has happened and you still remember it often?

Resp: there was a day a friend came looking for me and was embarrassed

Int: by whom?

Resp: my mother

Int: was it a boy or a girl?

Resp: my classmate

Int: a boy or a girl?

Resp: a boy. He was passing by and then decided to say how so he asked "Saadia, hi" and then who are you, what do you want. I felt bad and thought that is not the way it should be, it was unfair.

Int: so you have never forgotten that?

Resp: no

Int: I want us to discuss a few things about your family and how you have grown with them. Who are you staying with now?

Resp: my mother

Int: how involved are you in your life?

Resp: apart from that embarrassment and they swore they will never repeat it again, they are good

Int: you live with your mother only?

Resp: yes

Int: and your father?

Resp: he passed away

Int: how does she involve herself in your life; does she offer advices when you decide to do something?

Resp: she usually advices on issues for example she always tells me to be very careful in life and not just make friends with anybody you are not sure of

Int: she is the one providing for you; sustenance?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: food,

Int: mhh

Resp: everything

Int: for example?

Resp: I am at home

Int: on what issues does she offer advice to you?

Resp: things to do with college,

Int: what else? How about relationships?

Resp: we don't discuss that

Int: but does she offer advice even if you don't talk about it with her?

Resp: no

Int: what about religion?

Resp: she is always reminding me never to forget my God, fast and pray always. And she tells me the choice and decision is mine not hers

Int: what about sex?

Resp: ehh!

Int: advice on sex issues?

Resp: our religion does not allow such things so you can never go over religion

Int: but does she mention it maybe to remind you in some way or another?

Resp: no

Int: what about drugs?

Resp: no, there is no one using them at home

Int: how about marriage?

Resp: that is not discussed

Int: but you have understood my question, what I mean is someone advising not you doing it

Resp: she usually advices me on how to be focused, choose my friends wisely,

Int: what kind of friends would she like you to have?

Resp: friends like me, I don't use drugs, I can't sleep outside home and I understand myself, so that is the kind of person I should have.

Int: is there something that can make you look for assistance from your mother? What kind of issues would make you seek assistance from her?

Resp: maybe we have gone for a trip or something and I don't have fare I can call home and tell her why I have not come home

Int: what else?

Resp: maybe I am broke and I long for something, I would ask her to assist.

Int: what issues would you not approach your mother for advice?

Resp: there are certain things you I can't ask my parent for fear of being rebuked so I approach a friend

Int: like what?

Resp: if I am stressed, I talk to my friend

Int: what else beside stress?

Resp: maybe if I need finance

Int: so you have told me that you can seek assistance from friends,
family

Resp: who is family to you?

Int: my relatives, like my brother, sisters, cousins and then
friends

Int: do you have brothers

Resp: they are three, one is older.

Int: do they convince you on the type of friends you should have?

Resp: my mother usually tells them to leave me alone and that it is
up to me to choose the kind of friends I should have. If they
are bad, it is up to

Int: what does she usually advice you as a mother?

Resp: she tells me is up to me to make a good future if I want and
you know in our community it is usually men first, she can
correct when I have done something wrong

Int: does she advice on issues related to your education?

Resp: ok like now when I was in form two she always told me to work
hard and reach form four since I was in a private school

Int: you are not in school now?

Resp: I dropped out

Int: had you completed your form two?

Resp: I was in form two second term

Int: why did you drop out of school?

Resp: lack of school fees. My brother was ahead of me and so my
parent could not manage taking two of us in school and at the
same time she was ill.

Int: what about working, do your siblings advice you on the same?

Resp: they tell me not to give up, go look for a job it is not only
someone who has completed fourth form that can be able to get
a job only, I should try my luck out there.

Int: does they offer any form of advice on marriage?

Resp: not really, we do not discuss that and I always think of my
future. I know in future I would like to be married, but right
now I am not ready

Int: what do you think of your future?

Resp: I have always dreamt of becoming an accountant or working in a
bank and being self independent.

Int: do you see yourself being able to attain that goal?

Resp: right now I am planning to go and register for exams when I
get money

Int: which exams

Resp: form four; that is, when I get some money

Int: have you been reading at home?

Resp: not really but I am thinking of it. If get any finances, I intend to register in a private school so that I am in school for a certain number of hours and the rest I am either in employment or seeking on how I can be self independent.

Int: is there anything or reason that would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: finance is the only hindrance to achieving my dreams as it is the little that is there is used for upkeep at home here. Lack of finances can bring about stress because of worrying about the future

Int: is there any other reason as to why you may not be able to achieve your goal apart from finances?

Resp: I think it is finance but even if I don't get enough money to further my education and achieve my dream, I still believe I will be doing something to make me self independent. At least I will try my best to complete my education.

Int: let us go back to influence, do your friends influence you on your behavior

Resp: they will tell you if you are moving in the wrong company and even when they have problems they come to me and I help when I can, if I am not able to again I tell them so

Int: what kind of problem would your friend approach you with; because I am interested in knowing what kind of problems youth face in this community.

Resp: for example you have a boyfriend, and maybe you have caught him red-handed and it almost breaks your heart, you can tell your friend

Int: they approach you with that kind of a problem?

Resp: yes and I advise her to be patient as she sorts herself out or face the offending party and tell them why they are not happy.

Int: you assist them with their problems, but do they also assist you?

Resp: they do when I approach them. For example maybe I was out and late coming home, I can tell one of them to help by telling my family that I was late at their place or maybe I was attending a seminar and I didn't want my mother to know about it, I can ask one of my friends to lie on my behalf that I was at her place

Int: do your friends influence you on education?

Resp: they advice me not to give up even though we may not be well of at the moment but I should try my best where possible. They also advise me to look for sponsorship

Int: what about employment?

Resp: once in a while my friends get jobs and usually when they get an opportunity they call me for

Int: do your friends influence you on marriage?

Resp: not the present ones I have because all of them are not married and the one who is married lives very far. But once in while we discuss what we will do when we get married in future

Int: what about your involvement in relationships, do they influence you on that?

Resp: not much but we usually compare notes on the kind of people we would like to get married to in future. We see movies on TV and we compare notes as to whether we would get married or not (interruption and tape stopped) ok, I am so sorry about that

Int: we can continue, is that ok?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me problem either your sibling or friend has been involved in that was significant in your life?

Resp: problem?

Int: maybe they got into some sort of trouble or something

Resp: ok, there isn't

Int: none of your friends have been involved in a problem?

Resp: no

Int: I want us to talk about your life in the community here and how you have been living here; tell me more about the challenges that youths face in this community?

Resp: first and foremost many youths in this community are involved in drugs abuse and other in commercial sex, even when you offer advice they don't take it in and tell you it is their joy to be involved in those kinds of things

Int: is insecurity a challenge to the youths here?

Resp: security?

Int: lack of security?

Resp: it isn't there, especially in the evenings and late into the night. When you are late in coming back at home, you feel insecure

Int: what usually happens in the evenings?

Resp: people are mugged and their property taken away

Int: what about school drop outs is that a challenge?

Resp: a very big one, many drop out and get married at a very early age

Int: what about poverty?

Resp: It is that is why I also dropped out of school

Int: HIV Aids?

Resp: HIV Aids also makes people give up in life

Int: is that a challenge to the youths in this community?

Resp: yes,

Int: and lack of employment?

Resp: that is also a major one

Int: what do the youths do for that matter?

Resp: they get together, there is this saying "idleness is the workshop of the devil" and so they start getting involved in criminal activities

Int: what strategies do the youths use to cope with these problems?

Resp: to face those challenges?

Int: yes

Resp: some are involved in youth groups; they make use of their talents like dancing, and many others

Int: who is responsible of these groups?

Resp: there is one here called Ms Koch

Int: what do they do?

Resp: it is for girls

Int: what do they do?

Resp: they call for seminars on different topics

Int: are the youths the ones who form these groups or they were assisted by someone else or agencies?

Resp: I really don't know

Int: what type of neighbourhood would you like to live?

Resp: where there are good friends, trustful and my type. I would not like noisy neihgbours like those who tune their radios high disturbing other neighbours. I would not like to live next to a neighbor who brews and sells alcohols

Int: you would like to live in a quiet neighbourhood?

Resp: yes

Int: mhh

Resp: they are honest in the sense that if I am not around and I tell them to look after my house, they will do it until I come back

Int: are there chances of you living in such a neighborhood?

Resp: if I work hard...what did you ask?

Int: you mentioned that you would like to live in a place where your neighbors are not noise and they don't get involved in criminal activities. My question is what are your chances of living in such vicinity?

Resp: I have always dreamt of living in such a place

Int: what are your chances of living there?

Resp: yes

Int: what would you like to achieve in your life?

Resp: now?

Int: either now or in future

Resp: I would like to be a successful woman

Int: you had told me that you would like to be an accountant and
the efforts you would do to make sure you achieve that

Resp: yes

Int: by going back to school if possible and complete your
education?

Resp: yes

Int: are there any reasons that would not make you achieve this
dream?

Resp: ok, sometimes finance or if I am ill

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve that dream?

Resp: I need to complete form four, then join a an accounting
college and then search for a job

Int: do you think you will attain that level of education?

Resp: I hope so

Int: you hope so?

Resp: yes

Int: have you ever shared this dream with anyone significant in
your life?

Resp: my mother, and friends

Int: what did your mother say?

Resp: she told me it will depend on God and hard work

Int: I would like us to talk about your social life; have you ever been employed before?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you on your first job?

Resp: It was last year

Int: last year?

Resp: it was 2007

Int: how old were you; you told me that currently you are 21?

Resp: I was nineteen

Int: what were your feelings about that job?

Resp: it was a nice job

Int: how much were you being paid?

Resp: it wasn't a big job

Int: I am not interested in any particular job

Resp: it was for one month

Int: in a day?

Resp: not much

Int: whether it was per day or week it doesn't really matter, I just want to know how much they were paying you

Resp: I was being paid Sh350

Int: per day or month?

Resp: per day, and it was selling in a shop

Int: why did you choose to do that job?

Resp: ok, I was holding in for somebody who was on leave

Int: and currently what are you doing in form of income generation?

Resp: ok, I did *Kazi kwa Vijana (Youth for work)*

Int: what kind of work were you involved in?

Resp: environment, we were planting trees

Int: for how long did you do the job?

Resp: two months

Int: how much were you paid?

Resp: Sh3,000 after two weeks

Int: of what importance is success in this community?

Resp: it is very important

Int: how can one identify a successful person in this community?

Resp: happy, educated, and is self employed and is proud of his environment. The wife is also proud of living with that person and the environment around them

Int: we have talked of a person, how would you identify a successful young person?

Resp: is living away from his parents, has completed his education, gotten a job or he is self employed, self independent and his friends take him as a role model

Int: ok, how can one differentiate a well behaved young person from an ill mannered one?

Resp: he remembers the kind of friends he left behind like those involved in drugs, and does not associate with them anymore. If he used to chase girls around and involved casual sex, he stops that and avoids them completely. He gets a new set of friends who are not involved in criminal activities

Int: what can a young person do to succeed in life?

Resp: finish his education, get employed

Int: what else

Resp: he can get married to a trustworthy spouse

Int: for how long do you intend to live with your parents or up to what age?

Resp: right now I can still live on my own

Int: what is stopping you?

Resp: I am jobless and I cannot go to live far from here because I am a girl?

Int: what do you mean you cannot live far from here?

Resp: living far from home, if I have to get a house, it has to be near my parents

Int: until when?

Resp: when I get married to a man of my dreams

Int: of what importance is your marriage to your family?

Resp: I don't see any importance, what you choose is what is important, if I choose to do it, then, it will be important and can be proud of it

Int: who else should choose for you apart from yourself?

Resp: no one

Int: if you choose to get married, you will be happy?

Resp: if I choose to not someone else to choose for me

Int: and who is this that can choose for you instead of yourself?

Resp: I don't mean that there is anyone who can choose for me, if I feel that this thing will be of benefit to me, then I can choose to get to do it. Maybe for my parent, it may be too early and I prefer to do it immediately.

Int: do you think marriage is important?

Resp: no, I don't think it is very important

Int: do you plan to get married in your life?

Resp: maybe in 2-4 years time

Int: from now

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: someone who is successful, well educated

Int: successful how?

Resp: even if I share my problems with him he can understand

Int: what else?

Resp: If I need support he will give me (a lot of background noise from family)

Int: have you ever had a boyfriend before?

Resp: skip that

Int: you want me to skip that?

Resp: yes

Int: you have never had one?

Resp: I don't have one

Int: but you had one before?

Resp: skip that one

Int: I skip that one?

Resp: yes

Int: have you ever had sex before in your life?

Resp: ahh, no! I can't, I have never done that

Int: why not?

Resp: it is a sin and it is risky

Int: what other reason is there?

Resp: I don't think I would be comfortable if I did it today, I
 would feel very guilty and it is a sin in our religion

Int: ok, when do you think you will do it?

Resp: maybe when I am married

Int: how do you feel about that; do you regret never having
 involved in that?

Resp: I don't regret, I feel good

Int: I would like to know if you plan to have any children.

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: to make feel a complete mother

Int: when do you think will be the right time to get children?

Resp: when I know that my spouse will support me and the children

Int: ok, as we finish, I would like to know more about the
 challenges faced during the post election violence. How were
 you affected?

Resp: I was not infected

Int: what about your family?

Resp: none of us were affected maybe sleepless nights and uncertainties about the future

Int: how were you able to cope with these uncertainties?

Resp: it was difficult and we kept worrying in case they came and broke the get and attacked us what action we would take to defend ourselves

Int: what did you?

Resp: we were not sleeping at night and we were careful in case they came

Int: what do you mean when you say you were careful?

Resp: you wouldn't know whether there were rapists or killers so we were protected and we were sleeping and staying in trousers
24/7

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: it was the tribalism, many people were very tribal here

Int: you didn't like that?

Resp: I didn't like at all because all of us are Kenyans,

Int: what else didn't you like about the clashes?

Resp: I felt sad for the women because they are the ones who suffered more with the children; they were harassed from all angles

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: there wasn't anything good about it

Int: ok, we are through with our interview, is there anything you would like to ask me; any issue?

Resp: yes

Int: go ahead

Resp: will you delete it or not?

Int: you don't want me to record that question?

Resp: no

Int: ok, I will switch off the recorder

End

TRANSITIONS STUDY 2009

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSE4K028

STUDY POINTS

- 46. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 47. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 48. RESILIENCE
- 49. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 50. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Adulthood is defined as being able to make decisions
2. Attending school is the biggest challenge as parents do not put emphasis on education. Lack of employment is equally a big challenge
3. The youth have formed groups to collect garbage at a fee of Kshs20 per household. They share the money collected
4. She has trained in Information Technology however wants to do Sociology at Economics because she just likes it
5. The youth need to work hard to get jobs

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 18

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed

Educational Level: college

Ethnic Level: kikuyu

Marital Status: married

Number of children: one child

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Korogocho A

Background information

Transcripitor's note: where I have inserted gap, that is on the recording and have relied on notes most of the second part where I have noted "stopped/pausing"

Int: I would like us to start if you are ready.

Resp: I am ready

Int: in your opinion what the is the difference between and adult and a child

Resp: the difference between?

Int: an adult and a child

Resp: an adult isfor an example a child needs to be told what to do and supervised all the time. An adult knows what to do and at what time

Int: would you say employment can determine the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: that is not true because when I was a child, I used to be given things to go and sell out there and brought the money back home. A grownup will also go out sell or get some sort of employment and bring the money home. So it depends on the way the child was brought up by parents or guardians, he does things an adult would do so employment cannot be a determinant.

Int: marriage?

Resp: no, that cannot determine the difference between an adult and a child because we have children of about 12 years married but because she is in the marriage that cannot determine she is an

adult from behavior. Originally older people were supposed to be married but today that is not so.

Int: what do you think the age of an adult should be?

Resp: 18 years and over is an adult but anything below that is a child whether employed or married

Int: can getting a baby be a determinant for the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: no, there are small children in this community who have children for example my neighbour is 13 years and she is expecting her 2nd born while I am 22 years and I have only one child. So giving birth is not a determinant because that is a child and yet she is a head of me in one way or another whereas I am older than her

Int: how about some moving out of the home; can one consider that person an adult or still a child?

Resp: most of these things sometimes happen because of the peer pressure. Because he/she has seen youngsters of his age moving out, he wants to do the same group and he actually moves out. You cannot say those are adults but because of peer pressure, they have been swayed from the right path

Int: education?

Resp: that can differentiate if you put level of education into consideration

Int: maybe you can explain that

Resp: from class four most children start being intelligent and gain knowledge on many things and by the time they reach form four, they are now reasoning like adults and are able to differentiate right and wrong. But the best level of education which I would consider for an adult is college

Int: that one in college is?

Resp: what is I mean a child in primary is reminded do your homework, clean your uniform and when this same child reaches college and proceeds to university, and if you are very observant, you will realize that no one tells this person to do things, he will decide to attend lessons on his own, decide which career to take, do the assignments without prompting, he will manage himself; that is why I say the level of education matters here

Int: in college

Resp: college and university; that is an adult

Int: and what about (gap on recorder)

Resp:I don't think that can apply as I told you earlier on today's children are so knowledgeable, at the age of 12 they already know so much and so to me that is not possible. Most of them are involved in active sex

Int: what about being employed?

Resp: that is not possible for example in the community here, most children when they complete Std 8, they drop out of school start looking for ways in which to get some income, buy food for supper. An adult will also wake up that early, go out and look for a job, get some money and then come back with something for supper.

Int: so to you employment does not differentiate. How about physical maturity?

Resp: what do you mean?

Int: physical appearance

Resp: physical appearance cannot bring out the difference for example I am below 22 with a child and if you look at my sister who comes after me 3rd, she is so huge and so physical appearance will not give you a correct picture

Int: circumcision?

Resp: for men or women?

Int: for both

Resp: there are some men when they are circumcised, they behave differently from children. They no longer want to walk or play with children anymore. In his mind he considers himself adult but for girls it is not possible to know whether they are circumcised or not.

Int: when you look at yourself, do you consider yourself as a grown up?

Resp: I know and believe I am an adult, and there are things I cannot do

Int: like what?

Resp: many things done by children

Int: for example what? What are you experiencing in your life that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I have responsibilities like looking after my husband, the child and to be able to manage my home. I have to make efforts in everything I do because this is my future

Int: what else apart from being responsible?

Resp: my age also determines that I am no longer a kid but an adult. I am not 18 or 15 year, I am not a teenager

Int: what do you like about being an adult?

Resp: the responsibilities I am undertaking in life; for example, I know my needs, I can manage my time and the things I do to suit my family.

Int: what makes you feel you are not adult?

Resp: nothing, I am an adult

Int: what would you consider the most significant event in your life?

Resp: the day my parents told me that they are tired of taking care of me and gave me some Sh200 to go and live with my grandparents. I had been jobless, life was so hard and I was not ready to go to my grandparents. When my father came back, I was thoroughly beaten and I really felt so bad because I had already completed my college and tarmacing

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: I was 20

Int: you didn't like that?

Resp: no

Int: let us now talk about your family and your life with them (kid making noise in the background, recording paused, gap)

Resp: I live with my parents

Int:let us not continue, in what way do your parents influence your life?

Resp: maybe when I have a problem (gap) and the baby is ill, (gap)

Int: what kind of advice do (gap) you know life has many things (gap) you told me that your parents offer you advice on marriage (gap) do they offer you advice on (gap)

Resp: they taught me that when I was still under their care

Int: and now?

Resp: right now we are adults (gap)

Int: what kind of personal issues or problems would make you seek assistance from your parent?

Resp: (gap) I just want to leave it at that

Int: you would go to their home so that?

Resp: they can advice me on what to do

Int: you don't have any other issue/problem that you would approach them for help?

Resp: no

Int: there is nothing else you feel you cannot....(gap)

Resp: you mean parents

Int: any kind of assistance (gap)

Resp: my husband tells me I have wronged him (gap) we live with together)

Int: how do your siblings influence your behavior?

Resp: we just advice each other when we see one of us going the wrong way

Int: maybe you can explain that a little?

Resp: we generally just discuss about our own failings and correct where possible

Int: do you discuss issues on marriage?

Resp: mhh just general discussions among siblings like how your marriage is,

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: they admire my marriage and always ask me how I manage the family

Int: so they come for assistance?

Resp: yes

Int: what do they advice you?

Resp: they advice me to keep it like that; a happy family

Int: do these friends of yours have any influence on your education?

Resp: yes, the advice me to continue with education but for now I don't have the money

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: most of my friends are not married and so we don't discuss anything related to marriage

Int: can you tell me any significant event, or worst problem your siblings or friend as been through

Resp: I had an orphan friend living in the slum her grandmother. When she reached form four, I left her in school and told her to work hard for she was a very bright girl. We used to sit together and I used to advise her to work hard, complete

education, get a good job and help her grandmother. When I left school she joined bad company and dropped out of school

Int: can you explain further?

Resp: I was told with her grandmother. I looked for her, and advised her to go back to school which she did. After a while she got caught up again with the bad company and got pregnant in the process. She got married to the guy they are living upcountry. She is living under very hard circumstances of which had she continued with school, I don't think things would have been that difficult even if she had decided to marry. I feel so bad about the whole incident and she also regrets because she left school, she has a baby and it is very difficult to feed her family

Int: in this community, tell me the major challenges that young people face for example domestic quarrels, insecurity, etc

Resp: domestic violence between parents

Int: how does that affect the children?

Resp: children are affected in a way that if they look up to the father, they will end up as drunkards. If they look up to the mother, she is not worthy being copied

Int: like what does she do so that they cannot copy from her?

Resp: she is a drunkard, passes urine anyhow, she falls down and her dress goes up, the children see hard nakedness and there is no respect

Int: and for youths, what would you say makes there be no security?

Resp: there are so many things, maybe you are walking along the corridors and meet these youths, if you are a lady they will think of raping you, they mug you

Int: and dropping out of school?

Resp: the environment; many children drop out of school and there is no one to follow them up. When they come from school, no parent is ready to find out what happened at school that day. As long as the kid is at school, that is what matter. Instead of monitoring homework, you will hear things like, go to so and so and tell her to give you my money, go to the market and do sales for me and so in such situation there is no where education is mentioned. He also sees his friends who are not in school and to him that is something normal so long as the parents are not complaining. Idleness is the cause of insecurity in the community. As long as they don't have anything to keep them busy they will start involving themselves in petty crimes which eventually become major ones

Int: is that because of lack of education these things are happening?

Resp: not really, for example, I am educated but I don't have a job

Int: Sex?

Resp: yes because most times these young people do not use precautions

Int: HIV Aids, is that a challenge?

Resp: if sex is not controlled and no protection is used, there is no way the spread of HIV virus can be stopped among the youths

Int: What kinds of strategies have been put in place to cope up with these issues that are a challenge to the youths?

Resp: they have formed groups to avoid idleness

Int: what do they do?

Resp: they do things like garbage collection and they charge some little amount of money which is divided among the youth

Int: what do they do with the money?

Resp: they divide it among themselves and use the money for their upkeep

Int: where would you want to live?

Resp: in future I will live in Kileleshwa

Int: why Kileleshwa?

Resp: environment is good,

Int: why is the environment good?

Resp: it is not polluted like here, there are trees and it is so green

Int: what are your chances of you living in this area?

Resp: I am planning to work hard

Int: you are planning to work hard where?

Resp: I am looking for a job

Int: apart from your plans what is the most important thing that you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: (gap) I would like to be independent

Int: what does an independent woman do and what efforts are you making to achieve this goal?

Resp: for now, I need a job and go back to school

Int: what would you want to do in school?

Resp: do social economics

Fill gaps from notes

Int: what kind of school do you have in mind?

Resp: I will start my own school

Int: but you mentioned earlier on that you would like to continue schooling up to college level and that you want to do social economics

Resp: yes, a college will do

Int: what would stop you fro achieving this goal?

Resp: finance and faith. If I don't get the money, wherever I will
be I will still pursue the dream

Int: so you want to pursue social economics

Resp: yes

Int: who have you talked to about this issue, someone important?

Resp: I haven't maybe you are talking of somebody like an MP

Int: not really but anyone who is significant in your life?

Resp: I have only shared this with my husband; it is not something
that you can talk to anyone because some people are very
discouraging

Int: is that the most significant person; what I mean someone who
is significant to you may not necessarily be significant to me

Resp: my husband

Int: what did he say?

Resp: he told me God willing it will happen

Int: have you worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you and why did you did the job?

Resp: as I told you before I used to work as a cashier

Int: how much were you being paid for it?

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Resp:

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Int: currently, are you doing anything to bring in income?

Resp: I used to do business

Int: you used to do?

Resp: yes

Int: it is no longer there?

Resp: no,

Int: what happened?

Resp: I was pregnant and could no continue with the job

Int: what do you currently?

Resp: I got the market and take some second hand clothes to sell

Int: you get some income from it?

Resp: yes, a little

Int: for a month, how much do you get

?????

Resp:

Int: what does it mean to be successful in this community?

Resp: in Korogocho?

Int: yes

Resp: to be healthy

Int: In this community do you have anyone that you would say is successful? What does he do?

Resp: most of the people who succeed don't continue living here though there are a few who have succeed and are living here running business

Int: they have businesses and what else?

Resp: they run their business and avoid bad company, not a drunkard and they are born again,

Int: what makes a young person successful, something that will make you say, hey that is one is successful?

Resp: ????????

Int: what differentiates a well behaved person from others? What does the person do or doesn't do?

Resp: ??????

Int: I would like to know when you get married

REsp: ???????

Int: how old you were when you got married?

Resp: at 21

Int: ????

Resp: he was handsome?????

Int: how does it feel like being married?

Resp:

Int: do you feel you are an adult and what are the challenges of
parenthood?

Resp: domestic quarrels

Int: any other?

Resp: only that

Int: how did you meet?

Resp: we used to be together

Int:

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Resp:

Int: how is the relationship now?

Resp:

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Resp:

Int: tell me about your first sexual experience. How old were you?

Resp: 21

Int: and your partner?

Resp: ???the one I am married to

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: we just trusted one another

Int: had you planned for that pregnancy?

Resp: yes

Int: why

Resp: we wanted a baby

Int: what are the challenges of being a parent?

Resp:

Int:

Resp:

Int: how do you feel about others your age, who are aspiring to become parents?

Resp: to live in harmony with the husbands

Int: and for those who are not married?

Resp: and they want to get married?

Int: they are not married and they are almost being parents

Resp: work hard

Int: in what way?

Resp: even though I am married and have a family, it doesn't mean my
mind is dormant. ????

Int:

Resp:

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Resp:

Int: how were you affected by the post election violence; in regard
to income, ????????

Resp: I lost my certificates

Int: what happened?

Resp: there was a time they wanted to come and burn the place down
so in the process of carrying things, some things got lost
along the way

Int: people wanted to burn the place down?

Resp: yes

Int: where did you go?

Resp: we stayed around ??????

Int:

Resp:

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: many people were displaced

Int: is there anything you liked about the clashes?

Resp: there was nothing good about it, everybody was fighting and we are like on the border, the Luo were fighting the kikuyu and this place was the border line

Int: so you were affected?

Resp: we had moved to my parent's house

Int: those uncertainties, how did you cope up with those uncertainties?

Resp: because God was with us

Int: you didn't like the anything to do with the post election violence?

Resp: no

Int: ok we are not through with the interview and thank you so much

TRANSITIONS STUDY

STUDY POINTS

- 51. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
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SALIENT POINTS

- 1 The age like 16 years, one is independent and can live on her own, the behavior and being able to solve issues on your own. After circumcision one is an adult because you undergo some training and advice
- 2 She wants to be a lawyer so as to defend the poor and the weak
- 3 Unemployment, poverty, insecurity, and lack of education at higher levels are the main challenges here
- 4 I live my life and avoid pressure from my peers. I just know what I want in life and work towards it
- 5 The government can provide loans to the youth and give them education on how to invest wisely and this will curb unemployment here

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 19 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed

Educational Level: secondary (form four)

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: Nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Highridge

Background information

The respondent was female aged 20 years. The interview took place in her mother's house and she cooperated throughout the discussion. However there was some noise from the nearby house which is a joint or selling chang'aa but the respondent responded at a high voice and we could understand each other

Int: I would like to hear your views about adulthood,

Resp: my views on adulthood?

Int: yes, how can you differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: can I answer both in English and Kiswahili?

Int: that is fine

Resp: ok, it is the way you take yourself and behave

Int: mhhh

Resp: I said the way you take yourself, the way you take things and how they are, you know a child maybe magnify a small thing not a big one but an adult maybe able determine the situation and act appropriately

Int: when you say take things and or behave, what do you mean exactly, how does the difference come about in such a case?

Resp: there are situation that one faces and it is hard for a child to understand whereas an adult will understand and take it normal and continue with life

Int: apart from that, what else would differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: body, age, and those kinds of things

Int: for example, how old should an adult or child be?

Resp: in age, you can be grown up but still young because of the way you behave and yet you can be 18 years and have childish behavior

Int: in your opinion, at what age is one considered to be an adult?

Resp: at the age of 16

Int: why 16?

Resp: at 16, many young people are able to face the world things and they become aware that they are grown up and can be self reliant and stop relying on parents or guardians

Int: you mentioned about the physical body, what about it?

Resp: the way the body develops physically

Int: can you give me an example?

Resp: mhhh

Int: ok, let us look at a boy, what happens?

Resp: those changes that take place, the chest widens, the voice breaks and the like; that is physically. For a girl she starts her menstruation, she grows breasts

Int: when those parts of a person develop, where do you place/categorize this person, an adult or a child?

Resp: I categorize that person as an adult

Int: why do you categorize them that way?

Resp: there is a difference from when they were young and now those changes takes him/her to another stage in life

Int: what else can differentiate an adult from a child besides the age and body parts as you have mentioned? What about marriage?

Resp: no, these days, very many children are getting married but a few years ago, marriage was for adults

Int: when you say children are getting married, what age is that?

Resp: you can find a 14 year old, as according to what I said an adult starts at 16, you get a 14 year old has a family, maybe with a child especially for those girls who get their menstruation at a very early age. This girl has a family but is not mature yet so as to be able to take care of a family. We cannot really put that kind of person as an adult

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: circumcision?

Int: mhhh

Resp: for boys, circumcision can differentiate an adult from a child because before they undergo the cut, they also undergo some lessons on how to behave after. They are advised and after circumcision they start applying that knowledge in life

Int: how about moving out and living on your own?

Resp: I don't think so because I know of children who have had difficult times at home and they disappear from there, and go

to live on their own. And yet again, you find that a person of 30 years and above is still living with his parents

Int: how about taking responsibility of your actions?

Resp: the way you take things or situations will determine whether you are an adult or not

Int: and education?

Resp: yes, for example a child, if there is no food; a child will not understand why you cannot give it food, so he will demand for it while an adult does not need a lengthy explanation as to why there is no food. That maturity will make him understand the situation and take it the way it is or look for an alternative

Int: and if you are a parent, can that determine the different between an adult and a child?

Resp: nowadays it depends on the way you were brought up. There are some parents who teach their children to be responsible at a very tender age so they may be children but they know what to do as parents. There is another category again whereby children are taught to look after the others so you find that even when the parent is not there, these children can make decisions in the home like their parents

Int: tell me the stages a child grows up to adulthood?

Resp: they undergo education, ok first the parent/guardian will start bringing up the child and teaching it all about life and what there is to know at that age, go to school and becomes knowledge. He starts gaining knowledge from other sources apart from the parents as he continues school. He watches how other people behave and can start making independent decisions. At that stage he becomes an adult

Int: why do you think a human being must pass through all those stages?

Resp: because the mother is the closest person to a child and can understand each other better. The mother is the first adviser for a child then as he goes to school he starts gaining wisdom to differentiate bad and good from teachers, books and other people. When you combine all these things then you come to the conclusion

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with an adult person?

Resp: who?

Int: you

Resp: ok, first of all I am responsible, I have it within my power to differentiate bad and good, I can make my decision and it is not easy for you to sway me

Int: are you an adult or not yet?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: what makes you sometimes feel you are still a child?

Resp: I am still under the responsibility of my mother, I depend on her and I have not taken full responsibility of my parents. When I complete my education and get a job, that is the time I can say I am on my own, and everything is my mine but now I cannot say that

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: I like the way they handle their problems and then they come to a conclusion which may affect them negatively or positively. A mature person can take a risk in making decisions because he is not sure whether it will be negative or positive but still goes ahead and makes it

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: the way some people handle issues in a way that it becomes detrimental in their lives

Int: for example?

Resp: these people who take alcohol, and they are drunkards. We also have educated people who don't care about the future, they are just there and don't even think of how to improve it and instead they are the same people when situations become difficult, they start involving in crime and yet they could have worked at it and ended differently

Int: is there any significant event in your life that you can remember?

Resp: I remember my struggle for a scholarship and didn't give it until I eventually got it. I am proud of that and I am expecting more

Int: why wouldn't you forget about this scholarship?

Resp: it was a struggle getting it and we were so many people. We were nine girls and only two of us were able to complete the secondary education.

Int: I want us to talk about your social life in Korogocho, you told me that you live with your mother?

Resp: yes

Int: what influence does your mother have over your life?

Resp: she provides for me in everything I need, she decides for me some things in life

Int: like; in what areas does your mother help you make decisions?

Resp: in education; she told me one day, after attending a court case for my brother, she saw how a very powerful man in that court against a defenseless man. It hurt her so much and when she came back, she asked me to change my career if possible from accounting law so that as a lawyer I can defend the weak against human rights and I should not be corrupt or involve myself in that. She helped see the need to further my

education and work for the community instead of being selfish.

I wanted to be an accountant before and you never know, I could just work for the rich and not know what the simple person on the ground is going through. As a lawyer, you are likely to get to know more about both categories the rich and the poor

Int: what else does your mother advice on marriage, drug abuse and sex?

Resp: she tells me that sex has always been there and it will be there. For me to get a good husband, I need to accomplish if possible all my goals especially in education. She also tells me that romantic relationships among the young do not last long and most cases it will leave you heartbroken. About drug abuse, she knows that I don't like it but I always hear her talk to my brothers about it.

Int: what about religion?

Resp: she advices me to put my trust in God and encourages me to attend church

Int: what are the issues that would make you look or seek for assistance from your parents?

Resp: as I said before, there is a time in future when I will be independent with my family and I am sure I will still consult my mother for advice because she has the experience marriage and she knows the bad and good side of things

Int: currently, what would make you go to her for advice?

Resp: life challenges and it also depends on how free you are with each other, if you are not, and then you can tell your friends about it. It goes with stages; there are questions that you can ask your parent, sisters or friends. For my mum I can ask things related to education, religion, but I cannot ask her anything related to youth life. I can ask my sister because she is it in that category and would be able to understand me more than my mother

Int: what kind of issues would you approach your sister about?

Resp: if there is a party and if I want to know more about that, I would talk to my sister who could either have the experience or a friend of hers has experienced and they share information. If I got myself in such situation, I would be able to know how to handle that because I have the information from my sister

Int: what personal private issues would you approach your parent for?

Resp: changes in the body that may not be familiar to you and she may tell you whether it is concern or an inherited gene, she will definitely tell you something.

Int: apart from your sister who you can approach on issues like attending parties and what happens there, who else can you approach?

Resp: a friend

Int: why a friend?

Resp: it will depend on the relationship between you and your sister, if it is not that close, you will be forced to go to a friend for help. People are different; there are people who either will discourage you or encourage you so you choose the kind of people you can approach

Int: how does your mother punish you when you done something wrong

Resp: she never punishes but will call me, corrects me and then advice me not to repeat it again. I am a grown up and she cannot beat me. I am past that age of being punished by my parents. I am supposed to be making my own decisions in life and as a grown up I don't think I will be foolish enough to go against her advice

Int: you have mentioned that you are past that age of being punished by your parents, where does it start or end?

Resp: it will depend; a child is taught at a younger age, and usually when you tell them to stop something, because they are not developed, they will still repeat it and you will have to pinch him or her so that when he wants to repeat the same mistake he remembers the pain he went through and doesn't repeat the same

Int: who else has a lot of influence over your life besides your parents?

Resp: I have a mentor, that is my uncle, he is my sponsor and he always advices me about education. I also have my sister

Int: let us take for example, how does your mentor influence your life?

Resp: when I drop in a subject at school, he still encourages me to continue working and not give up, there is room for going ahead and can still meet my goals

Int: what about relationships, marriage and behavior, how does he influence your life in that area?

Resp: he advises me to achieve my goal first before I think of starting a family. Starting a family should be the last thing because it lasts for long but education has a limit

Int: what about your friends, how do they influence your life?

Resp: to be sincere, most of the time I am the one who advices them, because some of them take it as if life has reached an end and there is no going on

Int: why do they think on those terms?

Resp: as I told you before, and I don't mean to be sarcastic really but there are some people who just don't want to look far beyond where they are. They just want to laze around

Int: how are you able to cope with these challenges when you are in the same community setting that has made them feel there is no future for them?

Resp: I don't understand you

Int: how do you manage not to find yourself in the same category like your friends?

Resp: I keep myself busy and don't give in to peer-pressure. I try to understand issues first before I get involved

Int: can you tell me of a situation or a problem that your sibling or friend was involved in

Resp: drug abuse; my brother, first born in the family has been affected by drugs completely. He has attained that age to get married but he is still.....he is slow in making decisions

Int: do you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I am not easily influenced. So many things in the community start with youths and the moment you give in to their pressure, you stand to loose, you are supposed to stand on your own principles and not please others and a cost of your future

Int: let us talk briefly about your life here; tell me about the challenges that youth go through in this community.

Resp: you get many young children have completed school and if I was to be asked, I would wish the government to provide colleges to further their education because I know they have potential

and they can be very important people in this nation because they have gone through difficulties, they understand most of the problems people go through. The government should provide different types of colleges and also job opportunities so that they can be self independent

Int: Is poverty a challenge in this community?

Resp: yes, most parents here are jobless and they end up being involved in crime to be able to maintain their families. They are responsible but in a bad way.

Int: HIV Aids?

Resp: I have no idea about it

Int: in your opinion, do you think it is a challenge to the youth here?

Resp: I don't know the percentage of those infected so I cannot be able to tell you

Int: insecurity?

Resp: insecurity in Korogocho is not handled well because many youths are idle, and as I told you they are using the wrong method to become responsible for their family. It can be embarrassing when you think of bringing someone in Korogocho to provide assistance what will be done to him by those youths, they might mug and steal from that person

Int: how about domestic violence or community squabbles, do they affect the youths?

Resp: It affects the youths and they really get influenced instead of looking at the reality and decide what is wrong and what steps can I do. If for example, it is tribal, most people will fight for their community instead of reasoning it out. No one wants to be on the wrong side

Int: what about harassment, what do the youths do about to solve it?

Resp: what should be done....

Int: what is being done now

Resp: they should continue forming those groups and share the positions. The leaders of different tribes should be meeting and making decisions and then forward to the community of the resolutions. In the same way the same leaders will also collect comments from the people and share them out. Equal number of representatives in the meetings should be observed. They should work as a team so that they can be able to build Korogocho

Int: what strategies have been put in place to cope with things like insecurity?

Resp: before I left for school, there was something to do with security, and if I was to ask, I would advice them use the local boys instead of bringing in boys from outside and mix

all the tribes. This is their home and it is up to them to make this place attracting but not outsiders

Int: you keep mentioning that the tribes in this community should have equal representation; does that mean there is one which is above the others or what?

Resp: what I really don't like is being tribal, each tribe in Korogocho should have a responsibility whether Luhya, Luo, Kikuyu, Kamba, etc

Int: how would one solve the issue of poverty in this community?

Resp: the government should provide loans and advisors on how the loan should be administered if given. For example, if you go to a bank for a loan, you will get someone who will do the assessment and advice you on what can bring profit and that which may not be profitable for the community. So we need education on those loans first, before they are disbursed to the people. This will also given the opportunity to make a decision on what kind of job they can do and how to maintain it and in case there is a loss one can know what to do about it.

Int: this is a recommendation you are giving, what is happening on the ground right now?

Resp: I am not sure but I hear seminars are held here often but the problem with these seminars is, they provide the seminars and

funds but no one does the follow up on what is happening on the ground

Int: which neighborhood would you like in your life?

Resp: if I was asked, I would have liked to develop this place, so that it becomes a better place for living

Int: when you say that Korogocho to be a better place for living is it your dream place of living?

Resp: my dream place of living, according to my life, first of all I will buy a land at the countryside, I will build my house and that will be my home. I will still be working and at the same time a farmer.

Int: where would you like to buy the land?

Resp: I really don't mind where but I would like some fertile land but I can't buy somewhere dry and expect to get something out of that

Int: where in particular have you ever thought of buying?

Resp: either Western or Central Provinces, those are the places I know there is fertile land

Int: what are the possibilities of you living in such a place?

Resp: it will depend, if I attain my dreams; that will be the first thing to accomplish

Int: what is the most important thing you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: first of all I would like to achieve my goals, be an accountant and still continue with my education until I become a lawyer on an international level and handling human rights

Int: why?

Resp: about human rights, I would like to fight for the weak in Kenya, for example there is so much corruption. I am sure if I am asked, we Kenyans we don't need to go looking for other people to come and sort out our issues and yet if we can join hands about couple of people we can change Kenya to be a better place to live

Int: what strategies are you putting in place to reach this goal?

Resp: I intend to continue with school, finish college and look for a job as an accountant then from there I can use that money to pursue law at the university level

Int: you told me that you would like to be both a lawyer and accountant, which one is your career?

Resp: I would like to be a lawyer

Int: have you ever shared this with anyone?

Resp: there is a white man who came with the organization that has been sponsoring me and I talked to him, he was an international

lawyer and he encouraged me and told me that I have the potential so I should not shy away from pursuing that goal

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no

Int: in this community of Korogocho, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: that is not easy to say because people are different and they pursue different goals in life. My dreams maybe different and you may be thinking this person has a long way to go and yet according to him or her, they have reached their level of success. It all depends on how you see thing from your angle

Int: what does being successful mean to you?

Resp: achieving what you have in mind before the end of the day; it doesn't matter how long it will take

Int: can you tell me of someone successful in this community; how does he behave, manage his things or life, what does he own?

Resp: he is honoured and respected by everyone; everyone wants to be associated with him and is famous. Famous for what he has done for the people of Korogocho

Int: what are the characteristics of a successful youth?

Resp: he is stable

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: stable financially and is responsible for his own life. He does not depend on people but people depend on him

Int: in what ways would people depend on him?

Resp: he is able to support his family and other people in the neighborhood to a different level

Int: what identifies a well behaved young person in this community?

Resp: his behavior in the community, how people love him and want to be associated with him

Int: what kind life does he lead?

Resp: for example if there a well behaved youth in the community, first of all you hear it from our parents, "I wish you'd be like so or so". When is found in a mistake, everybody is ready to defend him

Int: there are so many things that challenge youths in the community, so how is he able to cope with them?

Resp: he is not ready to get involved or be influenced by peer-pressure, he resists it, and he sticks to his principles and understands that he has his own life to live without the help of those friends

Int: what can a youth do to be able to succeed in life?

Resp: avoid bad company, be unique in some ways for example a designer, all of us are designer and have been given shirt to design, assumably we are competing. At the of it all, there

will be one winning and that is because he did something about so that If became unique

Int: you told me that you are living with your parents here, when do you plan to move out?

Resp: I am not sure that but what is there is that when I complete college and achieve my goal, get a job and then I can think of moving out

Int: how do you think you will?

Resp: between 28-30 years

Int: in this community, what is the importance of getting married?

Resp: first of all you are responsible, you are not isolated from other people; because you are doing the same thing, you are associated with the culture of the community.

Int: for example in your family, how does the family feel about marriage?

Resp: they feel proud of her because she is putting into practice the core values she was taught when she was still a girl and is treated a success woman

Int: you mentioned that you are not married, when do you plan to get married?

Resp: it will depend on when Mr Right will come as long as he comes after I have accomplished my dreams; I will be ready for marriage but not now. You cannot serve two masters at the same

time; you need to handle one so that you start concentrating on the other

Int: when you say Mr Right what will make you realize this is Mr Right?

Resp: it will depend on how we will relate during courtship. Courtship gives you an opportunity to learn that other and then agree on whether you are getting married. First we have courtship where the family also needs to help you by giving you advice on such matters

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: someone who has achieved like me, someone with same dreams like me, some we can talk and see how we can improve our lives

Int: economically?

Resp: developed, he should have achieved everything

Int: tribe?

Resp: I don't mind anyone from any tribe; I am not tribal

Int: age difference between the two of you?

Resp: difference in age between me and him, ok, so long as he is not less than me in age, and at least two years upwards

Int: have you ever had a boyfriend before?

Resp: not serious relationships but I also realized that I need to follow my mother's advice to wait and achieve my goals first.

I have also seen what my fellow girlfriends have been experiencing and then I thought I had better wait until I am through

Int: how old were you when you had your first relationship?

Resp: I was 14

Int: how did you meet and how old was he?

Resp: we were class mate in primary school.

Int: what about his age?

Resp: he was 16

Int: were there people who knew about that relationship?

Resp: friends only

Int: are you still in a relationship

Resp: distance also matters, when he completed high school he went to Uganda, since I felt there was no need to mourn about it and I am still young. So I ended it up because it had started affecting my life. For one it is not easy not to think about this person and at the same time want to accomplish your dream. First of all you have to learn to lay aside something so as to be able to succeed.

Int: what were your feelings about this relationship?

Resp: they were strong

Int: mhhh

Resp: he was ahead of me by two years and he used to advice me on a lot of things. He was grown up and really helped me so much in my education. He used to encourage me and tell me what I should do to be able to perform well in exams

Int: as I told you before, these recordings are private and no one is going to listen to it. Have you ever had sex before?

Resp: yes, once

Int: can you tell me about your first sexual experience; how old were you?

Resp: I was 18 and that is last year

Int: how did you reach to the decision to have sex?

Resp: first of all he was leaving, departing, so we decided to have it

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: yes

Int: how did you reach the conclusion of using protection?

Resp: In today's world, you cannot just conclude that everyone is sincere maybe he could have been moving with someone else and he may have also thought I was moving with another man, so we didn't want to risk. There are also STIs and I didn't want to be infected by any of them

Int: Last year we had the post election violence, were you affected in any way?

Resp: first of all I was not able to go to school on time; we could get the necessary thing since security was not very good at that time. Because of the political instability, I was not sure if this thing will come to an end or not and I lost my brother through that violence

Int: were affected economically?

Resp: we had to forgo some meals so that we could save for the next meal. It was more of starvation really and we suffered really. It was difficult for my mother since she is a business woman and she was not able to take things to the market for selling

Int: there were so many uncertainties of what would happen next; how were you able to cope with that?

Resp: I was ready for anything and tried to take it easy so that I don't get affected so much

Int: what exactly do you mean?

Resp: I was ready to hide if the situation gets out of hand

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: I was discouraged very much by our leaders because they were supposed to be able to make decisions as our leaders without necessary bringing in someone from far. They had selfish decisions and they didn't care what happens in the slums

because there was no problem in the areas where they live. Youths were influenced so much with very minor things. They always think of themselves and unfortunately they should have thought that a decision that is positive to them may not necessarily be positive so as on the ground

Int: what did you like about the clashes?

Resp: nothing because I didn't expect that from our leaders, Kenyans, and destruction to property, we were pushed back economically. For example the Nakumatt that was destroyed in Kisumu these people had to go back many steps to start developing again and yet that was a source of income for others

Int: thank you so much for this interview and I know your views will help us in compiling the report

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4Y014

STUDY QUESTIONS/THEMES

1. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED AND UNDERSTOOD

2. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Respondent equates adulthood to someone who can take care of themselves
2. Theft, police keep killing the youths and the youth keep venturing into drug abuse

Job/Position title/Occupation	:	no
Education level	:	Primary
Ethnic group	:	Kikuyu
Marital Status	:	Single
Number of children	:	One
Name of slum	:	Kisumu Ndogo
Name of village	:	Korogocho

Int: you have just informed me that you are known as Anne Wamuyu?

Resp: yes

Int: how old are you?

Resp: 21

Int: are you in employment?

Resp: no

Int: what is your level of education?

Resp: class eight

Int: did you complete class eight?

Resp: yes

Int: what is your ethnic group?

Resp: Kikuyu

Int: are you married?

Resp: no

Int: how many children do you have?

Resp: one

Int: what is the name of this area?

Resp: Kisumu Ndogo

Int: if someone was to ask you who is Anne Wamuyu, how would you describe yourself?

Resp: from my name

Int: I would like us to start, and I would like hear your description of an adult. In your opinion what differentiates an adult from one is not an adult or a child?

Resp: someone's behavior and being self responsible

Int: what else?

Resp: someone who is focused in life

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: how one can be self independent, starting a business and starting a family

Int: ok, what about age; can age determine if someone is an adult or not?

Resp: no

Int: ok, what makes you say so?

Resp: there are some adult people who behave like children

Int: supposing the person is married; can that be a determining factor of an adult person?

Resp: no, all will depend on the behavior of this person

Int: what do you mean when you say behavior of a person will determine whether he is an adult or not?

Resp: from the way they behave; for example a married person behaves as if he/she is not married

Int: ok, can you give me an example of how a married person is supposed to behave?

Resp: should be dressed decently, well mannered, talking to people well,

Int: what about a person who is already a parent, is it possible to differentiate if the person is an adult or not?

Resp: No

Int: why?

Resp: you can be an adult but don't behave like a parent

Int: how?

Resp: how a person takes care of his/her child, teaching the kid good manners

Int: and if someone has shifted from the parent's house and is now living on their own, is that an adult or not?

Resp: not yet

Int: what about the education?

Resp: it can differentiate

Int: how?

Resp: an educated person has good behavior than that one who is illiterate

Int: how about someone who has already started engaging in sex, can that be a determining factor for adulthood?

Resp: no, it doesn't because of late even youths are now engaging in sex activities

Int: how about youths who have already for example broken their voices, and are growing beards and the girls are now grownup can that determine if they are adults or not?

Resp: it can

Int: how?

Resp: he or she is showing signs of maturity

Int: what about circumcision, does that mean the person is now an adult? Is there a difference?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: he/she has moved to another step in life

Int: is there anything else that can determine the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: it is only the behavior

Int: can you expand on that; what do you mean behavior only?

Resp: just behavior; like how one handles other people and communicates with them

Int: ok, from what we have just discussed above, can you describe for me how a child grows into adulthood

Resp: in infancy, the child will crawl, learn to stand and walk holding on to things, start going to nursery school, then primary, things to do with age,

Int: after school?

Resp: he/she takes responsibility of their life

Int: mhh, in your opinion, why do you think for someone to become an adult, he/she has to pass through infancy, go to nursery then primary, and eventually take responsibility of their own lives? In your opinion, why do you think this is so; I am only interested in your opinion?

Resp: when a person is an adult, they cut off the links with the parents, and when someone goes through education, they are able to gather a lot of things in life

Int: if you compare yourself, would you say you are an adult?

Resp: you have already left childish character and start behaving differently like a grownup

Int: for now, what is it or what are you doing in life that makes you feel you are now an adult?

Resp: you cannot continue behaving in the same way you were when you were a child; you have to take things seriously, you talk to people with respect

Int: what is happening in your life that makes you feel you are now an adult?

Resp: when you start getting into employment and being self reliant
because you cannot continue depending on your parents

Int: what else?

Resp: organizing your own life

Int: for now, what is happening presently in your life that makes you
feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: what is it about adulthood that pleases you?

Resp: how one organizes their own life, how people treat you as a
person,

Int: what else?

Resp: you are no longer a child but a mature person

Int: what don't you like about being an adult?

Resp: none

Int: what is the most significant event in your life?

Resp: silence

Resp: something important

Int: mhhh

Resp: starting a business

Int: an event that has already taken place

Resp: giving birth

Int: when did you get this baby?

Resp: 2008

Int: why is getting this baby the most significant event in your life?

Resp: I got something that would keep me busy and also work hard

Int: who do you live with now?

Resp: my mother

Int: in what way have your parents been involved in your life?

Resp: they have given me support and advice

Int: what else, how about where to live?

Resp: how?

Int: when you want to make a major decision in your life, how do they influence that?

Resp: they advice you on how you will organize yourself

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: how one should live and when he/she is a parent how they should behave

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: there is a lot

Int: that is what I am interested in

Resp: they will advice you on how to maintain your business when you start one

Int: ok, what else?

Resp: I have forgotten the others

Int: please tell me when you remember them. For now, what kind of advice are you getting from your parents?

Resp: they just advice me on how to take responsibility of my life

Int: what about your sexual relationship, do they offer advice on that?

Resp: they advice on how one should behave

Int: how about education?

Resp: they tell you the importance of education in life

Int: what about drug abuse?

Resp: they advice on how one should avoid them

Int: what about normal relationships, do they offer advice on that?

Resp: like having a boyfriend?

Int: your relationship with other people

Resp: yes, they advice you on how to live well with other people

Int: what about on religion?

Resp: they advice you to choose the religion in which you are more comfortable with and follow it up, the importance of fearing God

Int: what are the things that can make you go to seek help from your parents?

Resp: if things are not going well with you and you need advice from them

Int: what else?

Resp: no

Int: what things would make you not seek help from your parents?

Resp: if your parents don't understand you

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: what personal problems would make you seek help from your parents?

Resp: if there are things that you don't understand

Int: like?

Resp: taking care of a family, maybe there are certain things you don't understand, so you go and seek

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: if you have given birth and you don't know how to take care of the baby, you seek help from your parents

Int: what issues or things would make you seek help from elsewhere and not from your parents?

Resp: maybe you have an issue that you are scared of asking your
parents about, you can go to seek help elsewhere

Int: something like what?

Resp: anything difficult for you to solve

Int: like which one?

Resp: an embarrassing thing that you would not be comfortable asking
your parents about it

Int: for example?

Resp: silence

Int: could it be on sickness, relationships or what?

Resp: it could be anything embarrassing that you cannot talk to your
parents about it

Int: who will you talk to?

Resp: someone like my aunt or anyone close to me

Int: and why would you seek help from your aunt anyone close

Resp: It is because you trust them not to share your secret with
others

Int: ok, when you misbehave how do your parents punish you?

Resp: they correct you by talking to you

Int: how do they do it?

Resp: they talk to you and advice you on the area in which you are wrong so that you don't repeat the same mistake again

Int: apart from your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: my aunt

Int: your aunt?

Resp: yes

Int: how does she advice you?

Resp: she will tell you on how to run your life and when you make a mistake she corrects and advices you on what to do in that area

Int: who else?

Resp: nobody

Int: there is none; what about friends?

Resp: she can advice you against bad friends

Int: how about your friends; do they offer advice?

Resp: only trusted ones

Int: have you had any major problem that your friends or family have been involved

Resp: please repeat

Int: I would like you to tell me if there is any major problem that your family or friends have been involved in

Resp: something that has happened before?

Int: yes

Resp: refusing to go to school

Int: is there any major problem that your family, friend or you have been involved in?

Resp: drugs

Int: what else?

Resp: stealing

Int: mhhh, have you ever thought of finding yourself in such a situation?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: it is not good to steal from others or to be involved in drugs

Int: I would like us to discuss your stay in this area. What are the challenges youth face in this community?

Resp: stealing from others, turning into street children, drug abuse

Int: yes, what else?

Resp: being caught with the law enforcers every now and then

Int: how about insecurity?

Resp: yes, that is also a challenge

Int: poverty?

Resp: yes

Int: unemployment?

Resp: yes, unemployment and lacking finance to pay for school fees

Int: what about HIV/Aids?

Resp: that one also

Int: young people are victims of HIV Aids?

Resp: yes

Int: how about ill health amongst the youth, is that a challenge?

Resp: yes

Int: is there anything else you would like to add on that?

Resp: none

Int: How are the youth in this community able to face these challenges?

Resp: like when they are involved in drug abuse?

Int: what do they do to avoid that?

Resp: they take drugs as a means of taking off their stress

Int: they are aware that using drugs is against the law, how about that one who has not used the drugs, how can he/she avoid using them? What measures do they take to avoid getting involved in drug abuse?

Resp: possibly getting involved in groups for counseling, others seek assistance from the church

Int: what about stealing, what do the youth do to avoid getting involved in such kind of activity?

Resp: most of them look for jobs

Int: how about insecurity, what to do they do curb that?

Resp: there isn't much one can do about it unless you move out of this community to another one

Int: what about school dropouts due to school fees; is there anything they do to curb this so that they can continue with school?

Resp: they look for sponsors

Int: how are the youths able to control things like HIV Aids, ill health and poverty, what measures do the youth take to be able to curb that?

Resp: For HIV Aids, youth avoid getting involved in sexual activities, and most of them try to look for jobs or do any other jobs that can bring in money.

Int: and when they look for jobs they go for anything else apart from stealing?

Resp: no

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: upcountry or an estate where there is security

Int: which estate do you have in mind?

Resp: places like Westlands

Int: why would you like to live upcountry or Westlands?

Resp: upcountry; if you have your small farm, you can do what you want and there is no one to disturb you.

Int: and Westlands?

Resp: there is fresh air there

Int: is there any probability of you living in Westlands?

Resp: if someone has a good job

Int: what about you personally; is that possible?

Resp: if I get a good job, I can

Int: what is the most important thing that you would like to achieve in your life?

Resp: have a good life and a good job

Int: what kind of job would you like to have?

Resp: I would like to be self employed

Int: at the moment what efforts are you making to reach that goal?

Resp: I am running a small business which I hope will grow with time

Int: what are things can make you not achieve that goal?

Resp: if I don't get some support and the job doesn't succeed

Int: what level of education do you need to have to enable you achieve that goal; in your opinion?

Resp: it doesn't necessarily mean you have to be well educated with a certificate but your own efforts could make you succeed and do well

Int: do you have any plans of going back to school

Resp: No

Int: why?

Resp: right now I need to organize my future on how I will live

Int: ok, have you ever been involved in any form of activity to bring in income; have you worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you on your first job?

Resp: 20 years

Int: why did you decide to start working at that time?

Resp: I wanted to get some money so that I can start a good life and reduce stress

Int: why did you start to work at that particular time?

Resp: I was idle then

Int: what kind of job was it?

Resp: a saloon

Int: did you have any other experience for different jobs?

Resp: no, I was only educated in being a saloonist

Int: are you involved in any income generating activity?

Resp: yes, I hawk milk

Int: why are you particularly involved in selling milk?

Resp: to be able to make some money

Int: how much do you make in a month?

Resp: about Sh5,000

Int: how do you spend the money

Resp: I have not been long in the business, I am yet to finish one month

Int: so you started it this month?

Resp: not really, I started late last month and up to now it is not a month yet

Int: how do you spend the money?

Resp: on the child's needs like food, I use a little and save the rest

Int: in this community, what does success mean?

Resp: it means you will move from one level to another as a person and also take care of the family

Int: anything else?

Resp: it is only those ones

Int: tell me about someone who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: what?

Int: tell me about someone who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: an example?

Int: yes, of a person

Resp: My uncle or you mean in Korogocho?

Int: anyone you know in Korogocho

Resp: that is difficult because that is a personal thing

Int: so you don't have any example of a person who has succeeded?

Resp: no

Int: how will you be able to identify a youth who has succeeded?

Resp: the way he behaves, communicates with people

Int: how does he behave?

Resp: (unintelligible; child crying)

Int: ok, how can you differentiate a well behaved youth from the others?

Resp: they way he speaks to other people and how hardworking he is in life

Int: we have peer pressure; how are the youth able to handle that as they come across it?

Resp: they are able to control themselves

Int: what does he do/don't do so as to be well mannered?

Resp: if he is working he will be a busy person

Int: what else?

Resp: just keeping themselves busy with work

Int: for how long do you intend to live with your parents?

Resp: for only this year

Int: ok, why would you want to move out?

Resp: I think it is good to be self reliant by moving out

Int: what do you think is the importance you as an individual or within your family regarding getting married?

Resp: it is not that important

Int: why?

Resp: you could easily get married to someone who will stress you a lot

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: I have not yet planned for that

Int: what would make you get married or decide to get married at a later stage?

Resp: maybe if I get a person compatible with me

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: a mature respectable person; someone who can respect me and has made up his mind that he wants to get married

Int: is there any other reason?

Resp: someone understanding

Int: ok, is there any other reason (child disturbing the respondent and making a lot of noise)

Resp: none

Int: what difference in years would you like the man you get married to have?

Resp: about ten years

Int: what about the ethnic group from which he comes from?

Resp: that is not important

Int: how about finance, should he be financially stable?

Resp: no, I won't look at that

Int: whatever you tell me here is secret

Resp: ok

Int: have you ever been involved sexually?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me more about your first relationship

Resp: how?

Int: how old were you in the first relationship?

Resp: I was sixteen years

Int: and him?

Resp: 20

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: along the road

Int: how did the relationship start?

Resp: it was where my mother has put business and most of the time I
used to be in charge after school. He could visit the place
often

Int: then?

Resp: silence

Int: how is the relationship now?

Resp: we separated

Int: were other people aware of this relationship?

Resp: yes

Int: including your parents?

Resp: yes

Int: what are your general feelings about that relationship in your
opinion?

Resp: it was good

Int: have you ever had sex before?

Resp: yes

Int: I would like you to tell me more about that first instance, how old were you?

Resp: 16

Int: and your partner?

Resp: he was 20

Int: what kind of relationship do you have now?

Resp: we are still friends

Int: why did you decide to have sex with him?

Resp: I trusted him

Int: did you use any preventive methods?

Resp: no

Int: but you were aware of that there are such kinds of methods?

Resp: yes

Int: let us now talk about family planning, when did you get your first child?

Resp: in 2008

Int: tell me about your first pregnancy; had you planned for it?

Resp: no

Int: how did it affect you since you had not planned for it?

Resp: that I would be a parent and I had not planned to be one that soon. It was difficult because it meant I have to take care of

the child and be out of school for at least two years before anything else

Int: what else?

Resp: one doesn't have money

Int: I want your own experience

Resp: I was forced to depend on my mother because I didn't have any money of my own

Int: how does it feel like being a parent?

Resp: good

Int: why?

Resp: I have something that will make me work hard and be serious in life

Int: what challenges are you facing as a parent?

Resp: when the child is sick and you don't have any money

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: there is no other challenge as a parent?

Resp: you are tied down because you have to keep looking after the child, your activities are limited; at time the child needs something and you don't have the money to cater for it

Int: you got your first child at 21 or 20?

Resp: at 20

Int: you got your child at 20, supposing your friend who is also 20 years approaches you and tells you she is pregnant, how will you view that?

Resp: I will advice her to get the baby and take responsibility

Int: will you feel sorry happy and worry about her?

Resp: I will feel sorry for her because maybe she had not planned for it

Int: let us now talk about the post election violence that took place, how did it affect you?

Resp: I was not here

Int: wherever you were, how were you affected?

Resp: I lost an uncle

Int: mhh

Resp: houses being burnt down

Int: where were you; was your uncle in Nairobi?

Resp: yes, but I was upcountry

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: yes, there is one whose house was burnt down and the other one lost her child; he was killed

Int: my sympathies. During that time when all this was happening everyone was uncertain what would happen during the next minute, how did you cope with the situation? That situation of uncertainty, what did you do?

Resp: you can only pray to God to take care of the situation

Int: what didn't you like about that violence that took place?

Resp: I didn't like the way people were being losing their homes through fire, people were being killed, and others became poor.

Int: mm

Resp: there was a lady with daughters who was raped

Int: what did you like about this violence?

Resp: nothing

Int: Is there anything you would like to add on what we have discussed?

Resp: no

Int: ok, thank you so much for your time, and for your answers. Thank you so. Do you have any question for me?

Resp: no.

Int: ok, thank you so much

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

- 56. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 57. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 58. RESILIENCE
- 59. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 60. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. The respondent understands an adult is anyone who is dependent and in their 30s
- 2. Main challenge is that the youth are abusing drugs and dropping out of school
- 3. The respondent is able to not engage in sex because she will wait till she is married

FOR IDIs:

Job/Position title/Occupation: none

Educational Level: Std 8

Ethnic Level: Bana

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: Nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Highridge

Background information

Int: what is your level of education?

Resp: Std 8

Int: your tribe

Resp: Berna

Int: berna? B?

Resp: B-a-n-a

Int: are you married?

Resp: no

Int: do you have children?

Resp: no

Int: what is the name of this particular area; I know we are in
Korogocho

Resp: Highridge

Int: I would like to hear from you, your views, what is the
difference between an adult and a child

Resp: silence

Int: can age help you to differentiate a grown up and a child?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: adults are older in age and children their age is lower

Int: what age would you consider or say this is for an adult?

Resp: from 30+ is an adult

Int: what is the person is working, can we also be able to use that
a differentiating factor?

Resp: yes

Int: in which way?

Resp: silence?

Int: you said someone working can also be considered as an adult, how
does that determine that he is an adult or what does he do that
makes you think now that he is working he is an adult?

Resp: I don't know

Int: can a child work?

Resp: yes, there are some jobs children can do

Int: a child can earn some income from a job?

Resp: yes

Int: so there is no difference?

Resp: yes

Int: what about marriage; can that determine if you are an adult or not?

Resp: when you are married and have a child you are considered an adult

Int: what about if someone moves out of the home and goes to live on his own; can that determine whether he an adult or a child?

Resp: I don't know

Int: can education also be a determining factor for the difference between an adult and a child

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: everyone is in school these days both young and old

Int: what about someone who is self-reliant?

Resp: only if you are working then you can be able to have responsibilities

Int: how about being self reliant?

Resp: yes, adults are the only ones who can be self reliant and children depend on them

Int: what about physical maturity; can that also be used to differentiate an adult from a youth?

Resp: silence

Int: when youths grow and start having physical changes like girls growing breasts and boys growing beards, is that a determining factor; are they adult or still children?

Resp: any woman how give birth and has a child is an adult

Int: what about when the girls start having breasts and boys breaking their voices, are the considered adults or children?

Resp: no

Int: what about when someone takes responsibility of their actions, is that an adult or a child?

Resp: they are not adult

Int: why?

Resp: silence

Int: why do you say that someone taking responsibility of his own action is not an adult?

Resp: I don't know how to explain that

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: I don't know

Int: why don't you know?

Resp: there are some who circumcises, others don't circumcise

Int: what about someone who has been involved in sex?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: there is no difference

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: even some children engage in sex and they are not adults yet

Int: is there anything else you feel that will give us the difference between an adult and a child; something I have not mentioned?

Resp: no

Int: from what we have just discussed, can you tell me the stages a child passes through before becoming an adult in your view?

Resp: a child passes through many stages before becoming an adult

Int: which ones are these?

Resp: I told you he passes through very many stages

Int: like what

Resp: after birth he grows up

Int: grows up physically?

Resp: no, grows up in all aspects

Int: I was asking you, which stages of life a child passes through, before becoming an adult.

Resp: I don't know

Int: when you look at yourself can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: there is no way I can compare myself

Int: are you an adult or a child?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: why do you think you are adult?

Resp: because I am not a child anymore, I feel an adult

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you feel you are grownup?

Resp: there isn't

Int: is there anything you do that makes you feel you are an adult

Resp: nothing

Int: what experiences are you going through that makes you feel you are still a young person?

Resp: there isn't

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: having your own family

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: is there anything you don't like about adulthood because you told me you are an adult? Is there anything you don't like?

Resp: no

Int: in your life is there any significant event that you will never forget in your life?

Resp: no

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: my parents

Int: do your parents influence your life in anyway?

Resp: I depend on them for all my provisions

Int: do they give you advice? Do they influence your decision making in anyway?

Resp: yes

Int: you have just told me that your parents influence your life in many areas can you give me an example of a few?

Resp: I should not take care of myself and many others

Int: I want to hear all those others

Resp: they advice me not to sleep out from home

Int: many a time what kinds of advice do your parents give you?

Resp: they tell me to avoid bad company and bad behaviors

Int: what examples of bad company do they give you?

Resp: there are some friends who are not good influence to others

Int: do they give you advice on marriage?

Resp: no

Int: education?

Resp: yes

Int: what do they tell about education; what is their advice on education?

Resp: work hard at a school so that you can have a bright future

Int: drug abuse?

Resp: no, we don't talk about that

Int: romantic relationships?

Resp: no

Int: religion?

Resp: yes

Int: what do they tell you about religion?

Resp: never to leave religion, because is it good to be religious

Int: is there any other area of life they give advice that I have not mentioned?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of issues would make you seek advice from your parents?

Resp: none

Int: is there anything that can stop you from seeking advice or help from your parents?

Resp: none

Int: how about personal problems; are there any that you would go and seek advice from your parents?

Resp: no

Int: these are very personal problems that you cannot share with anyone but your parents?

Resp: none

Int: and what kind of problems would you go to look for assistance from anyone else apart from your parents?

Resp: there are many types

Int: like which ones?

Resp: when you have an affair you cannot tell your parents that, you tell your friends

Int: if you had that kind of problem which kind of friend would you tell that?

Resp: my best friend

Int: why?

Resp: at least she is close so she will be able to help me

Int: in what way?

Resp: by giving me advice

Int: anything else?

Resp: no

Int: if you make a mistake, how do your parents punish you?

Resp: they talk to me about the mistake and correct me

Int: is there anything else they do?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of mistake have ever done and got a punishment for?

Resp: sleeping out of home

Int: when you slept out what did they do?

Resp: they talked to me and advised me never to repeat the same
thing again

Int: besides your parents who else influences your life?

Resp: nobody

Int: your sisters or brothers, friends?

Resp: no, they don't

Int: please tell me any significant problem a sibling or friend was
involved in

Resp: my brother was in drugs and for some time he was affected
mentally but now he has recovered from that after treatment

Int: do you see yourself in that kind of problem; using drugs?

Resp: no

Int: why do you feel you cannot find yourself in a similar situation using drugs?

Resp: I don't do drugs

Int: let us talk about your growing up in this community; tell me about the major challenges that face young people in this community?

Resp: silence

Int: do they use drugs?

Resp: yes

Int: what else?

Resp: eat miraa,

Int: what else; do they drop out of school?

Resp: yes

Int: what about poverty

Resp: there is a lot of poverty among the youth

Int: insecurity?

Resp: it is also there

Int: what else have I forgotten?

Resp: none

Int: what strategies are young persons taking to avoid these
 challenges affecting them?

Resp: we have a few who have formed groups

Int: what do they do in those groups?

Resp: I don't know

Int: but there are groups of youths formed in the community?

Resp: yes

Int: is there anything else they do?

Resp: no

Int: where would you like to live; and what kind of environment?

Resp: I would like just to continue living here

Int: why?

Resp: I have been born and breed here so I don't know anywhere else

Int: ok, are there possibilities of you living here?

Resp: yes

Int: mhh, tell me more about it

Resp: silence

Int: you told me that you would like to live here and you have
 given me a reason why you decided that, is it possible for you
 to live here; would it be because of financial possibility?

Resp: I just love the place

Int: what is the most important thing you would like to achieve in your life?

Resp: have my own house and a good life

Int: why is having your own house and living a good life, a very important decision in your life?

Resp: I just feel like that

Int: why didn't choose any other reason apart from what you have just told me?

Resp: none

Int: what efforts are you making towards attaining this goal?

Resp: I am not doing anything currently

Int: what would stop you from not having your own house and living a good life?

Resp: none

Int: there are times when you want to do something, you find that some things or events stop you, why is that?

Resp: there isn't

Int: what level of education do you need to enable you own your own house and live a good life?

Resp: learn up to the end

Int: end is where?

Resp: university level, get a job and then I can think of that goal

Int: do you plan to go back to school?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no

Int: in this community, what is success and how important is it?

Resp: it is not very important

Int: why do you think it is not important?

Resp: it is only important to the individual not the community

Int: which individual?

Resp: the successful person

Int: is there anyone you know off, who has succeeded in this
community?

Resp: no

Int: how can you identify a success young person?

Resp: I don't know

Int: in your own view, how would you know this person has succeeded
or not?

Resp: because of his education background?

Int: how will you determine this one is successful and the other
one is not? Is the wealth, education, etc

Resp: level of education and, having wealth

Int: what will distinguish a well behaved person from that who is not?

Resp: his behavior

Int: what else

Resp: only that

Int: what does a well behaved young person do that the other one doest do?

Resp: a well behaved young person will be found in groupings in the estate especially those involved in criminal activities. He will avoid that company at all costs

Int: how can a well behaved young person be able to cope with pressure from the others in regard to the challenges we have just discussed above?

Resp: none

Int: there is nothing he does to avoid those companies?

Resp: no

Int: what can a young man do to be successful in life?

Resp: silence

Int: you are a young person?

Resp: yes

Int: what will you do to succeed in life?

Resp: avoid bad company

Int: for how long do you intend to stay with your parents or in your opinion how long will you be before you decide to live on your own?

Resp: in my thirties

Int: why in your thirties?

Resp: none

Int: why wouldn't you leave home before you are in your thirties?

Resp: because I like it that way

Int: what about marriage, will you continue living here after marriage?

Resp: no

Int: so what would force you to move out?

Resp: I would like to live on my own

Int: marriage is the only reason that will make you leave home?

Resp: yes

Int: what is the importance of marriage to you?

Resp: there is no importance in marriage

Int: why do you feel marriage is of no importance to you?

Resp: it is not just important

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: when I get the right partner

Int: what kind of person would you like to get to?

Resp: someone I know his character,

Int: what else; age?

Resp: not someone who is too old

Int: tribe, education, you will not put that into consideration?

Resp: I will consider those

Int: tribe?

Resp: he has to be from my tribe

Int: and education?

Resp: university level and a working one

Int: his financial situation will you consider that factor also?

Resp: yes

Int: let us look at relationships; have you ever been involved in a romantic relationship?

Resp: no,

Int: have had sex before?

Resp: no

Int: how come you have not had sex with anyone yet?

Resp: I have no particular reason

Int: when do you plan to have sex?

Resp: possibly, when I get married

Int: how do you feel having not been involved in sex before? Are
unhappy about it,

Resp: I feel ok

Int: why do you feel ok?

Resp: no reason

Int: do you plan to have children?

Resp: not in the near future

Int: what I want to understand your views related to your decision.
There is no right or wrong answer

Resp: until I am married is when I can have children

Int: when is the right time for anyone to start getting children?

Resp: none

Int: as for your case, you mentioned that you will wait until you
are married before getting children, in your opinion, when is
the right time to get children?

Resp: when one is married is the right time to get children not
outside

Int: why do you think that is the right time for one to get children when in a marriage?

Resp: I don't know

Int: in your opinion why should one not get a baby outside marriage?

Resp: it is not a good picture

Int: why do you feel it is not good? I want to hear your opinion on that?

Resp: silence

Int: let us talk about the post election violence, how affected were you

Resp: I was not affected in anyway

Int: was any of your relatives or friends affected?

Resp: no

Int: what about sources of food and employment?

Resp: there were a lot of problems. Many shops were not opened and we couldn't buy food

Int: were any of your relatives or friends chased away from their residents because of those election violence and you had to accommodate them or you left here to be accommodated elsewhere?

Resp: none was affected and we were also not affected.

Int: during that time there were many uncertainties every now and then, how did you cope with that situation?

Resp: I just stayed around

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: people lost their homes, property and others were harmed in the process

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: is there anything you would like to ask me about this interview?

Resp: no

Int: ok, thank you so much for giving me your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4Y019

STUDY POINTS

61. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

62. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Adulthood is when a person starts working and taking care of themselves
2. Mostly it is lack of food due to lack of stable employment

FOR IDIs:

Job/Position title/Occupation: Self (personal business)

Educational Level: class five

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: Married

Number of children: Two

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: KB

Background information

Int: I would like to know your opinion on adulthood; how can you be able to know the different between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: you will notice from the behavior, and his movement around the community

Int: what else?

Resp: a child cannot the kind of work I am doing

Int: what about marriage, if someone is married, can it determine whether he is an adult?

Resp: the way couple behaves will determine what kind of people they are. There are some homesteads, where you will never hear of the couple quarrelling or if they do, then it is on a very minimal level but others, the next thing you hear is the woman has packed her things and gone away

Int: how about parenting?

Resp: it will also depend on how he/she will bring up the baby

Int: and education?

Resp: you can be learned but you are not intelligent at all and yet you get another one how has very little schooling background but the kind of things he does, you will be surprised

Int: so what you are saying is that education does not play any role in determining whether one is adult or not?

Resp: no

Int: and for who have moved out of their home and are living on their own?

Resp: that is an adult because he is able to think and act on his decision

Int: and sexual behavior?

Resp: no, even small children are involved in lovemaking these days meaning that physically he/she looks mature but in real sense he/she is not

Int: and taking responsibility of your actions?

Resp: that is an adult because he knows what he is doing and will take responsible for the results of his action

Int: circumcision?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: there are different communities with different meanings but what I know is that it all depends on the person, there are some with good behavior and they are not circumcised and yet there are those who are circumcised and their behavior is detestable

Int: is there anything else that can bring out the difference between an adult and a child; something that I have not mentioned?

Resp: no

Int: from all these points we have mentioned, can you tell me the stages a child goes through before becoming an adult?

Resp: intelligence

Int: how

Resp: you have to give a child his right by letting him be what he is from infancy to when he is in standard eight. The moment he joins secondary, his thinking and understanding level start maturing from childish ways. He continues growing up both physically and in mind and start behaving in an adult way

Int: how did you come up with that process?

Resp: I have observed many children grow and they seem to pass through the same process. You will notice that even a physically mature child, as long as she/he is in primary, they will play with other kids but the moment step in secondary; that changes. He starts looking older people to associate with

Int: when you look at yourself, how do you related to adulthood?

Resp: I really don't know but I have a husband and two children, I do my own things despite the fact that my husband is also working

Int: what are you experiencing in life currently that makes you feel you are not an adult?

Resp: nothing as of now

Int: what are you experiencing in life currently that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: when my husband comes in he recognizes me as his wife and other people know that

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: I am happy with my children

Int: is there anything else that makes you feel happy as an adult?

Resp: I have my own job

Int: is there anything that makes you feel you don't like adulthood?

Resp: no

Int: what significant event has ever happened in your life?

Resp: one day we really disagreed with my husband

Int: why is it significant in your life?

Resp: because it has never happened before again

Int: when did that happen?

Resp: in 2006

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: my husband

Int: how do your parents involve themselves in your life?

Resp: they don't

Int: are they involved in you decision making?

Resp: yes

Int: and what other time are they involved in your life?

Resp: when I encounter any type of problem, they are always there
with me

Int: what kind of advice do your parents give to you?

Resp: we are far from each other and once in while when we are
together they advice me to live well with my husband and bring
up the children well

Int: ok, that is all they tell you?

Resp: yes

Int: on what issues do your parents give you advice on?

Resp: don't do this and that to your husband, respect him and if you
follow their advice, you don't get into problems at all

Int: is there anything else they advice you on?

Resp: no

Int: on what issues would you seek advice from your parents?

Resp: maybe when I am sick or we have disagreed with my husband

Int: what would make you not seek advice from your parents?

Resp: I don't see any reason that can hinder me from telling them my problems

Int: what personal problems would make seek for help from your parents (training passing by)

Resp: I don't know because I have never had any personal problem that I needed their help

Int: what kind of issues would you seek advice from other people and not your parents?

Resp: small domestic mistakes like we have quarreled with my husband and he has refused to provide for us. That I could possibly ask a neighbor to assist us

Int: ok, why a neighbor and not anyone else?

Resp: the neighbor is the more like a brother or sister to me because they are the nearest

Int: when you make a mistake, who corrects you?

Resp: it will depend, if for a example when I go do seek help from the neighbor he will ask me what is the problem before offering to assist, then he can rebuke and advice

Int: apart from your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: my husband

Int: in what way?

Resp: we are far from our parents, and so I have to share with him
most if not all of my problems

Int: and is there any siblings who influencing your life in any
way?

Resp: no, maybe a friend of mine who taught me this work and she
didn't charge me anything at all

Int: tell me of any significant problem your sibling or friend has
been involved in?

Resp: no, I have not seen any

Int: maybe a friend of yours is pregnant out of marriage or is
involved in drugs; you don't have that kind of problem?

Resp: no

Int: I would like us to talk about your being in this community;
what challenges are young people facing in this community?

Resp: the major one is unemployment (goats bleating nearby) and this
is affecting both boys and girls because it leads them into
drugs

Int: and poverty?

Resp: that is also brought out by unemployment as long as someone is
not going out there to look for something to do, poverty will
settle in

Int: and cases of school dropout?

Resp: ok for someone like me it was lack of school fees

Int: are there any other challenges?

Resp: some just dropout of school because of the bad company he/she is involved in

Int: and now that the young people are aware of these things, how are they coping with these challenges?

Resp: they need to look employment to keep themselves busy, it doesn't matter how what kind and with time you can choose when the choices are there

Int: do we have some who have formed groups to counter these challenges?

Resp: there are some who have formed a small group whereby they distribute polythene bags where one can put your rubbish and they charge only Sh10 per household which to me is very good.

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: there is no place I wouldn't like to live

Int: but you must have a particular place

Resp: if I had a piece of land, I would go upcountry and not live in this Korogocho

Int: what about anywhere else in Kenya?

Resp: Kawangware

Int: why?

Resp: I just feel it is a good place

Int: what are your chances of living there?

Resp: there is good business on that end than here

Int: that is if you get money?

Resp: yes

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: so long as I don't have any problems I can be settled with my children.

Int: what efforts are you making so that you can have a good life with the kids and settling down?

Resp: right now I am working and saving money for that purpose

Int: what would hinder you from achieving this goal?

Resp: unless there is no work since we have problems in getting materials

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: in your opinion, what level of education do you need to be able to achieve this goal?

Resp: education is not a must

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: I used to be a house help before

Int: how old were you when you started your first job?

Resp: I was sixteen years

Int: why did you start working at that time?

Resp: I didn't have anything else to do and I could not continue with school

Int: have ever done any other job besides that?

Resp: no

Int: what are you doing right now to earn a living?

Resp: yes

Int: which one?

Resp: tailoring

Int: why are you involved in this work?

Resp: there isn't another alternative

Int: on average how much do you earn from this work?

Resp: there are times you can earn as much as Sh10,000 and other times you can go for two months without any money so it is not easy to say how much I make in a month

Int: how do you spend the money?

Resp: I usually replenish my work and the rest I save because my husband has taken over the rest of the duties

Int: in this community, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: the kind of activities you are undertaking

Int: tell me of someone who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: a successful person?

Int: in your opinion?

Resp: someone who is in employment and has no financial problems

Int: do you have anyone in mind in this community?

Resp: yes

Int: what does this person do?

Resp: the husband is employed and they don't seem to have any problems at all

Int: where do they live?

Resp: in this community?

Int: and his behavior?

Resp: he is very humble and born again

Int: what about wealth?

Resp: he is financially sound

Int: what about his family?

Resp: they are well of

Int: how will one identify a successful young person?

Resp: The way he lives and how he is bringing up his family

Int: is there any other point you want to add on that?

Resp: no

Int: and what distinguishes behaved young person and one who is not?

Resp: even when you meet him on the streets, you will be able to recognize him

Int: how?

Resp: you will recognize him from the way he interacts with others

Int: what else can distinguish him from the others; what does he do?

Resp: you will know from his behavior whether he is good or not

Int: how can a young person be able to avoid meeting some of these challenges?

Resp: if he is born again he will walk with the others who are saved. He is not involved in fights and respects grown ups. He will always find ways in which he can be busy instead of staying idle

Int: what can a young person do to be successful in life?

Resp: first he must avoid the bad company, should look for employment and work whether his parents are there or not

Int: where do your parents live?

Resp: upcountry

Int: which is where?

Resp: Murang'a

Int: in the village or the town itself?

Resp: in the village

Int: when did you start living with your husband?

Resp: in 2003

Int: what made you move out of home?

Resp: I was employed first before I got married

Int: ok, I would like to hear about your experiences when you left home for the first time

Resp: the employer I went to gave me a job for one month and didn't pay me at all

Int: and when you went there, how were you feeling?

Resp: I was feeling happy because I had a job to go to so that I can be able to be self reliant

Int: how do you feel living alone?

Resp: it is good; I am happy

Int: what kind of challenges are experiencing?

Resp: maybe when we don't have food because my husband is not permanently employed but does casual jobs

Int: is there any other?

Resp: no

Int: when were you married?

Resp: 2003

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 17

Int: and how old was he?

Resp: he was 22

Int: and why did you choose to get married at that time?

Resp: I don't know about him but I think it was because of situation I was in. I was working in a small café and that is where he used to come and have his meals. The owner refused on my money and I didn't have any coin on me. Not many people believed the way we got married to each other and no one believed it would last

Int: what made you choose him in particular?

Resp: it was because I was in a problem and he was looking for a wife. The former girlfriend had run away from him so he asked me if we can stay and I agreed

Int: how do you feel being married?

Resp: I am ok

Int: do you feel you are an adult since you are married?

Resp: yes

Int: now that you are 23, what are the challenges you are experiencing in marriage?

Resp: none

Int: I would like us to talk about relationships. Tell me about your first sexual experience, how old were you?

Resp: I was sixteen years old

Int: and your lover?

Resp: I don't remember

Int: is the relationship still going on?

Resp: we don't even meet

Int: what did made you have sex with him?

Resp: I was in love

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: we had gone for testing and since there was none of us who was infected, we decided to have sex

Int: and you knew there is protection but didn't use it?

Resp: no

Int: when did you get the baby?

Resp: in 2004

Int: tell me about your first pregnancy? Was it planned for?

Resp: yes, because I stayed for 8 months in my marriage before getting pregnant

Int: why did you decide to get a baby that particular time?

Resp: because as a husband and wife, we felt we should have children

Int: how does it feel like to be a parent?

Resp: good

Int: why do you feel good about it?

Resp: there are many people who long to be called parents but they have not been able to make it, so I am proud of it

Int: what are the challenges of being a parent?

Resp: usual problems at home, you quarrel and reconcile,

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: what are your concerns and feelings towards young people of your age who are parents; do you feel happy/sad/sympathy etc for them?

Resp: I feel happy for them

Int: and those already have children and they are 23?

Resp: (bleating) if the person did it willingly, then there is no problem but if it was a mistake then I will feel sympathy for them

Int: I would like us to talk about the post election violence; how were you affected?

Resp: we used to stay out most of the time for a long time

Int: what else?

Resp: the food was very expensive, there was no source of income at all and then the police were just throwing tea gas at people.

Int: were you forced to move residence by any chance?

Resp: no

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: no

Int: is there anyone else who was affected that you know of from our family?

Resp: no

Int: how were you able to cope with that uncertainty surrounding the post election violence?

Resp: we just sat there waiting for anything to happen

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: the death of many innocent people and this affected children very much

Int: what else?

Resp: people lost their properties. Many people were very innocent
but they had to suffer so much for mistakes of other people
who didn't care at all

Int: is there anything you like about the violence?

Resp: no

Int: is there any question you would like to ask me?

Resp: no

Int: is there anything you would like to add on what we have
discussed?

Resp: no

Int: ok, thank much for you participation and the answers

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4Y020

STUDY POINTS

63. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

64. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent equates adulthood to being able to be self reliant
2. The respondent is unable to meet the needs of her child since sometimes she lacks money to sustain herself

FOR IDIs:

Job/Position title/Occupation: Casual informal

Educational Level: Primary

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: single

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Korogocho B

Background information

Int: in brief if you could tell me what is adulthood; how do you understand the word adulthood?

Resp: an adult is a grown up who can understand things more than a child will

Int: at what age is one considered to be adult?

Resp: at the age of 18 and above?

Int: so at the age of 18 one is considered an adult?

Resp: yes, anyone above 18 years is an adult and anyone less than that is a child

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what about education?

Resp: there is a difference between one who has gone to school and that one who hasn't.

Int: circumcision?

Resp: it differentiates

Int: and taking responsibilities?

Resp: only an adult can work and be responsible for themselves but a child is dependant on the adult.

Int: when you look at yourself today, do you consider yourself an adult or not?

Resp: I am adult because I am intelligent.

Int: what else?

Resp: I fend for myself

Q3 I always plan for my things

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: I can understand things and at the same time look for employment

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: being looked down upon

Int: what is the most important or significant incident in your life?

Resp: the death of my father

Int: my sympathies; when was this?

Resp: in the year 2005 and after that, life became so difficult for me

Int: and who do you live with here?

Resp: my mother and siblings

Int: what influence does your mother have over your life?

Resp: she provides us with meals and when I am making important decisions in life

Int: on what issues does your mother have influence in your life;
say for example, religion?

Resp: generally about life

Int: what else?

Resp: how we can live other people in harmony

Int: yes?

Resp: and when things are hard how we are supposed to live without
giving up

Int: does she advice on matters related religion?

Resp: in our house, everyone has his or her own religion

Int: and about marriage?

Resp: she tell us to be patient and wait for the right time instead
of rushing into marriage and then come back home feeling
frustrated because your marriage has failed.

Int: how about relationships especially romantic ones?

Resp: she only advices us on how to live in harmony with others

Int: on what areas of your life would you seek for assistance from
your parents?

Resp: just generally how to live with other people in peace and at the
same time when there is a disagreement between neighbors or
close friends.

Int: is there anything or personal problem that you would not tell your parents but approach some else?

Resp: no, there is nothing I would be afraid to tell my parents.

Int: what personal problems would you approach your parent for?

Resp: I won't answer one

Int: you don't have any problem you would approach your parent with?

Resp: no

Int: when you make mistakes, how do you get punished?

Resp: I have never been beaten all she does is scold me where necessary, I correct and change (gap)

Int: gap

Resp: my sisters and friends too.

Int: in what areas of your life do they offer advice?

Resp: how to make a good home when I am married

Int: what else?

Resp: they teach me how to avoid bad company of friends and I should know that I am life is too short.

Int: any other; do they offer you any advice employment?

Resp: there are a few friends who can do that but the rest of don't do that but the rest will instead be quarrelsome.

Int: tell me of any problem your sibling or friend has been involved?

Resp: I have not noticed any

Int: what challenges do young people in this community face?

Resp: unemployment, being thieves and killed others through mugging

Int: what about security?

Resp: there is no security here at all

Int: what strategies have the youth put in place to solve these problems affecting them?

Resp: they have started environmental cleaning and the government has also introduced the Kazi kwa Vijana which has been of great help to the youths

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: a place like Runda

Int: why?

Resp: so that I can live like the rest of the people who are well off

Int: what else?

Resp: there is security there and generally the place is good to live

Int: what are the possibilities of you living in Runda?

Resp: I will live there when God blesses me

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: how I can change my lifestyle?

Int: what would stop you from achieving this?

Resp: sickness or financial

Int: what level of education do you need to attain that goal?

Resp: I am not well learned

Int: ok, have you ever worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: when was that?

Resp: I was about 18 years old

Int: what was the reason for your working?

Resp: I was doing it for fun

Int: how much were you being paid for that?

Resp: Sh100.00 per day

Int: did you like the job?

Resp: yes, except the pay was too little to be able to do much with
it

In: can you describe for me a successful person?

Resp: one who is god and well educated

Int: can you tell me of one who has been successful in this community?

Resp: my neighbors

Int: how are they successful?

Resp: they are well educated

Int: how is his life?

Resp: you will notice from his lifestyle, he has money and generally he is not under any kind of strain.

Int: how can a young person be successful?

Resp: he has to work hard in life

Int: do you plan to get married?

Resp: yes

Int: when?

Resp: when I am 25 years old

Int: why at that age?

Resp: by that time I will be mature enough to be able to handle a husband if I will be lucky to have one

Int: is marriage important in you, your family and the community?

Resp: yes,

Int: why?

Resp: my mother got married that is why I also need to get married
so that I can have children like her

Int: what kind of person would like to be married to?

Resp: a well behaved man

Int: tribe?

Resp: I don't mind any tribe so long as we love each other

Int: age?

Resp: he should be slightly older than me

Int: gap in age?

Resp: it doesn't matter so long as he is older than me but the
difference should not so big.

Int: anything else about the man?

Resp: he should be respectful to others

Int: have you ever had a lover?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first experience of that relationship;
where did you meet?

Resp: in the community

Int: did you have sex?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me your first sexual experience; how old were you?

Resp: I was 17 years

Int: mhh, how was it?

Resp: it was good

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: we trusted one another

Int: when was this?

Resp: in the year 2007

Int: tell me about your first pregnancy; was it planned for?

Resp: I had already made a decision that I wanted a child

Int: what about your partner?

Resp: he understood my request and was contented with that

Int: does parenthood make you feel adult

Resp: yes

Int: what are your feelings about parenthood?

Resp: I am satisfied with it

Int: what are the challenges about parenthood?

Resp: there are times when I don't have money, and it becomes
difficult to meet the needs of the baby

Int: what do you think of young people of your age who are parents;
 what are your concerns about them?

Resp: most of them are suffering because some are orphans and they
 don't have anyone to help them take care of the baby or advice
 them what to do.

Int: during the post election violence, were you affected in any
 way?

Resp: NO

Int: any of your family members?

Resp: most families were affected because there was no food, no
 going to work so their source of income was affected and some
 lost property. We were living in constant fear

Int: there were many uncertainties surrounding that period of post
 election violence, how were you able to cope with that
 situation?

Resp: there wasn't much we could do but sit at home and wait for the
 next course of action by whoever wins!

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: people were being killed all over, and property was destroyed
 some others through stealing. Even robbers took advantage of
 the situation and stole from people.

Int: what did you like about it?

Resp: nothing

Int: I am now through with my questions; would you like to ask me a question?

Resp: no

Int: and any recommendations?

Resp: no

Int: ok, thank you for your time, hope to meet you again.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

- 65. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 66. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 67. RESILIENCE
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- 69. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Respondent equate adulthood with having employment

2. Lack of employment is the biggest challenge resulting to thefts and violence
3. So that he can be able to help the needy with money

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 15

Job/Position title/Occupation: schooling

Educational Level: class two

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Grogan

Background information

Please note I was not able to complete the recording because the boy's auntie came in and refused. However, I wrote down all the notes

Int: can you tell me about adulthood; if a person is referred to as an adult, what does that mean?

Resp: someone who is working

Int: what else

Resp: I don't know

Int: what about a person who is in marriage?

Resp: that is an adult; that is a mother

Int: what about one who is circumcised?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: silence

Int: ok, do you think you are an adult?

Resp: no, I am a kid I sleep at my grandmother's house

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: an adult is supposed to sleep in his own house and be employed

Q3 refer to question 2

Q5 what do you like about adults; do you like adults

Resp yes, I like them

Int what don't you like about adult?

Resp bad manners

In Like which one

Resp: adults commit robbery

Int: you are saying adults are the one who rob people

Resp: yes

Int: what else have you seen them do that you didn't like?

Interference from someone else and interviewer gives in and stops the interview

Q7 I have seen someone being stabbed with a knife and he felt a lot of pain. They took his money and left him in pain. Luos from the neighboring estate of Ngomongo usually put on fire anyone who is a thief in their community.

Q8 I live with my grandmother, aunt and uncle. My parents died when I was still very young

Q9 they usually advice me not to steal from other people, I should not be late out in the evening but come back before darkness sets in. they also encourage me to continue schooling so that I can get a good job when I finish school. My uncle takes care of my welfare; he pays for my examination fee, he buys for me school uniforms, Christmas cloths, shoes and food

Q10 they always advice me no to have friends who don't like going to school and steal from their parents because if I befriend

them, I will also steal from home and it is not good. They also advice me against using drugs because I can have mental problems

Q11 Refer to question ten

Q12 a) if I want food or books for school or I am unwell

b) Maybe if I have stolen or missed going to school. I would not want them to know that I have stolen from a neighbors place or I have wronged an older person

c) Refer Q12 (a)

d) If I missed school, I can tell my friend to lie on my behalf that I was at his place

q13 when I do a mistake they usually scold me and warn me never to repeat it again. It is my uncle who usually beats me when I have made a mistake like throwing stones at people or buildings or maybe I have been rude to an adult. My auntie and grandmother don't beat me up.

Q14 a) my brothers also advice me to go to school or else they will beat me up. They also advice me against spending the night out or at a neighbor's place. There are times when I have made a mistake and I am scared of sleeping at my grandmother's I go to my brother's place and I lie to him that I was told by my uncle to go and spend the night there. My brother stays with a friend and they go to Mukuru daily on the

dumping sites to collect plastics and metals which he sells and buys things for himself

b) Usually when I have made a mistake, like missing school, my friend can lie on my behalf. Sometimes I also go to spend a night at their place when I have wronged my guardians and I don't want to be beaten.

Q15 one day my friend abused the mother and from that day I refused being his friend

Q16 I cannot do something like that to my mother, that is wrong

Q17 poverty: some people are not able to get food and clothing. They also miss school because of poverty and because they get tired of schooling, they start robbing people

HIV AIDS: no

Drugs: they can make someone to become mentally unstable

Ill health: I have never seen that maybe people suffering from malaria. Others are told to go to school but they refuse

Q18 they go picking good things from the dumping sites and sell them to the people

Q19 the city centre is not bad and because there are many police officers taking charge, you will not find many people being stabbed and robbed off their belongings

Q20 when am older I can go there when I have my own business or else I leave for upcountry because there it is very peaceful.

You will not find people being killed like the way the Luos burn thieves when they catch them here.

Q21 I would like a good job like being a doctor so that I can have a lot of money and help other people with it

Q22 continue learning and pray to God to help me get that job

Q23 only if I don't go to school

Q24 learning up to class 8, then join a secondary school from form one to form four after which I will be sent to a training school

Q25 it is possible if I work hard and don't drop out of school

Q26: yes, I am in class three

Q27 refer to Q21

Q28 I have never been asked that

Q31 I have never worked before

Skip to Q32,33

Q34 that is someone who is learned and has a job

Q35 a person like my grandmother is successful because she owns a shop. Pastors also are successful; they are humble and pray for people. There are many people who are successful here because they have money

Q36 that is someone who does not rob others but works hard to get his own money

Q37 That is a person who doesn't like quarrelling or fighting with others. He goes looking for work and you will no get him idling in the estate. He doesn't steal from other people

Q38 he should go to school, get a job; that is after completion of school from forms one to form four.

Q44 my parents died before I even had started school. The day I get circumcised I will look for my own house and it will be paid for by my uncle or else go to live with my brother. He is sixteen years. When I get circumcised I will have to move out because now I am an adult

Q45 I will get married and get children

Q49 I will get married at 21 years to anybody I like. By then I will be an adult and possibly working

Q50 I don't like fat or very thin women, she must be as educated as I am and she should be a kikuyu.

Q52 I have never had a girlfriend because I am still young

Skip 52, 53, 54

Q55 that is for married people

Q56 when I get married

Q57 none

Skip 58-66

Q67 yes, child can be of help when you are older

Q68 when you are married and have a job

Q69 during the post election violence we were afraid especially at
 night because we were not sure when people will come to invade
 us. The Luos were setting people's houses ablaze and there was
 no food; but when the police came, we were able to go and
 search for food because it was now peaceful a bit

Q70 we stayed indoors and my uncle hurt his hand because he was
 hit by a stone

Q72 the Kikuyu and Luo were fighting each other and my aunt told
 us not to step outside at. It went on like that until the
 police came to quell the violence then we went out. I didn't
 like the violence

Q73 there was noting to like there because people were killing
 each other.

IDI DESCRIPTION FORM - ARCHIVAL NUMBER QTSM2K002

STUDY POINTS

70. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

71. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

72. RESILIENCE

73. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent equates adulthood as someone who is circumcised and someone who can teach. He also equates someone over 18 years as an adult. He also equates adulthood to someone who leave alone and pays rent for self
2. Getting jobs/employment and peer pressure
3. The respondent was unable to resist pressure from friends, so he opted to drop out of school. He seems to have a lot of influence from friends
4. The respondent chose to wash vehicles because the friends told him he could earn from the activity. But he would wish to become a mechanic because he thinks it has a better pay

Age of respondent : 16

Job/Position title/Occupation : self employed, washing cars

Education level : Class four

Ethnic group : Luo

Marital Status : Single

Number of children : none

Name of slum : Highridge

Name of village : Korogocho

Int: as we begin this interview, I would like to hear your understanding of adulthood; in your opinion, what makes the difference between adults and people who are not adults?

Resp: intelligence

Int: intelligence?

Resp: yes

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: between a child and a grownup

Int: how do you differentiate that?

Resp: the difference?

Int: yes

Resp: there are others who are circumcised and there are those who are not circumcised

Int: mhh

Resp: those who are circumcised are intelligent than those who are not

Int: how about responsibilities in life; does that also bring out the difference between an adult and a child; what other differences are there?

Resp: the other difference?

Int: yes

Resp: I don't know that

Int: what about physical maturity, what is the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: years

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: he is older than a child that means he is mature

Int: mature in years or age?

Resp: in years

Int: how old is an adult?

Resp: anyone above 18 years is an adult

Int: there are things people do in life; can education differentiate an adult and a child?

Resp: if you have education you become intelligent

Int: where does the difference come in?

Resp: an adult is supposed to teach the younger one

Int: according to the explanation you have just given me, can you describe for me how a child grows and becomes an adult?

Resp: when he becomes an adult

Int: that is why I am interested in the stages a child goes through before becoming an adult

Resp: children are usually disciplined

Int: yes, they are discipline, then what?

Resp: as they grow they can be able to differentiate between bad and good

Int: what else?

Resp: I don't know any other thing

Int: give me an example of a child; how old should a child be?

Resp: about three years

Int: about three years?

Resp: yes

Int: from three years what does the child do?

Resp: he goes through the learning stage; he is taught by an adult now

Int: after learning, what is the next stage?

Resp: when he starts being taught about life he becomes more and more intelligent, he cannot be circumcised when he is still young

Int: after circumcision?

Resp: he becomes intelligent

Int: what is the last stage that determines this person is an adult?

Resp: getting married

Int: when you look at yourself, how can you compare yourself with a grownup?

Resp: me?

Int: yes

Resp: because I live on my own

Int: what else?

Resp: I can also get married and be an adult

Int: mhh anything else?

Resp: I don't know any other

Int: currently, are there things you are doing that you were not doing before?

Resp: yes

Int: what else?

Resp: I am self reliant

Int: what do you mean you are self reliant?

Resp: silence

Int: what were you doing before or rather what events have taken place now that was not there before that makes you feel an adult?

Resp: silence

Int: currently, what is happening in your life or has happened that makes you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: I don't know

Int: there is noting you are doing that makes you feel like a child?

Resp: there is none

Int: what do you like about being an adult?

Resp: being married

Int: what else

Resp: having a family

Int: mhhh

Resp: to be called a daddy

Int: what else?

Resp: only those

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: being in the company of youths

Int: I mean something that you don't like as an adult; things you don't like related to adulthood

Resp: I don't know that

Int: I would like us to talk about a major event that happened in your life that you can remember

Resp: yes?

Int: which is?

Resp: dropping out of school

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: when did this happen?

Resp: 2005

Int: why is that event very important in your life?

Resp: I was swayed by friends

Int: are these friends still there with you?

Resp: no

Int: I would like us to talk about your parents and your being in that family. Is that ok?

Resp: yes

Int: you mentioned you live alone?

Resp: yes

Int: what role do your parents play in your life?

Resp: they usually come to check on me

Int: and then? How else are they involved in your wellbeing?

Resp: silence

Int: what is their opinion about your decisions?

Resp: I am less of a burden to them

Int: mhhh

Resp: because I am living on my own

Int: ok, I understand you are living on your own, however are they involved in any of your day to day life and what advice do they give you?

Resp: they always tell me to avoid bad company

Int: what about living on your own, how do they view that?

Resp: I don't know

Int: is my Swahili difficult for you to understand?

Resp: no

Int: where you are currently working, how are they involved about your living style?

Resp: my friends?

Int: I mean your parents, what is their concern about your living?

Resp: I don't know

Int: you don't know if they have any concerns about you; who pays for your rent?

Resp: I do it myself

Int: do you get any advice regarding any thing to do with your life from your parents?

Resp: they advice me not to come home late in the night

Int: what else?

Resp: I should not smoke cigarettes

Int: what else?

Resp: drinking and taking bhang

Int: what kind of advice do your parents give you regarding relationships?

Resp: that one I don't know

Int: what about religion and sex?

Resp: I should not get into a relationship with an older girl

Int: what do you mean when you say you should not be involved with sexually with an older girl?

Resp: silence

Int: what do you mean when you say you should not be in a relationship with an older girl?

Resp: I got that from my parents, that is what they told me

Int: what did you understand from that statement?

Resp: silence

Int: what would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: a lot of things

Int: like?

Resp: they can look for employment for me

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what else would make you seek assistance from your parents
apart from employment?

Resp: I don't know

Int: what would hinder you from seeking assistance from your
parents?

Resp: I don't know that also

Int: you may want to seek assistance from your parents but are
unable to, what would stop you from doing that?

Resp: if you are sick, and they don't, know that would stop you from
reaching them

Int: what else?

Resp: I don't know any other

Int: what personal problems would make you seek assistance from
your parents?

Resp: I don't know

Int: you don't have any personal problems?

Resp: no

Int: what would make you seek assistance from friends apart from your parents?

Resp: friends

Int: what kind of problems?

Resp: maybe you are in employment and get injured, they can assist

Int: is there any other way?

Resp: they can come and report to my parents

Int: what else?

Resp: they can take me for treatment

Int: what personal problem would make you go to seek assistance from your friends?

Resp: If you have problems

Int: like which one apart from being injured?

Resp: I don't know

Int: why would your friends come to assist you when you are injured?

Resp: because they are my friends

Int: how do your parents administer punishment when you are in the wrong?

Resp: they advice me not to repeat the same mistake again

Int: who corrects or offers advice when you do wrong?

Resp: my mother

Int: how do your brother correct you behavior wise?

Resp: they advice me to be well mannered

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: that I should not keep company of those wrong boys, I should
not drink or smoke bhang

Int: do they convince you to go back to school?

Resp: who?

Int: your brothers?

Resp: no

Int: what about employment; what do they say or advice you to do?

Resp: they tell me to be patient

Int: what about marriage, how do they convince you?

Resp: they don't tell me anything

Int: have you ever discussed anything with them regarding marriage?

Resp: no

Int: what about your friends, how do they convince you about your
behavior or character?

Resp: we are not bad people as such

Int: what do they tell you in regard to behavior?

Resp: they don't tell me anything

Int: Is there anyway you wish you would behave in the same way like your friends?

Resp: no

Int: what about employment; what do they tell you about employment?

Resp: they advice me to be patient and if there is anyone I can also refer to them

Int: how about marriage, what do they advice you?

Resp: they advice me no to be in a hurry to marry

Int: mhh, do you have any friend who is married?

Resp: yes

Int: can you tell me any major problem your friend has been involved in?

Resp: wondering where he will get a meal with is wife

Int: what else? What other problem has he been involved in?

Resp: they quarrel with the wife, separate and after a while reconcile and come back together

Int: what is the major problem your brother of friend has been involved in?

Resp: I don't know

Int: none of your friends has been involved in a major problem?

Resp: silent

Int: have you ever seen yourself in a situation whereby you
quarrel, separate and reconcile again?

Resp: silence

Int: I would like us to talk about your being in this community,
what are the main problems that youth face in this community?

Resp: I don't know

Int: for example, when there are clashes, what kind of challenges
do you face in this community?

Resp: I don't

Int: do you usually have brawls in this community?

Resp: yes

Int: how do you face them?

Resp: sometimes they harm each other, others kill one another

Int: how do you view such incidents?

Resp: they are not good

Int: how about insecurity in this community, how do you curb it?

Resp: I don't know

Int: what happens here when there is insecurity?

Resp: they talk and come to an agreement

Int: what about unemployment how do you counter that in this community?

Resp: sometimes we are promised payment but then we are not paid on that day

Int: so what happens?

Resp: you feel bad because you have worked and not paid but eventually he pays us later

Int: what kind of challenge is it for school dropouts?

Resp: some drop out because they cannot afford while others do it on their own will

Int: what about HIV/Aids; how do you counter that in this community?

Resp: you prevent yourself from getting it

Int: is that a challenge in this community?

Resp: silence

Int: what about ill health in the community in general?

Resp: I don't know

Int: do the youth get sick often here in this community?

Resp: no

Int: what methods have been put in place to counter these challenges like school dropouts, finance; etc

Resp: some start looking for jobs and others become thugs

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: where the rich live

Int: why?

Resp: we cannot all live in Korogocho

Int: where do the rich live?

Resp: In South C

Int: why South C?

Resp: that is how it is referred to as South C

Int: why would you want to go and live in South C?

Resp: so that I don't live together with my parents

Int: why do you hate this place?

Resp: I don't like living close to my parents

Int: is there any possibility of one living in South C?

Resp: It depends on the work you are doing

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: you cannot live in South C if you are earning Sh100 per day
and rental houses are very expensive

Int: what achievement would you like to have in life?

Resp: to be a rich man and my children not to suffer and then assist my family

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: we are all poor here

Int: what efforts are you making to reach this objective?

Resp: I don't know

Int: what I mean is how will you be able to become rich?

Resp: hard work of an individual can make one be rich

Int: what can hinder you from becoming rich?

Resp: all will depend on the employment you are in

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: you cannot be working on a construction site earning on a daily basis and be able to afford rent in those places

Int: mhh,

Resp: and still feeding your family

Int: what level of education do you need to be able to attain your goal in life?

Resp: I wouldn't mind going back to school until forth form

Int: do you see yourself attaining that level of education?

Resp: yes

Int: are you in school now?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of course would you take if you went back to school?

Resp: private

Int: what I mean what kind of work would you like to do and also go to school to learn for it?

Resp: being a mechanic

Int: why mechanic?

Resp: that is what I love most now

Int: is there anyone in your life with whom you have shared this thought with?

Resp: my father

Int: why your father?

Resp: he is the one capable of taking me back to school

Int: why are you not in school now?

Resp: I dropped out of school

Int: why?

Resp: I was swayed by friends

Int: do you have plans to go back to school?

Resp: yes

Int: when is this?

Resp: when my father is ready to pay school fees, I will go

Int: have you ever been in employment or any form?

Resp: silent

Int: you mentioned that you have been working before. How old were you when you started being in employment and paid some money?

Resp: when I was 15 years

Int: what are your feelings about this work you are doing?

Resp: it is good

Int: what else?

Resp: I am not idle at all

Int: why did you start working on this particular job?

Resp: I was living here and was idle

Int: is there any other jobs you have done before this one?

Resp: no

Int: you are still working now?

Resp: yes

Int: why do like working as a carwash boy?

Resp: I was introduced to it with my friend and he told me to stop idling around and to be a responsible person. I listened to him and started working as a carwash boy

Int: in a month, how much do you earn in general?

Resp: Sh3,000

Int: are you paid cash or what is the mode of payment?

Resp: we are not paid cash

Int: how are you paid?

Resp: on a monthly basis

Int: how do you spend your money?

Resp: I buy things

Int: in this community success means what?

Resp: if I get a job

Int: like which one?

Resp: being a mechanic, I would have succeeded if I get that

Int: how does a success person live?

Resp: he is aware he has a job

Int: what else?

Resp: he is intelligent

Int: give me an example of a person who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: my father succeeded

Int: how did he succeed?

Resp: he is now in employment but before he was jobless

Int: what does he have apart from a job?

Resp: he has a farm

Int: what else?

Resp: Cows

Int: what about his character?

Resp: it is credible

Int: what does he do?

Resp: he is a painter

Int: how about as a family?

Resp: to him nothing matters because he has wealth

Int: what would make you identify a successful youth?

Resp: if he is in employment instead of idling around doing nothing

Int: what else? What is the difference between a youth with good
 behavior and character?

Resp: he will be loved by his parents

Int: what doesn't a youth with good character do?

Resp: he does not get involved in bad company and other bad things

Int: bad things like what?

Resp: drinking, carrying harmful instruments like knives to use in
 harming other people

Int: how does he face these challenges to enable him not get involved in them?

Resp: because he is intelligent and knows what to do instead of getting involved in those groups. He avoids them. He just doesn't just sit at home and wait on the parents to bring in food and dress him

Int: what can a youth do to enable him/her succeed in life

Resp: work hard

Int: in which way?

Resp: by looking for employment instead of sitting at home

Int: are your parents here?

Resp: yes

Int: when did you start living alone?

Resp: from the month of July

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: I live alone

Int: why did you leave home?

Resp: because I felt I am now an adult

Int: what shows you are an adult?

Resp: I can now look after my own welfare

Int: tell me your feelings when you first left your home to start living on your own

Resp: there was a difference

Int: tell me about it

Resp: I was now living alone with no one to tell me what to do

Int: what were you afraid off when you moved out of your parent's home?

Resp: I was bored

Int: in what way?

Resp: I was feeling stressed all the time

Int: what was stressing you?

Resp: I was just longing to be on my own

Int: what made you feel you would be happy living alone?

Resp: I just got used to it

Int: what made you feel good living alone?

Resp: I could see other young people living their own lives and they were happy

Int: why were you happy living on your own?

Resp: so that I can learn how to be self reliant when they are still alive

Int: who are still alive?

Resp: my parents

Int: how do you feel living alone?

Resp: I don't find it difficult, it is easy living alone

Int: what challenges are you facing in life as a youth living alone?

Resp: silence

Int: what are the problems you are facing when living alone?

Resp: when you are not able to afford rent, it is boring

Int: what else?

Resp: sometimes the landlords are not social people and you keep clashing every now and then

Int: when do you intend to get married?

Resp: when I am 18 years old

Int: why?

Resp: I still want to be on my own for a while before getting married

Int: why would you want to get married at 18?

Resp: that is when most young adults get married

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: A Swahili

Int: why?

Resp: long silence

Int: why?

Resp: they have respect for others

Int: what age should she be?

Resp: about 16-17 years

Int: why?

Resp: I would like to be older by one

Int: what do you mean when you say by one?

Resp: number of years

Int: what about her economic status?

Resp: I don't know

Int: I mean would you like to get married to her when she is
working or not?

Resp: when she is in employment

Int: why?

Resp: to be able to share the responsibilities at home

Int: I would like us to talk about romantic relationship or your
first sex, have you ever had a girlfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: have you had sex with her?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about it, how old were you then?

Resp: I was 13 years old

Int: how old was the girl?

Resp: she was 12 years

Int: why did you choose to have sex with her?

Resp: I liked her

Int: did you use any preventive methods

Resp: no, I didn't suspect she would be infected or anything

Int: when do you plan to start a family?

Resp: I can't tell you that of now

Int: why?

Resp: life is very hard at the moment

Int: what do you mean life is hard?

Resp: there is money these days and you can only be able to do
anything if you have money

Int: let us talk about the post elction violence

Resp: yes

Int: how were you affected?

Resp: how?

Int: were you affected in any way; do you remember people fighting immediately after the elections?

Resp: yes

Int: how were you affected?

Resp: people were killing each other

Int: how were you affected?

Resp: many of my friends lost their parents

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: was your family affected in anyway?

Resp: they were just here, and they didn't move out at all

Int: how did it affect your source of income?

Resp: silence

Int: did it affect your family's lifestyle at all?

Resp: yes

Int: how did you face the challenges?

Resp: I just wished it would end quickly

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: people started hating each other without any good reason

Int: what else?

Resp: people started being tribal

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: I don't know

Int: there is nothing which you liked about the post election violence?

Resp: no

Int: there is nothing which you liked or you don't know?

Resp: I don't know

Int: none at all?

Resp: there was nothing good about the post election violence

Int: thank you so much for participating in these discussions, your opinions will be used reporting as I had earlier informed you.
Thank you so much and we will talk another time.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM3K010

STUDY POINTS

74. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

75. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

76. RESILIENCE

77. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

78. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. One who is 30 years and above and has got children
2. The problem of insecurity
3. Has resisted the pressure to engage in sexual behavior until he is married
4. He has passion for business and thus wants to do business administration
5. No recommendations came out of the interview

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 17

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed

Educational Level: secondary

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Nyayo

Background information

The interview was conducted in the respondent's sleeping room. He had fairly good understanding of the questions and the interview was smoothly conducted. This was to be Wilson's 10th interview but for us to finish the work within schedule, we had to work as a team and help him finish the interview. All my other ten interviews are done in Viwandani

Int: I would like us to start, you have heard of people say this person is an adult; what makes him different from other? What is the difference between him and one who is not?

Resp: I don't know

Int: for someone to be called an adult, how old is he?

Resp: 30 years and above

Int: what else?

Resp: he has a family and is working

Int: mhh and one who is not working?

Resp: is not an adult

Int: and when you circumcise

Resp: circumcise?

Int: gets a cut on the penis?

Resp: oh,, that is an adult

Int: when you look at yourself, how do you relate to adulthood?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: what makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: silence

Int: what experiences are you going through that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: none

Int: is there anything happening in your life, something you do that makes you feel, you are not adult yet?

Resp: no

Int: can you remember of any significant event that happened in your life?

Resp: our house was burnt down

Int: when was this?

Resp: in the year 2008

Int: were you able to salvage anything?

Resp: no

Int: what happened?

Resp: I really don't but even our neighbor's houses were burnt down

Int: you would have tried to get a few things out

Resp: the fire was quite big so and by the time the fire people came, everything had been destroyed

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: my mother

Int: does she have any influence of your daily life?

Resp: she pays for my school fees

Int: what else?

Resp: she encourages me to work hard at school

Int: does she ever offer you any advice?

Resp: yes

Int: on what areas of life?

Resp: I don't know that one

Int: what does she tell you about your education?

Resp: she advices me to learn and work hard at school

Int: and relationships?

Resp: she told me to stop walking with bad friends

Int: bad friends are which ones?

Resp: those who are involved in taking drugs, drinking and stealing

Int: what is her advice on issues related to religion?

Resp: I should go to church and also trust in God for everything

Int: do you have anyone else influencing your life apart from your mother?

Resp: no

Int: when you do wrong, who corrects you; do you ever get punished?

Resp: I used to be punished when I was young

Int: how were you punished?

Resp: I used to be beaten

Int: and you are still beaten to date?

Resp: no, they just give me advice when I am in the wrong

Int: who else would punish you when you make mistakes?

Resp: my uncles usually advice me not to have those bad friends and try to behave well everywhere

Int: what do you mean everywhere?

Resp: that they should not hear of reports from other people in the community that I have joined bad groups of friends

Int: who else can punish you apart from your mother and uncles?

Resp: nobody

Int: what are the challenges facing young people in this community?

Resp: police harassment

Int: yes

Resp: stealing from other people

Int: hhh

Resp: unemployment

Int: what strategies have been put in place by the young people to curb these challenges?

Resp: there is this programme called Kazi kwa Vijana (Work for Youth)

Int: they started it?

Resp: I think it is the government

Int: are you in that group?

Resp: no

Int: do you know how much they are paid or they do it voluntarily?

Resp: they are paid something

Int: how much?

Resp: I don't know anything at all

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: those sides of Kasarani

Int: why would you like to live in Kasarani?

Resp: it is a quiet and good place to live

Int: what else

Resp: the infrastructure is good

Int: what is infrastructure?

Resp: there are good roads, houses, there is water and the place is very nice

Int: are there possibilities of you living there?

Resp: yes

Int: what efforts are you making to enable you live in such a place?

Resp: If I get a good job I will stay there

Int: what are your chances of getting a good job?

Resp: if I pass my exams

Int: and what would hinder you from achieving that goal?

Resp: if I don't perform well in my exams

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve this goal?

Resp: university level

Int: do you see yourself reaching there?

Resp: yes

Int: explain to me how

Resp: I believe I did my exams very well and I am expecting good grades to enable me join the university

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: I have just completed my form four this year in 2009

Int: are you involved in any income generating activity at the moment?

Resp: no

Int: you told me you live with your mother?

Resp: yes

Int: and who takes care of your needs?

Resp: my mother

Int: do you intend to look for an income generating activity?

Resp: I can't say that for now

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: I would like to complete my university education first and get a good job

Int: mhh

Resp: then I will get married

Int: when you get the job will get married?

Resp: no, I will work for five years first before I get married

Int: why do you feel that is the right time to marry?

Resp: I will have worked for five years and now ready to settle down and I will have things of my own

Int: when do you think that will be; I mean how long will it take you to complete college and get married?

Resp: I will go to college for about four years, after which I will work for five years, that makes it nine years and then I can now get married

Int: are you planning to have children?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you want children?

Resp: when children are now adults they provide security to their old parents

Int: what else?

Resp: they act as security back up in the community

Int: what kind of wife would you like to have?

Resp: one with a degree from the university

Int: age?

Resp: I should be older than her by at least three years

Int: what about her economical background?

Resp: we should be the same financially

Int: why?

Resp: that way we will be equal and no one will blame the other for not producing or being poor/rich than the other. There will be no grounds for quarrels about finances

Int: and her tribe?

Resp: she should be like me; a Kikuyu

Int: have you ever had a lover before?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first romantic relationship

Resp: she was just a lover and not a friend

Int: how old was she?

Resp: I was older by one year

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: we were in school together and classmates for that matter

Int: did you have any plans for marriage?

Resp: no, we didn't have any plans for a relationship or marriage
for that matter

Int: who knew about your relationship?

Resp: there was no one who was aware of that relationship

Int: not even your parents?

Resp: no

Int: and your friends?

Resp: they were no aware of it

Int: did you have sex with her

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I have never seen the importance of having sex at all

Int: when do you plan to have your first sex experience?

Resp: when I am married

Int: why when you are married?

Resp: that will be the right time to have sex

Int: how do you feel about not having had sex before?

Resp: I feel happy

Int: Do you plan to get married?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you want to get married?

Resp: so that I don't become lonely

Int: and have children?

Resp: yes

Int: how many

Resp: two is a good number

Int: when do you intend to have the children?

Resp: one year after marriage

Int: I want us to talk about the post election violence; were you affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: Were any of your relatives affected?

Resp: yes, my uncle's shop was burnt down and everything stolen

Int: by whom?

Resp: those youths who were demonstrating on the streets?

Int: what about your sources of income, were they affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: were any of your people forced out of their accommodation areas?

Resp: my uncle had to move to another safer area

Int: is there anything you didn't like about the violence?

Resp: I didn't like the way people's houses were razed to the ground by the fires

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about it

Int: ok, we have reached the end of the interview. Now you can ask me questions if you have any

Resp: no, I don't

Int: any comments to make?

Resp: None

Int: recommendations you would like to make?

Resp: no

Int: ok, thank you very much for your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

STUDY POINTS

- 79. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 80. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 81. RESILIENCE
- 82. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 83. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. An adult is one who sees ahead e.g. to avoid traps and one who behaves maturely e.g. someone sensitive to people's needs
- 2. Lack of employment and dropping out of school due to lack of school fees are the biggest challenges
- 3. The youth uplift one another. Those with money and are self-employed usually employ the others
- 4. "My father spoke unto my lie the career I would do when I grow up". He held him up as a baby and said what he would become

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 18

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed

Educational Level: Std 8

Ethnic Level:	Kikuyu
Marital Status:	Single
Number of children:	nil
Name of Slum:	Korogocho
Name of Village:	Highridge

Background information

Transcriptor's note: Respondent takes time to understand question, he sounds unstable in mind. There are too many gaps in the recording and I have relayed more on notes especially where I have indicated gap. Where I have indicated gap, I have used the notes from the interviewer

Int: I would like to thank you for agreeing to participate in this interview, and if you are ready we will start

Resp: I am ready

Int: I would like to understand in your view, what differentiate adults from children? And this is from your point of view not what other people think

Resp: An adult is different from a child because of their thinking capacity one is higher than the other. Adults are much smarter than children.

Int can you give me some examples?

Resp: a child may find a grownup on the way and assist that person,

Int who is helping the other here?

Resp a child is helping an older person and yet he is young in age but very intelligent because he knows he needs to be helping this person. And also an adult thinks forward for example if there is a trap ahead of him he will....

Int: maybe you can explain that a bit for me to understand because you have told me that an adult is more intelligent than a child, what else brings out the difference between an adult and a child? ;

Resp: a child will not think like an adult, for example a child will play with mud and find it fun, but I don't expect to find an adult doing that.

Int: what else?

Resp: behavior,

Int: which kind of behavior?

Resp: Behavior is what might make him do those things

Int: how

Resp: I don't know how to explain that anymore

Int: what about employment, can it bring in a difference?

Resp: no, because (interruption, recorder stopped)

Int: you were telling me about employment and (gap) what about marriage

Resp: you can be married but still think like a child

Int: does that marriage, in your opinion, bring out the difference between a child and an adult

Resp: yes

Int: what you are telling me that there are marriages of children and those of adults; now would this marriage of the children be considered as that of adults?

Resp: no, because what I am trying to say is that there are some young people who are more intelligent than two adults it is the way they behave and do their things

Int: what about education?

Resp: it cannot bring out much difference because for example you can have in form two students who have the highest number of years not very good in class and in the same class still find others who are younger in age and are very bright

Int: ok, what I meant is completion of education whether it brings out the difference between adults and children?

Resp: I don't think so

Int: what about engaging in sex?

Resp: when you are.....

Int: what we are trying to look at is what brings out the difference between adults and children; for example, if I look at Daniel, I can say. Oh Daniel is an adult; I have a reason to say so. Those are the types of reasons we are looking for; that is why I was asking you do you think engaging in sex can also bring out the difference between adult and children? Is sex for adults or grownups?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: child will engage in sex and get pregnant or something like that but adult know what to do. They know engaging in sex can result into many things

Int: what about parenthood? If one gets a baby, does that mean this person is an adult or a child?

Resp: silence

Int: you are smiling there is something good? Just tell me what you think, can (gap) how about physical maturity?

Resp: no because you can find a fully adult person playing with small children so behavior here plays a big role or sometimes you meet a young boy who already has a developed mind walking with adult men and is very comfortable in their company

Int: how about moving out of the home, you are either living on your own or with a friend, does that mean this person is adult or not?

Resp: I can't say a child can move out of the home but an adult can do that and start looking for means of getting income

Int: so what you mean is that an adult can move out but not a child?

Resp: yes

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: for a grownup?

Int: in your opinion do you think can bring out the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: that doesn't matter because there are some children who are circumcised and they are still in the same place and so the more you grow then you begin to mature

Int: at what age is someone mature?

Resp: at 18 years

Int: or 18 years

Resp: or even 17

Int: that is?

Resp: an adult

Int: following these explanations, please tell me the stages a child passes before becoming an adult

Resp: there is the small baby who is breastfeeding, and as he grows, he crawls; walks with aid of other things, then with time goes to school

Int: and then from there?

Resp: as he keeps growing, he goes further to higher classes in school i.e. primary from class one to eight, and secondary and at the same time as he is growing and passing through every stage he is able to start differentiating between wrong and good

Int: at what age is that?

Resp: he will start knowing what is good and bad from Std one to eight and that is when he becomes mature

Int: so when he is in Std 8 he is an adult

Resp: yes

Int: when you look at yourself now, how can you compare yourself
 with an adult?

Resp: my behavior

Int: do you know whether you are an adult or still a child?

Resp: I know that I cannot do what the children do

Int: can you give me an example of what you do in life that makes
 you feel you are an adult? (entry of visitor) let us continue

Resp: I cannot do childish things and I can go out there and look
 for employment

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: what I like?

Int: yes, I can see you smiling

Resp: I cannot do what children do, I need to tune my mind to adult
 conversation and when I get an idea, and I use it to find out
 how I can develop myself

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: going out there and when I don't get employment or a casual
 job for that day, instead of going back home and start
 planning for the next day, I go and start mugging people on
 the streets

Int: what is the most significant event in your life that you can
 that you can remember?

Resp: (gap) that when I am seated my father said the when I am an adult....that is what he said

Int: who told you?

Resp: my father is the one who told my mother and my mother told me

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: a very small child

Int: of what age?

Resp: I was still being carried by then but when I started growing up to the stage when I was now walking from crawling (gap) has never left my mind

Int: at what age did your mother tell you that?

Resp: what age? About ten years

Int: when you say your dad you father held you when you were young, why your father didn't tell you himself and you had already reached an age you could understand things well?

Resp: he never used to tell me but could tell someone the way he would like me to grow up and be like. Luckily enough my mother was there. He used to explain to other people how he wanted me to like when we grow up

Int: when your mother told you that how.....

Resp: when I reached primary, I started changing and started.....the interesting bit about is that I didn't know how to play games

on the computer, no one taught me about computers but when I reached class I remembered that my dad said I will be a producer

Int: which class were you then?

Resp: Std 7 and wished it would be so. Luckily enough, on arrival at home, I found a friend of mine who had a computer and after fiddling with it here and there, things changed; now I was then the one teaching the owner of the computer and yet I didn't know anything to do with computers.

Int: you have never used a computer before?

Resp: no (gap) constructing trucks

Int: you took it like that because

Resp: I did that because my dad had said that before, I also wanted to know whether it can happen, and after trying, I confirmed it

Int: personally what would like to be when you

Resp: (gap) to reach the level my father has said

Int: what you remember.....gap.....I would like us to talk about....gap....

Resp: (gap) I call him dad because he took me when I was a little boy. My mother passed on and she was working but not coming back to the house after work so they quarreled and separated

Int: your father was (unintelligible, cock crowing nearby) and brought you to Nairobi?

Resp: yes

Int: that is where he was staying

Resp: we were three and one of died (cock crowing)

Int: how old was the eldest

Resp: I have never seen him

Int: how old was your eldest sibling?

Resp: I didn't know by then because I was young

Int: you were living with your father when he brought you from upcountry?

Resp: yes, we continued living here the two of us. He was concerned about our education so much and after a while he died then I started living here

Int: you told me you live with your grandfather and aunt who you call mother; how much influence does she have over your life?
Gap....your grandfather.....who do you sing for and do you get any income

Resp: I get income

Int: where do you go to perform your singing?

Resp: I go almost everywhere to sing and I get some income

Int: you told me that (gaps

Resp: gap.....to assist him but he dropped out

Int: school

Resp: he dropped of school but not because of lack of fees, he just refused

Int: you are telling me you love school and if you got an opportunity to go to school you would continue?

Resp: I would like to continue (gap) those friends out there tell me they will support me (gap) I don't attend any church people just come here

Int: do they advice you....(gap)

Resp: time,(gap)bad friends and I cannot keep their company even if I know them well

Int: ok, do they give you advice (gap)

Resp: I have never been involved in those and I would even sell them

Int: have they ever given you advice?

Resp: (gap) maybe I have been given something good to take home...they can take it but they will not refuse with it

Int: why would they do that or for what reason would he refuse with it?

Resp: they will tell me we look for the owner since it fell down

Int: (gap) your parent; a problem

Resp: problems on issues to do with finance, I can go to them

Int: you will seek assistance from.....

Resp: parent (cock crowing)

Int: and when you have a problem

Resp: gap

Int: marriage?

Resp: mother (gap)

Int: what kind of problem would you approach anyone else besides
apart from your mother?

Resp: maybe I am away and I need.....

Int: It doesn't matter the distance, it could a problem from any
angle but this one I need to seek assistance (gap)

Resp: maybe my wife has had a baby and I don't have any money; I can
run to my mother and tell her to assist her. She can also ask
me why I am married and I cannot look after my wife

Int: your guardians, when you do make a mistake...(gap)

Resp: they can take me to the police station but I have never done a
mistake when I am an adult

Int: you are telling me you have not been doing mistakes

Resp: not when I am adult

Int: besides your parents

Resp: my elder brother has been advising me on issues related to work, good behavior. I remember when I was still in school he used to encourage me to work hard in my school work and when he notices that I am behaving badly, he rebukes me and advises me on what to do

Int: What about your friends, what do they advice you?

Resp: they can advice you in any way, they really don't care much about the kind of advice they give me

Resp: when I misbehave they tell me to change my behavior

Int: can you give me an example of what you do?

Resp: when I was at school I used ...(gap)

Int: (gap) romantic love

Resp: gap) was working he was forced to stop working and come and stay here because he had

Int: working

Resp: he returned

Int: how long had he been out or work

Resp: two years (gap)

Int: ok, do you see yourself in such a problem?

Resp: it is possible

Int: and you said when you work

Resp: If I have done the job but not the way it should be done but in mind I feel I have done the best only to be told it is not good by my supervisor, then I can find myself in the same problem

Int: let us talk about your growing up here...(gap)

Resp: the problems we (gap) they are orphans

Int: what kind of work

Resp: on the garbage, they offload the garbage from the truck on to the dumping site at Mukuru

Int: Mukuru

Resp: dumping site

Int: is it far from here?

Resp: no, it is near here, they can go and get employment and earn Sh400 per day

Int: how long is the contract? Is it a continuous job?

Resp: maybe for four days or so that is when he is around

Int: so many young people go there to look for jobs?

Resp: yes

Int: where else do they go to look for work or what type of work do they do? What do they do on the dumping site?

Resp: they hang on the trucks which collect garbage and they go with them to collect and bring it

Int: what of those who don't get that opportunity, what else do they do

Resp: they can steal

Int: you are telling employment is one of the challenges here?

Resp: yes

Int: what else? Do you have problems of children dropping out of school?

Resp: they are stopped

Int: by whom?

Resp: a child may want to be in school but the parents say no because of lack of school fees

Int: is there any other challenge? Do you think poverty is a challenge?

Resp: not really, there are people here with money

Int: what is the ratio?

Resp: those with money are few but majority are poor and so they depend on the wealthy ones for work

Int: what type of work?

Resp: they can provide jobs like..

Int: those young people with money are the ones who have employed the others?

Resp: yes, they employ them

Int: what about ill health and domestic violence are those challenges?

Resp: once in a while

Int: how do the young people in this community cope with these challenges for example school drop outs, poverty; how are they able to survive

Resp: sometimes if I have money and employ the other

Int: what the other challenge is there, related to ill health?

Resp: there is a truck which is used to dig up the garbage, so the boys go to work there and there is a very bad stench which comes from the garbage, they inhale it and really bothers them at times, others become sick because of inhaling too much of that gas

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: when I move out of this community?

Int: I don't know whether you would like to move out or not but

Resp: I may out of here but I would not go far from here, maybe as far as Dandora

Int: how is Dandora

Resp: there are no problems like these ones

Int: give me examples

Resp: they have water problems but if I move away from here that bad gas from the dumping site will not affect me

Int: so you would like to move because the bad gas does not reach that side?

Resp: yes

Int: and you mentioned water problems; do you have water problems here?

Resp: no, we don't have water problems here

Int: so would you like to go to Dandora where there are water problems and move out of here?

Resp: what I mean is, from my point of view, the problems in this community are different from those of Dandora

Int: so where would you like to live?

Resp: I would like to go there and since there is a water problem there, I can always come on this end

Int: what do you like about Dandora?

Resp: in this community people are dying and it is not possible why there are so many deaths like that though I suspect that bad gas from the dumping site could also be contributing to the ill health in the community because you just hear people say so and so is dead but they don't specify from what that person was suffering from, so I think it is the bad odour

Int: are there any possibilities of you living in Dandora?

Resp: I can and if the is not possible, I would rather live in Kasarani

Int: how is Kasarani?

Resp: I like the place because it is near a sporting centre so when there are games going on you can be able to go there

Int: there is no sporting field around here?

Resp: no

Int: let us talk about what you would like to achieve in life

Resp: I would not like to suffer or my children

Int: what do you mean suffering?

Resp: I may not have a job, I live in a rented house and I am unable to feed myself, I wouldn't like something like that. I would rather have my own

Int: what efforts are you making right now to reach that goal?

Resp: be hard working, and put God first

Int: hard working?

Resp: that is what I am doing right now on the job I am doing and I believe at one point or another I will attain that goal

Int: what can stop you from achieving that goal?

Resp: lack of work to do

Int: level of education?

Resp: If I could continue because I dropped out in form one, I need to continue to university level then from there I can be able to achieve what I want in my life

Int: do you think you will reach the level?

Resp: I don't know

Int: you are not in school?

Resp: no

Int: because of school fees or there is another problem?

Resp: it was lack of school fees

Int: have you ever involved yourself in income generating activity and what type of work was it?

Resp: yes, and we were digging trenches

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 17 years

Int: were you still in school?

Resp: I was already out of school

Int: what was your main reason for involving yourself in this work?

Resp: what I was doing was Kazi Kwa Vijana (Youth for Work)

Int: who was in charge or who was employing youths there?

Resp: I just went

Int: did you have any reason to be employed at that time?

Resp: no

Int: did you like the job?

Resp: the work was very hard because it was digging trenches and I
was not able to do that

Int: how much were they paying you?

Resp: Sh400

Int: after how long?

Resp: immediately you complete the work, you are paid

Int: after how many hours?

Resp: you start at 8 am

Int: it was on a daily basis

Resp: how long was the job?

Int: it went on for three weeks only

Resp: in this community, what is the meaning of success?

Int: success?

Resp: in life?

Int: in this community

Resp: succeed in life

Int: tell me of someone who has succeeded in this community, how is his behavior, what does he do and so on?

Resp: my elder brother

Int: where does he stay?

Resp: he is living and leading a good life

Int: what is happening in his life that makes you say he is leading a good life?

Resp: he is peaceful

Int: what does he have in terms of wealth because you have told me he is well behaved and has a good job

Resp: silence

Int: what distinguishes a successful young person?

Resp: after getting a job you are able to sort out your problems

Int: how do the problems end?

Resp: his eagerness to get a job and solve some of his problems

Int: you mean that he has a job or not?

Resp: it means that he now has a job and can handle his problems though there are some with work but they are not reasonable

Int: so how can you differentiate a well behaved young person from that who is not?

Resp: he is humble, avoids bad company, he works hard to be self
reliant

Int: and how is he able to face the challenges of the community
which young people come across?

Resp: he will not smoke bhang and cigarettes

Int: do you plan to get married?

Resp: no, I don't because my age is below

Int: you are still young?

Resp: yes

Int: so you told me that you are 18

Resp: I would like to get married when I am 35 and above

Int: why 35? Is there a reason for deciding that age?

Resp: I will have matured enough to take care of a family and living
at peace with neighbours

Int: what else?

Resp: I will be having a stable job

Int: (unintelligible, continuous cock crowing) you are looking down
and I told you these is our private affair, no one will know
what you have told me

Resp: I have had one before

Int: tell me your first experience

Resp: we were waiting for public transport at a bus stop and we started talking. She didn't have fare

Int: are you still friends today?

Resp: yes it is still there because we see each other and also when she has a problem she will come to me and vice versa. We are still friends

Int: have you ever had sex?

Resp: no

Int: why haven't you had sex?

Resp: I am happy the way I am because if I do that the girl will run away from her parents and I don't want to be in a hurry with her

Int: when do you plan to get children?

Resp: not now

Int: during the post elections violence, where were you?

Resp: I was here

Int: were you or your family affected in any way?

Resp: no, but there were people who lost their relatives, their property stolen

Int: and what did you like about the post elections violence?

Resp: no

Int: and what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp very many people were affected by the violence especially the youth

Int: ok, Daniel I would like to say thank you so much

Resp: ok

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM3K027

STUDY POINTS

84. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

85. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

86. RESILIENCE

87. WHY THEY CHOSE THE INTENDED CAREER PATHS

88. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1 Adulthood is equated with mature thinking and mature behavior. It is also equated with adolescence

2 The biggest challenge is school drop outs

3 Respondent says he would like to become a doctor so as to help
people

4 FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 17

Job/Position title/Occupation: Schooling

Educational Level: 8

Ethnic Level: Somalia

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Highridge

Background information

Transcripitor's note: Vera's recordings seem to have a major problem; most of them are jumbled up. Like this recording was only 9 minutes and 17 seconds although the respondent didn't have much to say judging from the beginning of the interview, I was not able to get the questions they way they were asked. Where there is a gap, I was just typing in the answers instead

Int: when you are ready we can start, can we start?

Resp: yes

Int: what differences are there between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: it is the brains

Int: so children are?

Resp: still young in the mind and childish in their ways.

Int: maybe you can give me an example of these childish ways

Resp: They do things without caring and they are always disturbing adults whereas adults don't that.

Int: what about someone who is working or married?

Resp: it does

Int: which one?

Resp: working

Int: and being married?

Resp: children have not reached that stage of being married

Int: mmhh?

Resp: they can't be referred to as fathers

Int: and can education determine the difference between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: no, everyone from children to very old people; are in school.
We have older people, even grandfathers who are in primary school

Int: so it doesn't bring out any difference?

Resp: no

Int: and people are having sex?

Resp: those are adults

Int: and if you have responsibilities?

Resp: that one is an adult

Int: in what way?

Resp: he is working and he has children

Int: can you tell me which stages one goes through to be called an adult?

Resp: when a child reaches adolescence, he is adult

Int: do you see yourself as an adult?

Resp: yes,

Int: why?

Resp: because I think as an adult not a child

Int: what makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I am thinking of going back to school

Int: I want us to talk aboutgap.....

Q5 NO

Q6 None

Q7 none

Int: gap.....live with?

Resp: my mother, father and siblings

Int: do they give you any advice?

Resp: yes

Int: on what subjects?

Q9:

Resp: they tell me to work hard at school, I should not be involved
in unwanted pregnancies and I should respect other people

Int: do they advice you on drugs?

Resp: no, they

Int: and religion?

Resp: yes, they insist on me going to the mosque for prayers

Q11: refer to question nine

Int on what kind of issues would you seek advice from your parents:

Resp: issues related to finance like if I need to buy things like pens

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: when you make mistakes at home how are you punished?

Resp: I am beaten by my parents

Int: is there anyone else who punishes you when you do mistakes?

Resp: no

Int: friends, do they correct you?

Resp: no

Int: can you remember of any significant event that happened in your life?

Resp: never

Int: what are the challenges facing youths in this community?

Resp: they become thieves, smoke cigarettes, and financial problems

Int: what else?

Resp: poverty

Int: do children drop out of school here?

Resp: yes

Int: what are the strategies young people have put in place to be able to cope with these challenges?

Resp: none

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: here because my mother and sisters live here

Q20: skip

Int: what efforts are you doing to continue living here?

Resp: I want to complete my secondary school education, and then
proceed to college because I would like to be a doctor

Int: what efforts are you doing to achieve this?

Resp: working hard at school

Int: have you ever talked to anyone about this?

Resp: no

Int: what would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: dropping out of school

Int: what level of education would you like to attain?

Resp: university level

Int: do you see yourself reaching there?

Resp: if I work hard

Q26 refer to bio-data, just completed Std 8 and awaiting for
results

(gap on the tape, using notes)

Q27 Doctor so that I can help others in the community

Q28 none

Sikp Q29 Q30

Q31 no

Q32-33 skip

Resp: a person who has succeeded is someone who has good behavior,
working and takes care of his family that is wife and
children.

Q36 has completed school, is working and is self reliant

Q37 one who respects parents and listens to what he is told. He is
never found in the company of people who are not good

Q38 work hard at school, after that get children and also educate
them the point you were also educated or more than that.

Skip Q39 to 43

Q44 until I am able to be self reliant

Q45 I will get married to get children

Q49 when I am through with schooling, get a job and be self
reliant

Q50 What kind of person would you like to be married to?

Resp: anyone whose age is average

Int: your age?

Resp: that is ok

Int: what else; tribe?

Resp: any tribe is ok with me

Q51 no

Q52 when I want to get married

Skip Q55 and 54

Q55 no

Q56 when I get married

Q57 that is ok with me

Skip to Question 67

Resp: yes, when I am married

Q68 when someone is married he is self reliant

Q69 there isn't

Q70 yes, there isn't

Q71 fighting

Q72 nothing

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM3K031

STUDY POINTS

- 89. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 90. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 91. RESILIENCE
- 92. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 93. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Someone who is above 18 years, this person talks sense which can benefit other people. An adult is well organized in his activities and knows how to cloth well.
- 2. Drug abused, war, theft, prostitution, unemployment, AIDS, insecurity are the challenges young people face in this community
- 3. I am in school and can resist pressure from anyone to do what is bad, I am able to choose what is right and avoid what is wrong
- 4. Advice from school where they are advised on which career to take
- 5. None

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 18

Job/Position title/Occupation: N/A (Student)

Educational Level: Form four

Ethnic Level: kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Grogan A

Background information

The interview took place in the respondent's house. The respondent was a male aged 18 years and I found him on his way from the library. The recorder was on from the start to the end of our discussion and our discussion went on smoothly

Int: thank you for accepting to have this interview, can you tell me a little bit about yourself?

Resp: I am in form four and I am just about to finish. I was born and breed here, I am 18 years

Int: when you say you were born here, what is the name of this area?

Resp: Korogocho, Grogan A

Int: I would like to hear your views on who, is an adult and one who is not, and what is the difference

Resp: it is how he appears tot the rest of the community, or how he is in age, how he does his things and the level he has reached, that includes behavior

Int: what do you mean when you say his age?

Resp: it means his age is about 20 years and above because an adult starts from the age of 18 years and anyone below that is a child

Int: you have mentioned about behavior what exactly do you mean?

Resp: his activities, how he interacts with other people and many other things he does for example, the kind of work he does, dressing code,

Int: is there a difference in behavior between an adult and a child?

Resp: behavior?

Int: yes

Resp: an adult will not go and start abusing people on the roadside, he talks to others with respect and when he is doing his things, he does them thinking in terms of the future and whatever he discusses with people usually it is development related.

Int: what about a child?

Resp: children are childish and they are never serious in what they do. They don't choose the kind of words they will speak before people, to them anything that comes out of their mouths is ok

Int: what else?

Resp: as I said dress code and how he interacts with others

Int: what do you mean when you say his dressing code will be different?

Resp: he will dress decently for example an adult will not go round wearing a pair of shorts, wearing bathroom slippers and I am not saying it is bad to put on these things but there is a way a child will wear those things and be ok, but not an adult.

Int: let us look at employment

Resp: children are supposed to be in school as adults are busy working to get finances to support the children

Int: about moving out home and living on your own?

Resp: yes because an adult can take care of himself, but a child is still dependent on the parent

Int: why?

Resp: adults are earning money and can plan their lives

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: it is meant to show that this person is no longer a child but an adult; it is sign to show maturity

Int: tell me why you say that it is a sign maturity?

Resp: when boys go through circumcision they are taught how to take care of themselves as adult, the kind of behavior they should have and general character that is why it is said it is a way one passes from one stage to another

Int: physical maturity, does that also contribute to the differences between adults and children

Resp: yes, it does because for men, they grow beards, the old men have white hair and that is an adult. For girls they change and grow breasts and menstruate

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: for men, the chest widens

Int: what about the education?

Resp: you go from one stage to another for example when you are a child, you will be in primary, go to secondary and as your age increases, you also increase in your knowledge in education. From secondary the person goes to university which is for adults only and not children

Int: when you say university is for adults only what about primary and secondary?

Resp: primary and secondary are stages for people who are considered to be still children because in most cases they are under 18 years. From there, they are adults

Int: and marriage; can it bring out the difference between adults and children?

Resp: anyone who is in marriage is considered an adult because he/she is supposed to make independent decisions in life. For those who are not married at some point they are still considered as children but with time they are also not classified as adult

Int: when you say there are others who are not married but are classified as adults; at what stage is marriage supposed to take place in one's life?

Resp: marriage has no age limit or start point but it is an independent decision on the part of a person wanting to enter that institution. Some people enter that institution at a very young age while others take their time to get into marriage

Int: so does marriage differentiate adults from children or what do you mean?

Resp: it doesn't though it is very hard to get anyone below age 18 entering into marriage, up to some point there is a difference but it is not so significant if bringing out the difference between adults and children

Int: we have just discussed quite a number of things and from that point, can you tell me the stages one passes through to reach adulthood?

Resp: a child goes from infancy, upto four years he is still under the care of the parents. From there he joins the school, then primary from class one to eight. Then from form one to form four, he now starts being labeled as an adult and proceeds to university or college for a specific thing now general education like in primary and secondary/.

Int: you have just told me things related to education; is there anything else that takes place in life of this person until he becomes an adult?

Resp: there is physical body change in both sexes, for girls there is menstruation and enlargement of breasts and hips whereas for boys, the voice breaks, a beard and they also pass through circumcision.

Int: why do you think these stages are there?

Resp: it helps one to learn things slowly as they move from one stage until they become adults instead of just waking up one day and finding you are adult and don't know what to do. You will be overwhelmed with things. Those stages help you to learn to make decisions, see view things at different angles to enable you make informed choices and many others

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: I am just about to complete my fourth form, meaning that I am in the process of entering adulthood. I already have an national identity card, meaning the government has recognized me as an adult who can make decisions independently without depending on parents.

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: apart from the Identity Card, the way I relate to other people is adult not childish way. I can choose what I want

Int: when you say adult age what do you mean?

Resp: Kenya law recognizes anyone who is 18 years to be an adult

Int: in your opinion, what age should adulthood be?

Resp: I also concur with the government, 18 years is good and so long as he can be able to do things independently, is self reliant and can make decisions in life

Int: what are you experiencing currently that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: completing secondary education, getting a national Identity Card and when I talk to adults they listen and don't treat my speeches as childish. They can reason with me

Int: what experiences are you going through that sometimes make you feel you are still a child?

Resp: maybe since I am still in school

Int: why?

Resp: you have not fully completed your school and there are teachers who still have to give you instructions

Int: and parents?

Resp: parents, they still consider me a child since I am still dependant on them though I don't involve them in all my decision and they know it

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: that one is not easy for me to answer

Int: sometimes you see adults and the way they behave is there nothing you don't like about them?

Resp: I just don't like the way they rate children because there are some children who are very bright and can make decisions but they assume you are still a child and cannot make the simplest

decision in life. That feeling that once you have said something as an adult that is all no one else can contribute or give a suggestion whether a child or a grownup

Int: what makes you don't like adulthood?

Resp: the idea that you cannot get involved in some issues just because you are an adulthood, you can no longer share with children any issues like before

Int: what do like best about adulthood?

Resp: you can share with other people about your dreams and achievements; you can make developments, you can be self reliant and make independent decisions

Int: what kind of independent decisions are these?

Resp: things related to marriage, you will choose a partner of your choice, you want buy something, you can make your own choices, you can spend your money the way you feel right

Int: what is the most significant event in your life that you can remember?

Resp: circumcision and completing my primary education

Int: which of the two is most important?

Resp: completing my primary education

Int: why primary school?

Resp: the way we were being beaten when we make mistakes and really treated like small babies who cannot do anything worthwhile. It was good to be out of that life

Int: who was beating you?

Resp: the teachers, that is something I never liked in my life

Int: ok, I want us to talk about your family and how you grew up in this community. Who do you live with?

Resp: my parents; both father and mother

Int: how do they influence your life?

Resp: they take care of my welfare; they provide for basic needs, they help me in decision making

Int: what kind of decisions?

Resp: the kind of friends I have to keep, maybe I wanted to do something they advice me either for or against it

Int: how do they help you when you want to make major decisions?

Resp: whether major decisions or not, they play a big role in my life. They advice me on things I should do and which can be good for life or those which I should avoid

Int: what are these things 7you are supposed to do?

Resp: have good friends that are well behaved, not to give in to peer-pressure to make them happy

Int: like what?

Resp: drug abuse, drinking and sitting around idle

Int: there are other issues like education, religion, romantic relationships, what do they tell you about that

Resp: they tell me to get into religion for it helps one in making a good foundation in life. They encourage me in my studies so that I can pass my exams and go a step further after which the end result is for my own good. I mess up and I end up miserable, I work hard and aim high and I get a job and live a better happy life.

Int: what are the issues that would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: finance; maybe I want to buy something and I don't have money, then I would go to them or there is a problem I am not sure about, they can advice me

Int: what would stop you from seeking your parent's assistance?

Resp: that is a bit hard for me to say maybe because of age difference

Int: what do you mean age difference?

Resp: I cannot tell them about my girlfriend and related issues

Int: when you say you cannot tell your parents about your girlfriend what do you mean?

Resp: you cannot go tell your parents about your girlfriend, there is age limit; there is a difference from what they know and I know and our ages are very different

Int: what are these things they know or don't know?

Resp: you have girlfriend(s) and maybe they don't recognize that maybe they didn't have girlfriends

Int: if they didn't have those relationships, how did they get together as husband and wife?

Resp: maybe, they were not allowed and maybe they want to do that same thing that was done to them

Int: thank you for your views on that. What personal problems would make you seek their assistance?

Resp: furthering my education and advice on issues I want to handle

Int: what kind of issues are those?

Resp: advice on whether something I want to do in life is worth it, maybe you want to go or move somewhere, you can ask them and from their experience they can give you ideas

Int: what issues would you not approach your parents for?

Resp: it will depend maybe you need advice from someone who is more experienced or has knowledge in a certain field they don't have. You can also go to mentors who can help you make choices in life and all this happens because your parents may not be well versed with education beyond the classroom

Int: what else would you seek advice from apart from education?

Resp: behavior, you can go to someone who can share with you so that you can be like him or her

Int: is there anything else that you would like to make except education and behavior?

Resp: I think those are the only ones I would seek advice for

Int: from whom would you seek this advice from like education?

Resp: someone who has succeeded in education like a doctor, professor etc

Int: and behavior?

Resp: some with good behavior, they can range from school mates to outsiders.

Int: how do your parents punish you?

Resp: they can refuse to do agree to my request if I don't also listen to them

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: maybe they tell you to clean the house and the compound and I don't do it. Later on maybe I want some money for books, they will refuse and remind me of my mistakes

Int: apart from refusing you things, what other method do they use?

Resp: they quarrel me and correct me on

Int: apart from your parents, who else has influence in your life?

Resp: people like Patrick Lumumba who is like a role model

Int: teachers and pastors?

Resp: those are people who can be very helpful in life in character formation

Int: and when you say Patrick Lumumba....

Resp: I like the way he does his things and his level of education

Int: and your siblings?

Resp: just sharing ideas and advising me on what I can avoid or do

Int: let us look at advice from your siblings, parents, role models like Patrick Lumumba, pastors and teachers, how do they influence you on issues like education, behavior, marriage, employment and the like?

Resp: they tell me if I have an objective and pursue it I will go far in my education

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: they don't talk to me about that and that is a personal issue and how he decides to make it and it not easy to look at somebody and apply to yourself what you see about them

Int: how do your friends influence your life?

Resp: we just discuss issues related to our education and how we can go further

Int: and employment?

Resp: not much

Int: tell me of a major problem a sibling or friend was involved in

Resp: being ill suffering from chest pain and he was hospitalized
for a few days. That was the main problem I saw

Int: who was this?

Resp: a friend of mine, he fell down and hurt his back

Int: ok, that is in the past; let us look at a problem whereby one
actually went there knowingly either through carelessness or
something like that was hurt

Resp: my brother was involved in a fight and he was hit in the eye,
to day he still has problems with is eyesight

Int: was he your friend?

Resp: my brother

Int: and a problem your sibling was involved?

Resp: that may not be easy to say because I don't remember any

Int: can you see yourself in a problem like the one your friend was
involved in?

Resp: yes, you can go out there and find yourself involved in a
fight; these things happen

Int: why should that be possible with you?

Resp: you can easily find yourself in disagreements; maybe your
friend does something that may not please and don't agree and

decide to settle it with a fight; you may think you are better off at throwing punches only to find that someone else is much stronger than you

Int: let us now talk about your growing up in this slum; what are the challenges that are facing young people in this slum?

Resp: drug abuse, thefts, prostitution and things like that

Int: tell me about drug abuse

Resp: you find that young people just find themselves involved in that area and are able to control the situation

Int: what other challenge is there?

Resp: unemployment is the cause of all these atrocities

Int: poverty?

Resp: there is a lot of poverty here and there is no employment. Parents don't have jobs so the youths try to fend for themselves

Int: HIV Aids?

Resp: they get STIs and HIV Aids through prostitution

Int: there girls and boys in this community and they face different challenges, are there other challenges apart from what you have mentioned?

Resp: none

Int: and what about security?

Resp: it is not very good either because the youths themselves are the ones who really get involved in these things like thefts, mugging brawls amongst themselves

Int: and ill health?

Resp: it is not good especially when you find that people are involved in things like thefts, they are beaten by people when they are caught, general fights and prostitution

Int: what strategies have they put in place to cope with these challenges?

Resp: projects have been put in place by the government so that they can be employed and be self reliant in order to reduce poverty amongst them

Int: what kind of employments are these?

Resp: when they start projects like toilets, youths are given the responsibility to take care of them and get some income from it. This keeps them busy.

Int: how do you stop fights?

Resp: police have been put in place and most of them don't like falling into police hands so they reduce their activities until late in the night.

Int: What about prostitution?

Resp: we have chief barazas where people are called and educated on the disadvantages of prostitution, the effect it has on ourselves and our families

Int: and drug abuse?

Resp: they try to nab those who are selling those drugs and also there are some groups who go round the slum teaching the youth about drug abuse. Some are from the government and others are private organizations.

Int: do you know of one group that teaches young people to stop using drugs?

Resp: there is one famous one here though I can't remember the name but I will tell you when I do remember. It has been very active here

Int: how do you solve poverty in the community among the youths; are there any strategies that are in place?

Resp: employment and training them in different skills

Int: where would you like to stay?

Resp: places like Runda, Lang'ata, Kileleshwa

Int: why?

Resp: those are high class residential places and it is not easy to find crime taking place in those places, there is security, the environment is quiet

Int: what are the possibilities of you living there?

Resp: there are high hopes because I am hoping that I will proceed to university so that I can get a well paying job and afford those places

Int: what else is giving you that motivation that you will stay there apart from education?

Resp: it is only hard work that can make one attain these things

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: be a doctor and drive a good car

Int: why?

Resp: that is my dream

Int: what efforts are you putting in to achieve that goal?

Resp: working hard at school and also involving myself with people who are well behaved

Int: well behaved; what exactly do you mean?

Resp: the kinds of people I keep my company with are respectful of others, hardworking and not giving in to peer-pressure

Int: what would stop you from achieving this?

Resp: failing in my behavior leading to laziness in my school work. If I don't learn to behave myself, it may not be easy to reach that goal

Int: what level of education do you need to have to reach that goal?

Resp: highest level of education?

Int: what is this highest level of education?

Resp: very high marks

Int: at what level of education will that be?

Resp: A+ and the least should be A-

Int: you said that there are different levels of education, primary, secondary, college and so on, so what level of education do you need to achieve your goal?

Resp: university level

Int: do you think you will attain that?

Resp: of course, I am working hard towards that

Int: you have told me that you are in school

Resp: yes

Int: and would like to be a doctor as an achievement?

Resp: yes

Int: apart from liking the profession, why do you want to be a doctor?

Resp: it has good pay and that will enable me to live in those places I mentioned before, live a good life

Int: live good life; what does that mean?

Resp: have a good house; take your children in good high cost schools,
a good car and such things

Int: is there any important person you have ever talked to about
this profession you have in mind?

Resp: there are counselor and advisers who come to talk to us at
school

Int: what did this person tell you about attaining this goal?

Resp: first and foremost work hard at school and be focused

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: what kind?

Resp: just helping parents and they give you something small as an
appreciation

Int: from our parents or other people?

Resp: from my parents only

Int: what does success mean in this community?

Resp: there are many aspects to success, you can succeed in
education, life where you have money and move to a good house

Int: tell me the difference

Resp: in education you can succeed by having passed your exam with good grades, you have reached university level, that success in education. The other one is you can do your own things and move to another stage which you had set for yourself as a goal in life

Int: give me an example of that

Resp: a good house, a well paid job, maybe you own a car and other wealth

Int: describe for me a person who has succeed in this community

Resp: is of a high level than the others, he has property, a car and is above everybody else in the community

Int: why do you think a car is part of success?

Resp: it means this person can really make it in life because it is not a common thing to own and run a car in a community like this where poverty is the order of the day

Int: what kind of work does he do?

Resp: he is hard working, his children are never sent away from school because of school fees, and he can meet his needs without much hassling

Int: what about in the family?

Resp: good relations with other people

Int: how can you identify a successful young person?

Resp: the kind of work he is doing

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: we have those who are in well paying jobs and that shows he has succeeded in life

Int: is there anything else you can add?

Resp: education also indicates the young person has succeeded; he has attained the highest level of education

Int: like which one?

Resp: degree and proceeding to Masters Level

Int: what else makes youth succeed?

Resp: marriage

Int: how?

Resp: he has succeeded and can now maintain a family

Int: how can you distinguish a well behaved young person and one who is not?

Resp: the way he interacts with other people, the kind of friends he has and the respect he commands in the community among the young and old

Int: so what does he do that makes one say this young man is well behaved; he is not like the others?

Resp: he respects his parents, and he is hard working in every area of his life

Int: what are the challenges facing young people in life?

Resp: involving themselves with politicians

Int: that successful young person and who you say is well behaved, how is he able to cope with these challenges that face young people?

Resp: he is focused and makes good decisions. When he is in a group and they start using drugs, he avoids that group; and to me, that is making a wise decision because he knows it can harm him. He is well behaved and he works hard at school and for example taking on responsibilities at work

Int: you told me that you are living with your children, when you plan to

Resp: yes

Int: when are you planning to move out?

Resp: after university so that I can look for a well paying job and be self reliant

Int: why?

Resp: that time I will have completed university, and getting a job will not be a big issue. Right now I am depending on my parents for all my needs

Int: and at that time what will your age be?

Resp: about 23-24 years

Int: that means if you don't have a job by then or you have not completed your university, you will continue to live with your parents?

Resp: I will look for other jobs to support myself and be self reliant

Int: what is the importance of marriage in your family?

Resp: I think it is one way of getting someone you can share life with, someone you can share ideas with

Int: there are many tribes in Kenya who say they have reasons to get married. In your family, what is the importance of someone getting married?

Resp: it means the person is now adult and can do things on his own, and thus needs someone who they can share things with and help each other; man can call himself the man of the house and can make decisions for the family, he can get children and take on other responsibilities and getting children

Int: do you plan to marry?

Resp: yes

Int: when is that?

Resp: I will marry but not so soon maybe when I am 30 years old

Int: why 30?

Resp: by that time I will have completed school, be working and ready to maintain family because I will be mature enough to take on responsibilities as a man.

Int: what kind of person would you like to marry?

Resp: well behaved, and with good education background up to a good level

Int: what is this good level of education?

Resp: university level and at that level she will also be self reliant without necessarily depending on my

Int: tribe?

Resp: I am not sure but I think I would take a Kikuyu because they have brought me up since I was born to date

Int: what about age difference?

Resp: about five years

Int: why?

Resp: I don't want anyone below my age that is too young because she will appear as a child to me and anyone older, it will appear as if I am out of my mind marrying such a person, it will not appear good. In my custom we consider someone who is older as the one who is in charge of the home and so if woman is older it will not appear as a good picture

Int: what should her family be like?

Resp: that one doesn't really matter but if she is economically well off the better for me

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: the family can show you how much she has gone through and make you understand where she is coming from

Int: now I want us to talk about personal things and remember I told you anything we discuss here is strictly for research purposes, have you had an affair before?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I have not had the interest to do so.

Int: I am asking you that because most people of your age very much involved in relationships

Resp: maybe I have just not met the person who is interested in me but I have not tried that before because I also think of the fact that I am in school and where will I get the time to meet this person. It is still a problem for me to get time for that

Int: had you had sex?

Resp: no

Int: why

Resp: My parents have not encouraged me to do that and I also get more education from religion and it doesn't allow us to do that before marriage and also the fact that I don't have a lover, I don't think I would do it with anyone just like that

Int: when do you think you will start being involved in sex?

Resp: when I get married

Int: why?

Resp: I will have a lover and it also enables me not to get things like HIV Aids, STIs and unwanted pregnancies which will disturb my mind

Int: disturb your mind in which way?

Resp: I will be thinking all the time of what I have done, or the children and this can make me not achieve my goals. I don't want to get involved in anything that is not along my set goal and my family may not be amused about that, I don't want to disappoint them

Int: how does it feel like having not been involved in sex?

REsp: it is something that I am proud of because I have met many of my friends who are involved in sex and they have had their share of problems

Int: do you blame yourself for not having been involved in sex?

Resp No, I have never blamed myself or anyone for that matter

Int last year we had post election violence that took place and many people were affected. Were you affected in any way?

Resp: there was a lot of hatred amongst people and tribes started hating each other

Int: the came with the excuse they are fighting for justice and in the process stealing from people and harming others and they stole from us

Int what about your friends, did they loose things?

Resp: my friend lost the uncle somewhere in Kinangop. The found him on the farm and killed him

Int: were you affected in any way?

REsp when a friend in crying, you also feel the pain

Int: as a person did you get affected in any way?

Resp I was affected and had to be moved to another school because of that problem

Int which school are you now?

Resp I was in St Theresa Boys, now I am in Dagoretti High School

Int there were so many uncertainties during that time and people were not sure what is next, how were you able to cope with this?

Resp: at some point I had to leave for upcountry to avoid being involved in those skirmishes

Int what can you say about the violence?

Resp: there was a lot destruction; incitement from the leaders and
 people just treat these politicians as if they are some small
 gods who should be obeyed

Int what did you like about the violence?

Resp: people discovered what kind of people politicians are and they
 fought for their rights

Int: If I may ask you again, what did you like about the violence?

Resp there was nothing to be happy about it.

Int thank you so much for the time we have had and your answers
 will be useful in this research

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM3Y013

STUDY POINTS

94. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

95. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

96. RESILIENCE

97. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

98. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Adulthood by the respondent is body maturity
2. Main challenge is lack of jobs

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 17

Job/Position title/Occupation: nil

Educational Level: Class five

Ethnic Level: Luo

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Kisumu Ndogo

Background information

Very uncooperative respondent

Int: you are Albert who?

Resp: Otieno

Int: how old are you?

Resp: 17 years

Int: what are you doing now?

Resp: I just completed a course and yet to get a job

Int: so right now you are not working?

Resp: no

Int: level of education?

Resp: form four

Int: what course were you doing?

Resp: (unintelligible

Int: tribe?

Resp: luo

Int: are you married?

Resp: NO

Int: What is the name of this area?

Resp: Korogocho

Int: the whole area is called Korogocho what about this area?

Resp: Kisumu Ndogo

Int: I would like to hear your opinions on adulthood, how can you differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: I don't know

Int: what about age, can that bring out the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: no

Int: why do you say it can't?

Resp: a child someone immature

Int: what about an adult? So does that mean age can differentiate an adult from one who is not?

Resp: yes

Int: what about that one who is working?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: what is the difference?

Resp: silence

Int: and education?

Resp: it does, education is for children

Int: so it can bring out that difference?

Resp: it does

Int: how? If someone is learned, that is an adult and if he is; is
 that an adult or not

Resp: no

Int: so education can differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: no

Int: why can't it differentiate?

Resp: everyone is learning both young and older

Int: what about someone who has left his home and has gone to live
 on his own?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: why is that person an adult?

Resp: because he is self reliant

Int: physical maturity?

Resp: it differentiates because when a boy breaks voice and grows a
 beard or a girl grows breasts, that means they are grown up

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: it doesn't

Int: why?

Resp: it depends

Int: on what?

Resp: long silence

Int: and if one starts engaging in sex?

Resp: it will bring the difference and that is an adult

Int: how will that differentiate in your opinion?

Resp: it cannot differentiate

Int: why do you say that? I am interested in our views

Resp: silence

Int: we have talked about age, someone moving out of the family home to live elsewhere, circumcision, physical maturity and so on, tell me the stages one passes through from infancy to adulthood in your opinion?

Resp: long silence

Int: for example you, what stages do one pass through before being called an adult?

Resp: silence

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: you look at the physical maturity

Int: are you an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: long silence

Int: I am just interested in your views and everything you tell me will be confidential and no one is going to look at it and start commenting or knowing it is you who gave us this information. There is no wrong or right answer all we need are your views. Why do you feel that you are adult, is it because of your age, or you have moved out of home

Resp: am adult

Int: when you are 17 years, you are adult?

Resp: yes

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you believe you are adult?

Resp: no

Int: are there things you do that make you feel you are an adult?

Resp: no

Int: and what are you going through or there are some thing which you do and they make you feel you are still a child?

Resp: no

Int: what do you like about adulthood? You told me that you an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: what do you like now that you are an adult?

Resp: there isn't

Int: is there anything you don't like about being an adult?

Resp: no

Int: you know as adult you have responsibilities and does not depend on parents, what don't you really like about adults?

Resp: it depends on which one

Int: is there any significant thing that has ever happened in your life and you will never forget?

Resp: no

Int: who do you live with?

Resp: parents

Int: how do your parents influence your daily life on issues like accommodation, food and many other?

Resp: they are working

Int: what about in your life, how do they influence it, do they give you food, clothes, accommodation

Resp: yes they do

Int: and when you want to do something, do they advice you on what to do or don't do this or that?

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: silence?

Int: on what issues do your parents give you advice on?

Resp: on employment

Int: what else do they give you advice on?

Resp: only that

Int: ok, what kind of advice do they give concerning education?

Resp: yes

Int: on relationships and how to interact with other people?

Resp: yes they do

Int: what about religion?

Resp: they give me advice

Int: drugs?

Resp: they don't advice me about it

Int: what about sex?

Resp: no, they don't

Int: is there anything else I have not mentioned?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of issues would make you seek advice from your
parents?

Resp: unintelligible

Int: do you have any personal problems that would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: silence

Int: are there issues that would make you seek assistance from other people

Resp: nothing

Int: you don't have any problems that you would seek assistance from anyone apart from your parents?

Resp: no

Int: are there problems you go to your parents for?

Resp: no

Int: supposing you have a girlfriend and she gets pregnant, will you tell your parent?

Resp: yes

Int: so there is no problem that you would not tell your parents

Resp: no

Int: how do your parents discipline you when you are in the wrong?

Resp: they forgive me

Int: before they forgive me, they do what?

Resp: they quarrel and then correct

Int: besides your parents is there anyone else who has influence over your life?

Resp: no

Int: what about your friends, siblings, uncles or aunts; do they influence your life in any way?

Resp: no

Int: tell me about a problem your friend has been involved in

Resp: none

Int: maybe the way people are using drugs, the way people are fighting or being shot down by the police; you don't have any friend who has been involved in such incidents?

Resp: no

Int: as a young person in this area, tell me the problems that you go through and this is for both boys and girls

Resp: many problems

Int: like which ones?

Resp: silence

Int: do people drop out of school here?

Resp: no

Int: maybe someone drops out of school because of lack of school fees?

Resp: no

Int: HIV Aids?

Resp: no

Int: poverty?

Resp: yes

Int: what about insecurity?

Resp: no

Int: harassment by police and others?

Resp: no

Int: police don't come to harass people here?

Resp: no

Int: ill health

Resp: yes

Int: is there anything you would like to add?

Resp: no

Int: you told me that there is unemployment, ill health and poverty as part of the challenges youth face, what strategies have they put in place to be able to cope with these challenges?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: here

Int: why?

Resp: silence

Int: you want to live in Korogocho?

Resp: yes

Int: why don't you want to live in Mathare, Huruma or anywhere else?

Resp: nothing

Int: or is it because your family is here

Resp: I just like it here

Int: are there possibilities of you living here?

Resp: no

Int: why is there no possibility of you living here and yet you said you would like it here?

Resp: there is possibility

Int: there is a possibility of you living here?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you say like that?

Resp: silence (noisy background or music, people talking)

Int: maybe that time you have a job and a house.....

Resp: silence

Int: what are you doing about it to enable you live here?

Resp: I am looking for a job

Int: in your life what would you like to achieve?

Resp: a job

Int: what kind of work?

Resp: any type of work

Int: any type?

Resp: yes

Int: why is that your goals; in life people always say this is what
I would like to do, so you long for a job?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: to help myself

Int: what are you doing to get that job?

Resp: nothing

Int: there is nothing you are doing? You said that you want to
work, is there anything you are doing?

Resp: I am not looking for one ye

Int: what would make you not get the job?

Resp: If I don't have an identity card

Int: in your opinion, for you to get the job you long for, what level of education do you need to have?

Resp: high

Int: high?

Resp: silence

Int: primary, secondary, university or just any training, in our opinion?

Resp: silence

Int: when you say a high level of education what do you mean?

Resp: silence

Int: is it university or what according to your opinion?

Resp: silence

Int: are you in school now?

Resp: no

Int: what would you like to take as a career?

Resp: silence

Int: why are you not in school?

Resp: silence

Int: in case you have a certain reason why you are not in school there is no way you can get help because there is no one who

knows about it. What are the reasons why you are not in school; are there any?

Resp: no

Int: lack of school fees?

Resp: no

Int: do you have any plans to go back to school?

Resp: no

Int: why don't have any plans to go back to school?

Resp: silence

Int: you have no reason?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no

Int: are you doing anything to bring in income?

Resp: no

Int: in this community, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: there is no important

Int: in this area, can you tell me anyone who has been successful?

Resp: no

Int: in your opinion there is no one who has been successful here?

Resp: no

Int: how can you identify a youth who is successful; in your opinion?

Resp: silence

Int: can you identify a successful person?

Resp: no

Int: in your own opinion what distinguishes a young person who is well behaved from the others?

Resp: silence

Int: what does a well behaved young person do or don't do?

Resp: ?????

Int: what else

Resp: going to school

Int: maybe you find a young man whose friends use drugs, they steal from others and so on, what can make this young man not be involved in those things his friends are doing?

Resp: not mix with them

Int: what else?

Resp: ??????

Int: Is there anything else that can make him avoid getting involved in those things?

Resp: ????

Int: what can a young man do to succeed in life; in your opinion?

Resp: work

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: How long do you intend to live with your parents?

Resp: silence

Int: when do you plan to move out?

Resp: when I 25 years old

Int: why do you want to move at 25 and not before? What are the reasons of your moving out?

Resp: silence

Int: what is the reason behind your moving out at the age of 25?

Resp: I will be mature enough

Int: and if you get a job before you reach age 25, will you continue living here?

Resp: yes

Int: is marriage important to you in anyway?

Resp: no

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: when I get a job

Int: what kind of girl would you like to get married to?

Resp: Silence

Int: what would be the age difference?

Resp: at least one year

Int: and tribe, will you consider that too or must you get married to a Luo?

Resp: it is not a must that she be a Luo

Int: what about her character?

Resp: silence

Int: what about her economic background; will you look at that?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever had a girlfriend before?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: nothing

Int: have you ever had sex with anyone?

Resp: no

Int: why? Is there any reason?

Resp: silence

Int: why haven't you had sex before and when do you plan to do
 that?(baby crying in the background, radio playing music)

Resp: silence

Int: when you are how old?

Resp: 20 years

Int: why do you want to have your first sex at the age of 20 years
 old?

Resp: silence

Int: is it because you don't have a girlfriend, money and there is
 no pressure?

Resp: silence

Int: how do you feel about not having ha sex?

Resp: I am happy about it

Int: why?

Resp: silence

Int: why are you happy because you have not been involved in sex?

Resp: silence

Int: do you plan to have children?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: silence

Int: why are you not planning to have children? What are your reasons?

Resp: silence

Int: do you have a reason?

Resp: no

Int: in your opinion what is the right time to start getting children?

Resp: silence

Int: is it when you are working, highly educated or at what age?

Resp: when you are working

Int: why do you feel when you are working is the right time to get children?

Resp: so that you can be able to look after the children well

Int: is there any other reason?

Resp: no

Int: I want us to talk about the post election violence, were you affected by the post election violence or your family?

Resp: we were not affected at all

Int: did it affect people who were working?

Resp: they were not able to go to work

Int: ok, what else? Things like lack of food and being moved from your home by force?

Resp: no

Int: so there was nothing else except being unable to go to work?

Resp: yes

Int: how were you able to cope with the situation at hand not knowing what will happen next?

Resp: nothing

Int: there is no way you were able to handle the situation? What were you doing instead?

Resp: I was just here

Int: so nothing affected you at all?

Resp: No

Int: you were not worried

Resp: we were worried

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: the fighting

Int: what else?

Resp: that only

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: there was nothing good

Int: is there anything you would like to ask me?

Resp: no

Int: anything you would like to add on what we have just discussed?

Resp: no

Int: I am through and thank you so much

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4K004

STUDY POINTS

99. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

100. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

101. RESILIENCE

102. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

103. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. According to the respondent, adulthood is having good habits and being someone who is expected and can give views and people listen whereas a child is not

2. Getting employed, drugs, muggings are the most significant challenges the young people face as a school dropout he feels poverty is the reason for school drop outs in the community as parents are unable to pay school fees
3. The respondent says he is able to resist pressure because of the job he does. It brings income for him
4. The respondent chose to sell soap to keep away from crime and also earn a living from it
5. none

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 20

Job/Position title/Occupation: Self employed

Educational Level: class 7

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Grogan A

Background information

Int: I would like to understand your views on adulthood. What brings out the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: an adult will be known from his habits and a younger person has different habits from the adult

Int: what do you mean habits?

Resp: there are some adults whose behavior is like that of youths, coming to stand on the roadside like the youths whereas there are other adults who are mature and their behavior is totally different from that of the younger people. They don't behave like they are still young and yet the age does not allow them to fit in the younger generation

Int: what else? How about when you move out of the home and are staying alone

Resp: there is a big difference because when you live alone you take on a lot more responsibilities whereas when you are at home, someone else does that for

Int: so is there a difference between adults and children in regard to moving out of the home and leaving alone?

Resp: there is a way you feel uncomfortable living with children in the same household and again there is a way you need to have them around

Int: what responsibilities do adults do that children don't?

Resp: adults can smoke, have personal projects, form groups and children cannot do all those things on their own

Int: what about circumcision; does it bring out the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: that goes with age, when you reach a certain age and you feel you want to be circumcised you can do it but if you are an adult and not yet circumcised, there is definitely something wrong with you as an adult

Int: how old should one to be circumcised?

Resp: after primary education is good before going secondary

Int: what about being in employment?

Resp: there is a difference because for the younger generation, you will find that they have their rooms well made, there is music, the latest that is; the arrangement of the room is much different from that of an adult maybe with adults he will just have the necessities and possibly a Bible there

Int: from the explanations you have just given me, can you describe for me the stages a child passes before reaching an adult?

Resp: a child goes through very many stages

Int: how?

Resp: the way you bring him up is what will shape his future. If his parents are rough, don't care what he does and don't even ask

him anything; that is the way he will grow and behave when he is adult.

Int: I would like to know the stages he passes through before he becomes an adult

Resp: on a daily basis everything is new to him

Int: what I want to know for example from being born, what next, I would like to hear your view

Resp: he passes through many things before reaching there or example you will get others getting ill along the way.....others are fighting now

Int: let us forget about those ones, you were saying after birth they grow and along the way they get ill and still grow,

Resp: the environment also determines the way he grows because if he grows under a violent environment where people are always fighting and killing each other, it also affects him otherwise growing up is very fast

Int: what does the child pass through before becoming an adult, not the lifestyle?

Resp: he is born, crawls and starts standing with aid of things and as days go on, he also grows and becomes taller; he is mobile, starts talking and can now differentiate the parents. And so the days and weeks go by until he is adult.

Int: from what you have just told me, can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: I have never compared myself with an adult

Int: why

Resp: I am yet to be that mature to be considered at an adult.
Adults have a lot of things to consider

Int: like?

Resp: they are many

Int: I just want to hear a little bit

Resp: ahhh

Int: what are you experiencing in your life right now that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: have a family, living on your own, and being self reliant. You find yourself hassling more and living a better life than that adult

Int: how do the adult live?

Resp: when you are still maturing there is a way you can get your things done faster than an adult for example, you can get employment faster than an older person because you are lighter and fast in doing things than an adult

Int: what experiences do you go through the make you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: I don't drink like adults, I don't go looking for jobs on construction sites, and there is still the way you go about romantic relationships is not the same way you do when you are an adult

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: sometimes there are some things that are painful when you see them in someone's house who you consider as an adult. You maybe with him but his behavior alone put you off. Someone is adult and still wants to bring small girls and women in his house during the day and later they leave, it is a bad picture and yet he has a wife and children. So the moment he dispatches the wife and kids upcountry he comes back with a woman

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: it is hard to describe but the way an adult behaves, towards himself and his family, he has maintained, maybe he has some properties and when you look at that family you admire it and long to be an adult and do the same things

Int: what is the most significant event in your life?

Resp: I remember my best friends, who we were at school together, we had gone our rounds and I hurt my leg. It took a long time to heal and my mother could insist that I go to school even when she was seeing the leg was swollen and paining. I will never forget what I went through.

Int: now I would like us to talk about your family and how you grew up there. Who do you live with right now?

Resp: my mother, my father is upcountry and my mother is here with me

Int: how much influence do your parents have on your life?

Resp: these people are very important in my life; I don't know where I would today if it were not for them. I don't think I would be where I am today and be able to do what I am doing today. So they are very important people in my life; the way my mother has brought me up it has been a light in my ways. Her advice has really helped me to be where I am today; she always advice you on how you can improve yourself

Int: does she have any influence on your decision making?

Resp: not so much because I do things which I believe they are good and when she says no, she also has her own reasons. But again there are things she also advices me on and I do which are for my own good

Int: what about your accommodation, how you will feed and the like?

Resp: that is up to me

Int: on what issues do your parents give you advice?

Resp: for example working harder and living outside Korogocho where there is security, people are humble and friendly. Her hope is that all of us move out and she doesn't mind living here until she goes back upcountry

Int: what about things related to education?

Resp: I left topics related to education long time ago

Int: what else do they offer advice on?

Resp: how to live peacefully with others, how to interact with them and avoid temperaments.

Int: do they give you advice on behavioral change?

Resp: those are things one is told when you are still young and you grow up learning and practicing them but not at a later stage in life. When you are an adult you can decide to do it or not since you are responsible of your own actions

Int: what advice do you get from your parents related to romantic relationships?

Resp: that is my decision (noisy background) though they insist on taking my time to choose a partner and when I do so not to change because that is my choice

Int: what about drugs abuse?

Resp: we only discuss those kind of things if we are talking about a family that does that but in my family we don't drink, smoke or do such kinds of things

Int: and on marriage?

Resp: we have never sat down to discuss that but we handle things the way they come

Int: what kind of issues would you seek help from your parents

Resp: if you move out and at some point you are unable to support yourself, you can ask support from them

Int: what issues would stop you from seeking advice from your parents?

Resp: If you are a rowdy child, a drunkard, you are not in agreement with other people most times; it is not easy to get assistance from your parents

Int: what are you?

Resp: I am a humble person

Int: what personal problems would lead you to seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: maybe the kind of things I do may not please other people but others will like them so I cannot tell my parents something like that

Int: give me examples of personal problems that would lead you to seek help from your friends

Resp: the ones I have just told you, the way you behave in the community, the joints you visit and which may not be pleasing to them, gossiping about you and also being framed for things you have not done, those kinds of things can make you go to seek their advice so that you may know what step to take

Int: what other issues would you look for assistance from other people and not your parents?

Resp: I cannot sit with my parents talking about my wife or my house; you share it with other people who can give you advice. Things to do with drinking and maybe misbehaving, you can only share it with someone else

Int: who is that someone else?

Resp: someone who you are very social with it can either be a younger person or an older one because I also have some older people who I can share with

Int: why the older people?

Resp: they are more frank and direct with me than my parents

Int: how do you get punished by your parents when you do wrong?

Resp: just repeat the question

Int: who gives you advice or corrects you when you do wrong?

Resp: that one can be from anyone depending on where the act was done

Int: what kind of mistakes would get correction on from someone else?

Resp: I run a small business and it not easy to say what kind of mistakes can be corrected because I meet different people with different issues and react differently to all of them

Int: besides your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: my friends, cousins, uncles and aunts

Int: do your brothers influence your behavior?

Resp: my brother is younger than me so there is nothing he can tell me

Int: and your friends, how do they influence you on behavior?

Resp: that is difficult because from Monday to Saturday, I am very busy so the time to talk to them I don't have at all. Maybe we meet on the road while I am going about my business but to find me standing on the roadside that we are discussing is not possible. You can never find me in such a situation

Int: tell me a major problem that your sibling or friend has been involved in

Resp: there are things that happen here for example you find your best friend has just mugged someone and when you try to tell the person, he doesn't like correction or you meet a drunkard trying to harass someone who has accompanied you. When you try to correct them, they feel bad about you

Int: do you see yourself in such a problem?

Resp: no, that is difficult because I am busy from Monday to Saturday, and daily from 8am - 6pm, it is not easy to find myself in such situation or problem.

Int: I would like us to talk about your growing up in this slum. Tell me about the challenges that young people face in this community?

Resp: rivaling, the problem with young people in this community is that when they see someone doing something, they also start it and don't do it well then they fail. It is good to come up with your own idea and put it into action but when you copy from others the exact thing, you can never make it because that is someone's idea you are trying to steal

Int: what are the others; does domestic violence occur often?

Resp: that is where the problem is, you get young people just killing others with no thought in them for example an adult will be mugged say with some Kikuyu youths, and when it is discovered the people who did that, and maybe for example it was a Luo being mugged, all of them will group and come to attack the kikuyu

Int: how does that affect the young people in the community?

Resp: if the others happen to know about it you can never step in that area or else you will leave the place dead

Int: is unemployment a challenge to the youth?

Resp: yes

Int: in which way?

Resp: a lot of youths in this area don't like getting tired and even if there is a plan for work, the few who are hard working are the ones who will come to see that it is all about but the

rest are lazy. Projects come but not all are ready to do anything, they prefer lazing around

Int: what about poverty?

Resp: that one I don't know

Int: and HIV Aids?

Resp: that is difficult to know because it is an individual matter.

Int: ill health?

Resp: that is difficult to know because most of them spend their time eating miraa

Int: you told me that there are these things like thefts, unemployment and so on, what strategies have the young people put in place to cope with the situation?

Resp: most of them go to dumpsites to scrap and sell

In : where would like to live?

Ewso: where there is no noise, the environment is cool

Int: and where is that?

Resp: a place like Kasarani

Int: why?

Resp: the security is ok and they don't mug people like here. Those young people on that end don't have evil minds like here. It is a quiet and clean environment. I like living in a place where people like developments

Int: what efforts are you doing to enable you achieve this goal?

Resp: working hard with what I do and getting satisfied with what I do

Int: what are the possibilities of living in a place like that?

Resp: having the hope to do something

Int: what is the most important thing that you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: making my own life meaning that I could like to make own house and have a family

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: I have seen adults whose life is easy because of the way they live and take things simple. Whatever they do for example the money they get does not include house rent

Int: what would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: so long as I trust myself, I don't see anything that can hinder me from achieving my goal

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve this goal?

Resp: even upto university but as for me, what I do today and my kittle business, I think I have hope I can make it. Whatever education I have is enough and I don't see myself adding more education on that, I have reached my highest level.

Int: why?

Resp: it is because I have seen people train for certain careers or things and at the end o the day, it is not what they do

Int: are you in school?

Resp: my time or going to school is over; my years of attending school are over

Int: you told me that don't like schooling, do you plan to back go to school

Resp: no

Int: have you ever been involved in income activities?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you?

Resp: at 19 years

Int: what are your feelings about the job?

Resp: the one I am doing right now?

Int: yes

Resp: I have no problem with it, and I have learnt something in life to be self independent, when I want shoes, I buy. Clothes and the rest of the things, I do it myself

Int: why do you like this job of making soup?

Resp: I find it ok with me and the profit I get is enough to do what I want. Many people don't like that job

Int: on a monthly basis how much do you earn?

Resp: silence

Int: what do you use the money for?

Resp: rent and other personal effects

Int: in this community what does success mean?

Resp: to talk about succeeding or the meaning, we are still a long way to reach there

Int: can you tell me of anyone who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: it is not easy to know because most people don't like showing off and they do their things secretly, it is hard

Int: maybe you can see what the person does or owns something

Int: no, they just go about their work and do their things in private

Int: what kind of work do they do?

Resp: business; they run small businesses. You can find someone has a shade where he buys and sells scrap, selling charcoal

Int: tell me what distinguishes a successful young man from the others

Resp: silence

Int: I would like to hear from you what distinguishes a successful young person from the others

Resp: the kind of life they lead and you also hear from other people when they say that person has succeeded

Int: what do they say about the person?

Resp: he has wealth, he has rental houses

Int: and what else?

Resp: silence

Int: how do you differentiate a well mannered young man from the others?

Resp: you will find a young man running his own business, the life he is leading will show that he is well behaved

Int: how will you know that he is well behaved?

Resp: his hard work. He will do his work with passion and you will never find him in groups idling around the community, he always busy, focused on developing himself

Int: what does he do to cope with these challenges in the community like drinking, taking drugs and the like?

Resp: he may start saving slowly by slowly and after a while goes to the bank and gets a loan and comes to start some small business to keep himself busy. He won't have time to go to the groups and they will not like to come to him because he has no time for them

Int: how can a young person in this community succeed?

Resp: his objective, whatever his objective is and how hard he works towards it

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: they live nearby

Int: did you start living alone or with your fiancée?

Resp: alone

Int: why did you decide to leave your parent's home?

Resp: I had just reached a stage where I felt uncomfortable living with them so I moved out. There are things I needed to do and it would not be nice to do them when living with my parents

Int: what did you experiences and feelings when you first left your home to come and start living alone; how old were you when you moved out of home?

Resp: about 22 years

Int: did you have any fears about moving out?

Resp: no, I was ready for it

Int: how happy were you when you moved out?

Resp: I was very happy and I knew I had taken a new step in life now my plate is my business not my parents

Int: plate?

Resp: I mean I was being fed by my parents now I had to do it but I was happy

Int: how do you feel living on your own?

Resp: very happy, I feel settled

Int: what challenges do you meet as a young person living alone?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: are you married?

Resp: no

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: next year

Int: why next year?

Resp: I feel I need a partner from next year

Int: how do you come to that decision of getting married at that particular time?

Resp: it is just a personal decision that I am now ready to face married life be it in thick and good times

Int: what kind of person do you intend to marry?

Resp: a God fearing person even if she is blind but God fearing

Int: age?

Resp: about 20 years

Int: what about her economic situation?

Resp: I don't mind a housewife so long as I am able to provide for her

Int: have you ever had a girlfriend

Resp: yes

Int: have you had sex before?

Resp: yes

Int: tell the first sex experience, how old were you?

Resp: about 20 years

Int: how old was she?

Resp: about 17 years

Int: what is the relationship like today?

Resp: we separated

Int: why did you decide to have sex with her?

Resp: that was around 2005 and just wanted to try

Int: did you use any protection during that time?

Resp: no

Int: why didn't you use a protection?

Resp: it was not easy those days to get those things and being the first time you don't the courage to suggest that, you are still shy

Int: when did you get your first baby?

Resp: last year

Int: tell me about your partner's first pregnancy, had you planned for it

Resp: No, I wasn't prepared but there it was

Int: how do you feel being a parent?

Resp: I just accepted it but it was a challenge for me because I had to start planning on how the baby will be taken care off, there isn't much difference

Int: do you feel you are an adult now that you are a parent?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I have not been living with these people and I am still learning them

Int: what are the challenges you meet as parent?

Resp: looking for work and coming back very tired

Int: what are your concerns and feelings about young people of your age who are in the process of being parents?

Resp: that is difficult to say because you will meet couples who are living peacefully, others fight every other day and so on

Int: the problems they go through?

Resp: silence

Int: let me ask you one more question; how did the post election violence affect you?

Resp: not very much apart from business going down and people loosing their property through arson

Int: how were you able to cope with the uncertainties that followed the violence?

Resp: nothing,

Int: and your relatives?

Resp: they were just here and least concerned

Int: income?

Resp: most people had to move out and income activities were lessened

Int: were you affected where you live?

Resp: no, if it is running, we all ran like the others, come to throwing stones, we all did that so everyone was using their own self defense

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: people died without a valid course, children were orphaned, and businesses closed down and people destroying other's properties

Int: what did you like about it?

Resp: when everything stopped and people were now at peace and living as before even though they had lost so much

Int: now, I think I will end here and I am happy for your
responses; they will be useful in this research.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4K007

STUDY POINTS

104. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
105. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
106. RESILIENCE
107. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER
PATHS
108. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21

Job/Position title/Occupation: student

Educational Level: University first year

Ethnic Level: Somali

Marital Status: single,

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Highridge

Background information

Int: I would like to understand from you the different between
an adult and one who is not

Resp: thinking capacity and behavior

Int: what do you mean by behavior?

Resp: behavior is the way a person reacts, from his actions you
can determine an adult and a person who is not

Int: is it by age?

Resp: may the number years

Int: maybe you can expand on that?

Resp: maybe one is 30 years and the other is 12 years

Int: so how does that differentiate; who is older here?

Resp: an adult starts from 18 years and above and below that is
a child

Int: what about parenthood, what distinguishes an adult from a
child?

Resp: a child and an adult?

Int: yes

Resp: an adult has more responsibilities in life whereas a child
has no experience of life at all and he cannot be a parent

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: we believe that a child should be circumcised at a young age

Int: what about one who has already involved themselves in sex?

Resp: an older person or adult will know the risks of having casual sex and the STIs and will be cautious in the way he does it

Int: physical maturity; what is the difference?

Resp: of the two?

Int: yes

Resp: ok, one leads to another, a child develops physically or sexually is heading to an adult

Int: from these explanations, can you describe for the stages one goes through from childhood to adulthood?

Resp: a child has to go through infancy stage, weaned and then after a while goes to school, passes through adolescence and then from there he is also maturing physically, emotionally and then becomes an adult

Int: looking at yourself today, how do you see yourself in relation to adulthood?

Resp: if I compare myself?

Int: yes

Resp: I have changed

Int: in what way?

Resp: my thinking capacity is that of an adult, behavior; I need to be humble for the society to accept me, and I am more responsible because when we are children we live in a world of fantasy but now it is reality itself

Int: ok, what are the things that are happening in your life that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: first, there is pressure from the society, society needs more from you, they expect more from you now, they expect you to work, marry, feed so it makes you feel you are adult and then there is the body growth, things like beards for boys, makes you feel I have gone to another stage from childhood to adult

Int: what would make you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: when you meet your fellow youths, you behave differently from when you are with the older men for example, you go playing football with the others, and you feel you are still a child

Int: what do you like about being an adult?

Resp: it is good because first of all you earn respect from others and become influential

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: what I don't like about adulthood is high expectations at ago

Int: where do these expectations come from?

Resp: from the society; you are now grown up you cannot feed anytime as before but have to look for employment and feed yourself

Int: what is the most significant event that happened to you?

Resp: anything?

Int: Yaa

Resp: while I was doing the KCSE exams, I had a dislocated shoulder and was in a lot of pain

Int: Then what happened?

Resp: I was in a lot of pain and fainted and here I was doing my exams

Int: when was that?

Resp: 2005

Int: let us talk about your growing up in this family and your parents. Who do you live with?

Resp: my mother

Int: what influence do your parents have over your life?

Resp: they advice me how to take care of my life and avoid bad company,

Int: do they influence your decision making in life?

Resp: Them?

Int: yes

Resp: maybe on parenthood but generally they don't have much influence in other areas of my life. I depend on my own decisions

Int: and where you should stay?

Resp: they are providing for my accommodation

Int: sustainability of life?

Resp: they support me as their child

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: they provide what they can

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: how to be a good person in the society and how to relate/interact with other people and be at peace with them, how to choose friends that are good

Int: what kind of advice do they give you in relation to religion?

Resp: pray; prayer is next to Godliness

Int: romantic relationships?

Resp: they advice me to avoid casual sex and wait till marriage

Int: what about drugs?

Resp: they advice me not to ever try using them and they tell me about the effects of using drugs and give examples of people who have ruined their lives because of that. They are very harsh on this

Int: what advice do they tell you about education?

Resp: they advice me to complete my schooling first, that is college then they or I can look for a girl to marry but they told me that they will give me an opportunity to choose a girl for myself

Int: I didn't think people still do that

Resp: well, there is the modern world but some of those traditions are still practiced with our parents

Int: what kind of issues would make you look for assistance from your friends?

Resp: financial, when I am dressed and maybe issues on medical

Int: what kind of issues would you not approach your parents for help?

Resp: issues related to relationships with girlfriends, going for outings and having a good time

Int: ok, what are the personal problems that you would approach your parents for?

Resp: marriage, to tell them to look for a girl for me and that I am ready for one

Int: is there anything else personal that would make you approach them?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of issues would you seek help from other people other than your parents?

Resp: education materials, sponsorship on school fees,

Int: who would you approach?

Resp: a close friend

Int: why a close friend?

Resp: that is somebody I have come a long way with and can give me a shoulder to lean on

Int: how do your parents punish you when you have made a mistake?

Resp: when I was young, they used to give me a beating and throw me out of the house because of anger but now we talk it over

Int: besides your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: brother

Int: how does he influence your behavior?

Resp: he advices me and he has set an example of himself which I follow

Int: how does he influence in regard to your job?

Resp: I don't have a job so that is not possible for now

Int: ok, and on education?

Resp: he used to buy for me books and he also helps in paying for my school fees

Int: do your friends influence your life on behavior?

Resp: we meet and talk and there are times they take me to seminars on behavior change

Int: what about on education?

Resp: they don't have that much influence but they give me the moral

Int: what about on marriage?

Resp: we don't discuss much on that with them

Int: about relationships?

Resp: not much, people just show off with their girlfriends

Int: tell me of a big problem your friend has been involved in

Resp: a friend of mine had a girlfriend but her parents were not happy with him so he was thrown in the cells for three months

Int: do you see yourself in such situation?

Resp: from what I saw, I learnt a lot from that incident

Int: why?

Resp: he really suffered and I would not want to find myself in such a situation

Int: let us talk about your growing up in this community; tell me about the challenges young people face in this neighborhood

Resp: first, there are no jobs opportunities making them idle and involve in criminal activities like mugging, thefts whereas girls go into prostitution

Int: what about poverty?

Resp: there are those who drop out of school because poverty and then in Kenya today to move a step further, you need a godfather of money to bribe your way out

Int: HIV Aids?

Resp: how poverty contributes to HIV Aids?

Int: no, is that a challenge to the youth?

Resp: first it is ignorance and many of them don't know the repercussions of engaging in casual sex and spreading of the same

Int: what about ill health?

Resp: as a challenge, well medication is expensive and it not easy to afford it

Int: what strategies are young people in this community using to cope with these challenges?

Resp: they form CBOS and through that, they are educated on issues like AIDS and other diseases, they also do IGAs to get something to help themselves

Int: like which ones?

Resp: garbage collection and DSTV play stations

Int: which neighborhood would you like to live in?

Resp: I really long to come out of this place and go somewhere where there are well built houses

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: this place is not well conditioned and then there is air pollution. It is not a good place to relax from

Int: is there a possibility of staying in such a place?

Resp: there is because right now I am planning to finish college and look for a job. There are high chances for me to live in such place

Int: what is the most important thing you would like to achieve in your life?

Resp: I want to be an influential person in future?

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: a person to be look on, a person who is respected
everywhere and has wealth. I have only ten minutes left
before I go back to class

Int: ok, let us finish off. What efforts are you making
towards achieving this goal?

Resp: I am working hard at school

Int: what would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: if I am unable to complete school because of financial
constraints

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve your goal
in life?

Resp: a degree would not be bad

Int: do you see yourself reaching that level of education?

Resp: yes, that is where I am now

Int: what career do you plan to pursue?

Resp: medicine

end

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4K009

STUDY POINTS

- 109. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 110. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 111. RESILIENCE

SALIENT POINTS

- 5. Respondent equates adulthood to someone over 18 years
- 6. Lack of employment is the biggest challenge the respondent faces and the young person at large
- 7. The respondent is able to keep out of peer pressure because some of his friends had been shot dead

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 20

Job/Position title/Occupation: employed (Salaried)

Educational Level: Primary class 8

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: Zero

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Grogan

Background information

Transcriptor's notes: *recording good except respondent not audible enough and the way he is answering the questions, sounds like he is in a lot of pain, voice muffled, keep complaining of stomachache from time to time. A very sick respondent!*

Int: I want to understand from you what differentiates an adult and one who is not?

Resp: the difference is that you have grown up as adult and the things you do shows that you are adult

Int: by looking at someone's age, does that tell you that this person is an adult or not?

Resp: you can differentiate one who is grown up

Int: so how do you determine an adult; at what age?

Resp: age 18 years and above (I have a stomachache)

Int: what is the difference between a person who takes responsibilities and one who doesn't?

Resp: I don't know what to tell you on that

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: for men it means they are adult

Int: and physical maturity

Resp: unintelligible

Int: at what age does one get circumcised?

Resp: at the age of 18 years

Int: and what shows he is adult?

Resp: he grows a beard

Int: and what about girls?

Resp: the chest enlarges

Int: what about sex?

Resp: only adults are allowed to have sex

Int: tell the stages one goes through before being an adult

Resp: he plays football with fellow boys, running around with tyres
pretending they are cars

Int: when you look at yourself, are you adult or not?

Resp: I am an adult because I am always busy

Int: most of the answers are inaudible and the recording has only
four minutes. Three quarters of the following are notes

Q3: I can work, being childish

Int:

Q4: possibly living with my mother

Q5: what am happy about is that when you are working you cannot
sleep hungry

Q6: no

Int: can you remember of any significant event in your life?

Resp: when I hurt my leg, it is very painful right now

Int: what happened, were you involved in any scuffle or what?

Resp: it was just purely by bad luck that I was hit by a car

Int: when did this happen?

Resp: I cannot remember

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: my mother

Q9 Int: how involved is she in your daily life?

Resp: she takes care of all my welfare

Int: what else?

Resp: she buys the food for us

Int: What kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Q10: none

Int: what kind of advice do they give you on education?

Q11: they really because I am through with it and she advices me
not to steal from people

Int: why?

Resp: because it is not a good habit

None

Int: and what advice does she give you on drugs?

Resp: none

Int: What would you seek advice from your parents?

Resp: maybe I have been caught by the police and request her to come
and remove me from the police cells

Int: for what reasons would you not look for help from your parents?

REsp: none

Int: what personal problems would make you go to your mother to seek for help?

Resp: maybe when I am married and I don't have any money on me

Int: as we continue, what problems would make you seek for help from anyone else besides your parents?

Resp: Problems

Int: what kind of problems?

Resp: they can also support you when you have a wife and you don't have any money at all to use

Int: my sympathies for the pain, God will see you through the pain. From whom else can you get help from?

Resp: someone I can trust

Int: why someone you trust?

Resp: because of his good characteristics

Int: when you make a mistake how does your parent punish you?

REsp : noise in the background

Int: how do your siblings influence you on issues related to your behavior?

REsp: to avoid those are people who are drunkards; they cannot be of any assistance to me

Q15: tell me of any significant problem your friend was involved in?

Resp: he stole and was taken to Kamiti Maximum prison

Int: do you see yourself in that kind problem of stealing?

Resp No

Int why do you say that?

Resp: I am able to control my life

Q17: I would like us to talk about your being in this community; what are the challenges facing youths in this community?

REsp problems

Int: what kind of problems?

Resp: financial

Int what about finances?

REsp they don't have the money

Int: what else; employment?

Resp: there are very many things

Int I would like to know about these many things

Resp: there is unemployment and people are so many

Int: AIDS?

Resp: that is a very embarrassing situation

Int: what else?

REsp: it affects many people

Int: in what way?

Resp: many people have lost their jobs

Int: and dropping out of school or poverty?

Resp: yes

Int: what does it do?

Resp: it increases poverty in the society

Int: what strategies have the young people put in place to enable them cope with these challenges?

Resp: Looking for jobs to do instead of being idle

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: in Buruburu

Int: why

Resp: It is a good place, life there is good, it is not like here in the slum and there are no petty problems there

Int: what are the possibilities of you living there?

Resp: there is nothing you can do without money; if you are poor you cannot live there,

Int: what would you like to achieve in life:

Resp: unintelligible (voice completely muffled)

Int: do you see yourself living there?

Resp: I think so

Int: I think I will let you lie down for a while for the pain to settle then we can continue with this interview another day

Resp: yes

Int: bye

The interview had to end as the guy was not audible enough and also he was very sick

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4K022

STUDY POINTS

112. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

113. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

114. RESILIENCE

115. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

116. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Adulthood is defined by respondent as being mature or sensible talk.
An adult talks sense while a child does not
2. Drug usage. He also faced pressures from his friends to engage in sex
3. The respondent says that the youth have formed a football team where they meet to play and encourage one another. They also engage in clean-up activities and earn a little money.
4. Respondent wants to become a doctor so as to come back and help the community where he currently lives (Korogocho)
5. Government needs to put in place measures to curb cases like those of the post election violence

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 16

Job/Position title/Occupation: Schooling

Educational Level: Form three

Ethnic Level: luhya

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Highridge

Background information

Transcriptor's note: Mental stability of the patient. Where I have indicated gap, it means there is practically nothing, it was somehow cut off

Int: in your opinion what is the difference between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: the way an adult expresses himself is different from the way a child will do. Adults say things which are sensible

Int: an adult is the one who says sensible things

Resp: yes

Int: what else?

Resp: the kind of things a child will do an adult will either agree to it or discipline the child

Int: for example?

Resp: you get abusive words from children when they are playing and they don't mind who is hearing what they are talking about but an adult will choose when to say such things if he has to and the environment will determine what or how he expresses himself

Int: how about taking responsibilities

Resp: a child is more like a parasite, he depends on the parents and he cannot go out to work like an adult

Int: marriage?

Resp: marriage is for adults though in a few cases young persons do that and to show they are still children in their minds, they still depend on their parents for their upkeep

Int: what about those are parents but outside marriage?

Resp: most of them are still children because they cannot look after their own babies and have to depend on the parents who also get children

Int: so it cannot bring out the difference between adults and young persons?

Resp: not much, the difference is very small if any

Int: what about moving out of home?

Resp: that brings out the difference though small also. Some young persons just move out without thinking of the consequences ahead of them and when life becomes hard out there, they depend on parents again.

Int: you are saying a child will move out but is not aware of the consequences?

Resp: yes

Int: that act of moving out, does it bring out the difference between an adult and a child

Resp: it doesn't

Int: he can move out peacefully or hid and ran away from home; it can be for any reason but he has moved out of the home

Resp: my opinion is yes and no. Yes because he is now stable and can look after himself so that brings the difference and no, he can move out but unable to fend for himself meaning that he is not mature yet though he made that decision to move out. As he

goes through the challenges he starts getting bitter with people and life in general

Int: what you mean is that adults can move out and also there are younger people who can move out also

Resp: yes, the younger ones do that either because of peer-pressure and it is also a sign of immaturity

Int: what about education?

Resp: adults don't go to school they are busy looking for income to fend for the children who are going to school.

Int: and engaging in sex?

Resp: adults can do that and face the consequences but children are usually not able to face the consequences and they do it for the fun of it

Int: does it bring out the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: it differentiates because an adult has the right to do it because he is married but a child is not married and it is just roaming and satisfying his emotions

Int: so is there a difference?

Resp: it doesn't

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: that goes with different communities, some communities, when a boy is circumcised, automatically he is considered an adult,

there are some who circumcise new born babies, and still there are others who don't circumcise their men but still at a certain age they know this person is mature and can be classified as an adult because he will now be expected to behave in a certain way

Int: that is what happens in those communities and I want to hear your own opinion on this. What about physical maturity?

Resp: no it doesn't because you will find some who are big bodied but they are still children.

Int: from what we have just learned, can you tell me the stages a person goes through from infancy to adulthood?

Resp: a child is born, breastfeeds, then starts mingling with others as he grows, playing childish games, the body also starts expanding and with time he stops doing some things like the child like going out barefoot, now he thinks of putting on shoes, at a certain age he is circumcises

Int: at what age is that?

Resp: and given advice on how to behave as an adult and by the time he is 14-16 he starts behaving like a real grown up. He leaves childish ways.

Int: he behaves like an adult but is not an adult yet?

Resp: no, he is not.

Int: ok, just continue until he becomes an adult

Resp: when he reaches the age of 18, he becomes an adult because he is now able to make independent decisions without necessarily consulting the parents

Int: for example which kind of decision doesn't he tell the parents about?

Resp: If he wants to get a girlfriend, he makes the decision

Int: when you look at yourself now, do you consider yourself an adult in your opinion?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: what makes you feel an adult

Resp: ...there are issues you can be involved

Int: like which ones?

Resp: settling disputes, you give your views and opinion then you come up with decisions, that shows you are mature and whatever comes out of you can be of help

Int: what is the most significant event in your life?

Resp: it is significant because we were used to meet and sitting in open places and then all of a sudden one day she came and told me that she wanted us to have sex, I was surprised and shocked

Int: you will not continue there...why do you remember that incident so much; how old were you?

Resp: 17 years

Int: you told me that you are 19 currently (GAP)

Resp: ???

Int: let us now talk about your growing up and your parents; who do you live with here?

Resp: I live alone here

Int: what influence do your parents have on your life?

Resp: I will mention a few; they have been very helping in my decision making and advising me on how to handle certain cases

Int: what kind of cases are these?

Resp: an example is boyfriend and girlfriend; they advice me on the age at which I can start engaging in such things and to date, I have come from far. I am about to complete my schooling and they provide my basic needs.

Int: so they provide for you basic needs

Resp: yes, apart from paying school fees, they also offer advice

Int: do they advice you on issues like (unintelligible, gap)

Resp: yes, the church and putting God first

Int: how about drugs?

Resp: they do advise me on the same, one is not supposed to use them in life

Int: ?

Resp: they have not done that

Int: what issues or problems would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: none, when I am not able to I (unintelligible)

Int: what issues would you not approach your parents or advice?

Resp: private issues

Int: which ones?

Resp: I cannot go and tell them that I have a girlfriend.

Int: what problems

Resp: we have no already discussed that?

Int:questions of education?

Resp: my parents are not near and they send me money so I can become broke before they send me more

Int: so they send you money?

Resp: yes,

Int: ?? (gap)

Resp: through someone else

Int: you cannot go direct to them?

Resp: the reason why I don't go to them is because I always feel I am disturbing them

Int: where else can you seek assistance from?

Resp: neighbours or friends

Int: who administers punishment when you do wrong apart from those who have influence over your life?

Resp: my friends

Int: tell me of a significant event or problem a friend or sibling has been involved in

Resp: a friend of mine used to be on drugs though he used to hide until recently when it was discovered and he is now under treatment

Int: now I want us to look at the community (gap)

Resp:use of drugs

Int: I have never used drugs in my life

Resp: security?

Int: drunkenness, unemployment, and early pregnancies are some of the causes of insecurity in this community

Resp: early pregnancy and sickness leads to school dropout

Int: ill health does it affect young people in this community?

Resp: gap

Int: gap

Resp: we have formed a football club and we will go to play at St John's as we encourage each other on cleanliness. We meet and

do cleaning the environment around us. The people in the community give us a little money for that

Int: this money is given out by the residents to the youth?

Resp: yes

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: I would like to live here and even if I prosper, I just want to live here. What we need are changes so that they can become like those other estates

Int: when the time comes

Resp: when the times comes, I will try to see how they can get employment because I will be in a position to help them

Int: what makes you feel this dream will come to be true?

Resp: education is life and I am trying my level best by working hard. When you have wisdom or knowledge, there is no way you can fail in achieving your goals

Int: gapeducation

Resp: read hard at school

Int: edu?????

Resp: University

Int:

Rsp: If I work hard at it

Resp: if they are pulling down something, like constructions

Int: how old were you on your job working on construction sites,
why did you leave it?

Resp: I didn't like it and it was very strenuous for me

Int:

Resp: I do when it comes my way

Int: what kind of work is that?

Resp: working on construction sites so that I can get some income

Int: ?

Resp: I would like to be a doctor so that I can come back and help
my people here in the community

Int:

Resp: None

Int:

Resp:

Int: success mean in this community?

Resp: have money and live in a good estate

Int: what about those who live here?

Resp: someone with business, with a car and does not socialize much
with tenants

Int: what his family is like?

Resp: he doesn't work

Int:

Resp: a successful young person is one who is able to interact with people well

Int: what distinguishes well behaved young person from one who is not?

Resp: avoids bad company like those who use drugs

Int: and a youth can??

Resp: do his things well, work hard and be determined in everything he does. If he is employed, he should work hard and he will succeed

Int: let us talk about family and marriage, where are your parents currently?

Resp: they are upcountry, my father retired

Int: ??

Resp: was forced to go upcountry and do farming and then he decided that I should remain here

Int: ???

Resp: When I started living alone I passed through many challenges and one of them was life was very difficult. I was used to getting my parent there after school and when I came back and realized I had to do things for myself, I was not easy for me

to adjust. It is stress not having your parents and there is no one to interact with at a close range the way children and parents to. That was the first challenge I got when I started living alone

Int: you feel mature.....

Resp: you have to be self reliant even though you were so used to having people look after you

Int: how important is it to you?

Resp: getting children at the age of 28, and then I will be ready to look after a family.

Int: how?

Resp: I am hoping I will be working by then

Int: what level of education should she be?

Resp: at least a form four leaver that is the worst or else it should be better than that.

Int: what about age?

Resp: gap, no notes

Int:

Resp: I had a girlfriend before,

Int: ?

Resp: gap(notes) we met at school and we separated. I was 17 years and she was 17 years. Our relationship was good but eventually

it broke of. We used to interact on things like education. My friends knew about it and it couldn't last because (laughs)

Int:

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: because of those effects and they are scary, a girl can easily get pregnant

Int:

Resp: (notes) I feel good though at times I regret why I haven't done it because my friends tell me sex is sweet. But the results of that is sickness and growing old

Int: skip questions 58-66

Resp: when I am married it will be the appropriate time to do that, I know there are people of my age who have done that and they say they have tasted it

Int:

Resp: like diseases

Int: how

Resp: not old. When you get married it means you can face the challenges of life

Int: to complete I would like as to talk about the post elections violence and its effects

Resp: I try to recall?

Int: how were you affected?

Resp: I have never seen anyone being cut into pieces and that was the worst picture I have ever seen in my life. People were harmed, others killed, property worth millions was destroyed, houses were burnt down and the only thing I did was to encourage my youth friends not to carry machetes or stealing property but try and bring peace and love amongst them. I tried reasoning with them to understand that there was no benefit in violence

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: my friends were attached and the worst part of it is that despite them being Christians, they took advantage and also fought back. The government also failed and I don't know if they have come up with solutions on how to handle such cases.

Int: ok, we have reached the end of the interview, thank you very much

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4K033

STUDY POINTS

- 117. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 118. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 119. RESILIENCE
- 120. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 121. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. An adult is able to differentiate good and bad, is married and doesn't play around like children. He is well behaved and independent this person is 22 years old and above
- 2. Unemployment, theft, AIDS, insecurity and dropping out o school are the biggest challenges acing youths here
- 3. I cannot be subjected to the pressure to steal or do evil because I am involved in my jua kali work and it keeps me busy. I know what's right and wrong
- 4. It is easy to manage this jua kali job and be able to save. Doesn't require much
- 5. None

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 22 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: Jua kali

Educational Level: Primary Class seven

Ethnic Level: Luo

Marital Status: single

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Kisumu Ndogo

Background information

The respondent was a male aged 22 years. The interview was conducted in his house and he was very cooperative. The recorder was on from the start to the end of our conversation. However, the respondent could pick his phone during the interview thus in two instances the recorder paused.

Int: Erick, thank you so much for agreeing to talk to me, can you tell me a little bit about yourself?

Resp: how?

Int: I just want a little background of you

Resp: ok, I am Erick and have been living here since birth, I grew up here and I am still here, I hope to get married while here. I love ghetto life

Int: why do you like life in the ghetto?

Resp: because for one I have lived here all my life and have not had any problem with any of them since I was a child

Int: I would like to hear your opinion about adulthood. In your opinion, what differentiates adults from children?

Resp: once you are an adult you can be able to differentiate between wrong and good and your behavior will also tell whether you are adult or not

Int: what do you mean when you say your actions will show whether you are an adult or not?

Resp: when you were a child there are those things you did as a child and you cannot do them right now as an adult

Int: for example

Resp: you can be out there playing house with other children, you cook mud and leaves but as an adult you cannot do those things; you are at a different age bracket

Int: you have said that at this age you are, you cannot do those things, which age bracket is this?

Resp: I don't think I can do what a child will do at my age

Int: which age is this?

Resp: from 18 and 22 where I have reached

Int: apart from behavior and age what else can bring out the difference between an adult and that one who is not in your opinion?

Resp: what I can say though I have not done it myself yet, is having a wife in the house

Int: how?

Resp: once you have a wife in the house, your parents will now know you are an adult whom other people are depending on now

Int: what about education; what role does it play in differentiating adulthood from childhood?

Resp: there are those people, for example there are some people who were born intelligent and the things they do are mature whereas there are those who will go to school, get their education but still they are slow in catching up, they

sometimes reason and act as if they are still children and yet they are already adults

Int: when you say born intelligent what do you mean?

Resp: you may be somewhere whereby your opinions are needed and you find that this person who is no educated can air his views and give opinions as somebody who is well aware of things but you find that the one you would have expected to give better views does not do that

Int: give me an example

Resp: let us take an issue in life; for example a project, "Erick we want to start a project here, can you join us?" my answer will be "ah no, that is rubbish" that is what I mean that some people are not just intelligent right from birth

Int: let us look at marriage and employment; can bring out the different between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: yes, it can because once you are married you are an adult

Int: what about employment?

Resp: these days, before some attains the age of 18 and school fees is a problem, his parents can take him somewhere else where he can learn something that can help him in future life. You can be there and change until you are an adult

Int: what about physical maturity?

Resp: that is difficult to say because I have seen a 14 year old who is so huge and looks very old so it does not really determine much so in such cases we try to look at appearance now but again, that does not bring out much for example you can get a 15 years old growing a beard and is still below 18 years the adult age. The behavior tells you this is a child not an adult

Int: why is adult age considered to be from 18 years and above?

Resp: even the government of Kenya states that anyone who is 18 years is an adult and should be having an identity card

Int: and in your opinion, what is the age for an adult?

Resp: ok, you can be 18 and still very childish in behavior so about 21-22 is a mature adult

Int: in your opinion, let us look at circumcision, does that bring out the difference between adult and childhood?

Resp: we have children been circumcised at the age of 9, 11 up to 15 so that does not mean that you are adult.

Int: what about taking on responsibilities in the community?

Resp: yes there is a difference because it means, as an adult, if you don't go out there to look for work, you will not survive, and you will not be able to meet your need

Int: what about children?

Resp: amhhh

Int: will they be self reliant also?

Resp: they have to depend on us adults; age does not allow the child to be self reliant

Int: and what age will he be so that he can be self reliant in your opinion?

Resp: about 17 years and above

Int: what about having sex?

Resp: no, because these days children as young as 11 years know how to seduce each other

Int: so is sex or adults or not?

Resp: the difference is not big because children are also having sex just more or less like adults though motives are different.

Int: tell me a little bit the stages from infancy to adulthood

Resp: a child when born must pass through difficulties like sickness, for example if a child is motherless, he will not grow up in a proper way and will have ill health

Int: ok, for the child to reach where you are now, what stages does he pass through?

Resp: a lot of problems, at the age of two he has to go to school, and he must pass through many difficulties

Int: what about physical growth, what happens that makes other people see this one has is now growing to an adult?

Resp: after school, he has to pass through adolescents and this gives you the impression he is leaving childhood and wants to go to adulthood because the kind of things he does are in between childish and mature

Int: when you say he is going through adolescence, what his happening in his life at that time

Resp: there are some characters he is passing through that are not so good. You will find that even when he is sent to go and buy some tomatoes, you will find him on the roadside with other boys doing funny things

Int: give me an example of those funny things

Resp: he has been sent and meets his friends, they spend about 30 minutes chatting and at that time he is supposed to have taken back the answer to what he had been to buy

Int: apart from meeting those other boys, what else does he do?

Resp: for boys; he will braid his hair, paint the nails, pierce the ears and that is the time you hear people say he is in adolescent stage

Int: physically, are there any body changes?

Resp: for a boy, he looks mature like a man

Int: what changes?

Resp: he grows a beard and grows pubic hair in the private parts and he realizes that he is going to another stage

Int: and for a girl?

Resp: you will see breast growing

Int: why do people pass through all these stages to reach adulthood?

Resp: it is something that was set there before time immemorial that one has to pass through those stages so that when as an adult, you look back and see what you can do or can't do as an adult. It is a stage where one is being prepared to enter adulthood

Int: do you consider yourself an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: I have my own house, I am self reliant and someone else is depending on me like that girlfriend there and the baby also. I work hard to be able to look after them

Int: what are you experiencing that makes you feel you are now adult?

Resp: my parents treat me as an adult in the sense that if anything happens right now that is good or bad, they will call me and together we share our opinions on that before coming to a decision or action. That makes me feel I am grown up but when I was still a child, I just used to see things happens, I was not part of the decision making not would they seek my opinion

Int: and what experiences are you going through that possibly make you feel you are still a child?

Resp: none

Int: why do you feel there is none?

Resp: from what I have seen from when I was a child, an adult used to be self reliant, other people depended on him and he had to make independent decision which I am now doing

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: being self reliant

Int: why?

Resp: you cannot be an adult and still depend on your parents or anyone else unless you are ill or something has happened but anybody of sound mind should be able to do all those things. What makes me happy is that I am an adult and self reliant. I cannot go to my parents to ask them to buy for me clothing. I have reduced their budget and now they can do other things

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: there are some behaviors about adults that I don't like; they take it that they can do certain evils and get away with it

Int: for example?

Resp: someone is drunk and comes back home and just goes to bed in shoes and maybe on his way back home he was falling in ditches

and is dirty. Maybe the kids are also looking at that but you are doing that just because you are an adult and feel you are above reproach

Int: is there anything else you would like to add on why you don't alike adulthood?

Resp: there is no rule that anyone will talk to you anyhow without any respect irrespective of who you are. I may be younger and you are older but talk to me with respect not looking down upon me because of my age

Int: what significant event in your life can you remember?

Resp: you see this cut (showing the interview) here was as a result of an accident

Int: why do you say it is significant in your life, what happened?

Resp: as long as this sign is there, I will always remember the incident and what happened thereafter in my life

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: I was not expecting it to happen to me but it happened and it was a surprise to me

Int: that is something bad that happened to you in life, what good thing has happened in your life that you cannot forget. It was something significant

Resp: there was a time I got a job at General Motors and unfortunately I was not able to make it

Int: why do you say it was good and yet you were not taken?

Resp: the people who work there and the kind of lifestyle they lead,
I think I could have been in the same boat

Int: let us talk about our growing up in this family; you told me
that you live alone?

Resp: yes

Int: what influence do your parents have over your daily life?

Resp: they don't have any influence at all unless maybe they want to
share an idea or want to give me news but they don't do
anything much we share

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: there is nothing they can tell me to do on a daily basis as
they used to do when I was a kid, for example, they used to
tell me wash dishes, wash clothes, cook, do this and that, I
mean they no longer have that authority over

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: how to live a good life and develop

Int: like what?

Resp: maybe your mother can tell you if you get some money don't use
it all, keep some savings and invest on something that can
help you in future and your family; don't concentrate on women
so much and such type of things

Int: what can they advice you on romantic relationships?

Resp: they can caution me on not having too many girlfriends

Int: and why would they advice you against having many girlfriends?

Resp: your father will tell you don't be in a hurry, keep one or two women maximum and not more, and when I sit back and think about it and from what I have seen from friends, I realize it is true, I need to be very careful when it comes to romantic relationships

Int: what about drugs?

Resp: they advice me against that because of late many youths have ruined their lives because of drugs

Int: on marriage?

Resp: they advice me on how one can live with a wife and children in harmony

Int: what kind of issues would make you go to seek advice from your parents?

Resp: there are some problems which you don't have a choice but to seek assistance from your parents for example you want to marry a girl you have to talk to your parents about that, you don't just live with someone's daughter like that

Int: what else would you seek your parent's assistance?

Resp: there are some issues/mistakes that if done, one should seek the parents of the concerned party and iron it out not just take it for granted

Int: are there issues that would not make you face your parents and ask for assistance?

Resp: yes, there are issues that you need to sort yourself out for example if you are in a disagreement the other party is not willing to settle it out amicably, you will also be forced to make a decision and act, that will not need you to look for parents to seek advice

Int: give me an example?

Resp: as an adult I cannot be beaten or be hit by someone and I run to my parents, I will finish with him there and there

Int: what personal problems would make you look for help from your parents?

Resp: illness

Int: besides your parents who else can you go to seek help from?

Resp: a neighbor whom you are friendly with can be of assistance

Int: which kind of problems would a neighbor help you?

Resp: illnesses, or a problem you don't want your parents to know about, you can go to your neighbour

Int: for example which kind of problem?

Resp: there are some personal problems sincerely you cannot want your parent to know for example if you have quarreled with your girlfriend or wife, at least you can run to a neighbor to help you sort out yourself

Int: today, when you make a mistake, how do your parents punish you?

Resp: they talk to me about it and advice me appropriately

Int: now that you live here alone and your parents are far, who corrects/advices you when you have made a mistake

Resp: it will depend where I am, if there is an older person there then I expect that person to rebuke me

Int: besides your parents who else has influence in your life or example friends, the church, etc

Resp: no, there isn't.

Int: tell me a problem that either your sibling or friend has been involved in?

Resp: I have many friends who are already dead today because they were caught robbing people, others got involved in drugs and the kind of life they are living is pathetic

Int: do you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: Never! I don't see myself going backwards, after coming this far in my life

Int: what kind of challenges do young people face in this community?

Resp: most of the boys here don't have jobs and that makes them enter into criminal activities. Most of the boys we grew up with are no longer alive because of unemployment

Int: what about HIV Aids?

Resp: not in Kisumu Ndogo here, none of my friends have been infected by that

Int: what about the whole of Korogocho?

Resp: I have not heard about it and I cannot say what happens in places like Ngomongo, Gitathuru and the rest

Int: what about school dropout and security issues?

Resp: ok, there are some who drop out of school because school fees whereas others drop out because they feel they are grownup and they don't fit in school anymore and so they start being self independent

Int: what about security?

Resp: you are security yourself though I have heard that outside here, there is security but I cannot confirm that since I have not met them yet

Int: what strategies have been put in place to cater for these challenges?

Resp: the first thing I can say is that truly speaking the boys actually start mugging people so that they can have something in their pockets

Int: for the boys to stop these acts, what strategies have been put in place to solve this?

Resp: we have Kazi kwa Vijana from the government and the problem is that for almost three weeks the boys have not been paid and they still go back to the same acts of robbing people on the roads since they need something in their pockets or to be able to feed their families

Int: what about school dropouts?

Resp: ok, there was a time parents were being taken to police custody when they find your child roaming in the estate but it has not been long lasting after a while you still find children roaming the streets

Int: which neighborhood would you like to live in?

Resp: I would like to spend my life in places like Westlands

Int: why Westlands?

Resp: I have lived here for long and I would like to change when I have stabilised and live in a place like Westland; that is where I long to live

Int: what are the chances of you living in that place?

Resp: life is a struggle, there is no one who can or cannot, but
once you have put your mind on something it will happen

Int: so what are the chances?

Resp: it is fifty fifty

Int: why do you put yourself in the middle?

Resp: it depends on the income and I will need to put in more effort
so that I can reach there

Int: I want us to talk about our education, hopes and plans. What
is the biggest achievement you would like to have in live?

Resp: I would like to have something like what we have here, have
people rent the rooms so that when my time comes and I die,
the people I leave behind will not end up being beggars

Int: what efforts are you doing to achieve this goal?

Resp: working hard at my business and savings

Int: what may stop you achieving that goal?

Resp: nothing

Int: why?

Resp: I have set my mind and I don't see why I should not make it

Int: what level of education do you need to attain that goal?

Resp: you don't need any but just be intelligent

Int: you told me that you are not in school; why are you not in school?

Resp: lack of school and at the same time I had to start fendng for myself since my father was not there. It was not easy one parent and even then when he was far, I still had to look for something to supplement what I had

Int: do you have any hope of going back to school or college for a particular career or something like that?

Resp: right now I cannot lie to you that I will go back to school and learn but one day one time you can get a place where people are having seminars, and then I can join them

Int: what kind of seminars?

Resp: maybe if they are learning on how to keep a family, lead a good life, owning and maintaining projects and the like

Int: you mentioned that you have worked before. When you started this work, how old were you?

Resp: 13 years old

Int: why did you start at that age?

Resp: one of my parents was not there so I had to go to the market after school where I can collect garbage for people there an earn some little income to help provide for meals at home

Int: what were your feelings about that job?

Resp: not very good

Int: why

Resp: it is a job the can lead one astray

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: because the job involved carrying banana peels and you earn Sh15 and that is someone who is living a very good life and is just misusing someone else' child to carry those things

Int: you are now in the general business to earn income why are you doing it?

Resp: it reached a point when I could not continue further in school so I decide that instead of sitting idle at home, I would rather get another job and learn it so that I can run my own life

Int: what do you make in a month?

Resp: I cannot predict but the trend is today you get, tomorrow there is nothing

Int: but you don't need to be exact but you can approximate

Resp: let us say when the jobs is very good income ranges between Sh500-700 and on a bad day, is Sh300 per day

Int: how do you spend your money?

Resp: I use it on domestic use and we have some small projects and some small savings

Int: In this community, what is success?

Resp: having projects for example we have a project we meet on Wednesdays and once it is doing well then you call that success but otherwise on a personal basis, you can have some rental rooms whereby you earn something small per month from the tenants

Int: how can you identify a successful young person in this community?

Resp: there are changes in the way of life

Int: how about a normal adult person, how do you identify him among other people?

Resp: it goes with what he is doing. For example, you can call him in a fundraising and you can say he has succeeded because he is ready to come and help you succeed.

Int: what kind of behavior would this person have, job and does he have any wealth

Resp: there are some people, who will show off by calling others to come and celebrate, changing girlfriends just because he has succeeded. But that kind of life is not good

Int: how do you distinguish a well manner young person from one who is not?

Resp: they don't see you during the day, and maybe by chance you are seen during the day on your way home from work. One day one

time when things are bad, parents will come to your aid and say, so and so cannot be part of that because you are never there but busy with your business

Int: what you mean...

Resp: once you hear a certain woman/mother say Erick cannot do that, it means Erick is a very good boy

Int: why do you think that woman or mother would say that?

Resp: it goes with what you do in the community; the incidents that happen to the people and your presence there, people will always notice and keep record in their mind

Int: what kind of incidents are these?

Resp: for example some incidents happens in the community and people flock there, there are people who notice those things that happen and you will hear someone say, I saw so and so's son there but someone else will come up and say, he was not there so you find that mothers are on your side since they are the people who are usually found in the community most times

Int: for a young man to be successful, in your opinion, what can he do?

Resp: avoid use of drugs,

Int: what else?

Resp: prostitution

Int: where do your parents live?

Resp: here in Kisumu Ndogo

Int: what made you move out of home?

Resp: we are seven of us in that one house an according to the economy right now, that house is not peaceful at all so I decided to move out so that I could reduce the budget in that house and also make my own life.

Int: tell me how you felt when you left home?

Resp: I felt good because I knew they would also say that Erick has his own home

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: I was about 18 years

Int: when you left, were you afraid?

Resp: no, because already I knew what I was going to do and was ready for it

Int: what do you feel now?

Resp: I am ok because you are alone and no one will tell you I don't have when you ask for something, it makes you get focused and you want to work hard. If you don't have no one is aware or concerned, that is your burden

Int: what are the challenges of living alone?

Resp: maybe when I come from work tired, carrying water to the bathroom to bathe, cooking, washing clothes and small things like those ones, those are challenges I face as a single young man living alone

Int: you told me that you have a fiancée with a child

Resp: yes

Int: when do you plan to marry?

Resp: you cannot plan for that because it comes by itself

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: the reason why I am saying that is you may come here with a girlfriend, she spends here today and tomorrow then she comes up with stories and ideas on what you we should do, I cannot go back home and then you decide ok, let me marry her so that is not planned.

Int: how will you know when the time for marriage has reached?

Resp: I think mine has already reached but I have already planned for it. Next year around February, I should be having a wife

Int: what kind of person do you have in mind? Let us look at age

Resp: I cannot marry anyone older than me and if it too much I should be older by five years or four

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: if I marry one of my age or older than me, she is more intelligent than I am and that means she will be the boss not me as the man.

Int: tribe?

Resp: love does not know tribe

Int: but inside the heart, there is one you would prefer over the others

Resp: ok, my own tribe if possible and if that is not possible then I don't mind one from Taita

Int: why Taita?

Resp: I have once had a Taita girlfriend and it was fun

Int: what should be her economic situation?

Resp: not too high

Int: I want us to talk about your first love life, how was your first romantic relationship , how old were you

Resp: Boys who have grown up in Nairobi start or mature sexually at a very early age and we start having sex at a very early age

Int: how old were you?

Resp: at 14 I knew what goes on in the world of sex

Int: how old was she?

Resp: I don't know

Int: how did you meet?

Resp: I met my first girlfriend at home and that was the first time I was trying to do that.

Int: which home?

Resp: upcountry

Int: in the present relationship what are your hopes; are they marriage related?

Resp: what do you mean?

Int: you are in a relationship with someone who has your child, what do you think is the outcome of this relationship?

Resp: When God bless us to be together then I hope it will be a peaceful life, if she is not, well and good, God will provide

Int: how was your first experience in sex?

Resp: I had just discovered there are such feelings and was trying them out. I don't think I can even tell you what it really was because I didn't feel anything, even the girl I don't think she felt anything

Int: when was that?

Resp: in the 1990s

Int: age?

Resp: I was at 14

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: no

Int: you told me that you got a baby with your lover, when did you get your first baby?

Resp: last year in April

Int: how did that pregnancy affect you even though you were not the one carrying it?

Resp: once you hear the pregnancy is yours, and I knew I was responsible, I had to struggle

Int: struggle for what?

Resp: taking the lady for antenatal clinic, and then when the baby came, I had to provide for it

Int: did you plan for it?

Resp: no

Int: how do you feel being a parent?

Resp: I feel good

Int: explain that

Resp: It means that I can also be called I am so and so's father

Int: you like being a parent?

Resp: very much

Int: what are the challenges of being a parent?

Resp: you must be disturbed when it comes to the provision for the baby. Whether you have it or not, it is up to you.

Int: what are your concerns about people of your age who are in the process of becoming parents

Resp: you can get people of ages up to 28 and they don't have children yet

Int: what about young people of your age, what are your concerns about them, do you feel empathy for them, happy for them, what do feel when you see them?

Resp: life is a question of struggling so they should not be afraid of facing it

Int: to finish off, last year we had post election violence, how were you affected?

Resp: on 27th after voting, I went upcountry the next day. I missed a bus but I was not ready to come back so I went to the railway station and before I reached Nakuru I was called on phone and told things are bad in Nairobi. I said whatever comes, I will still travel and when I reached Kisumu railway station we heard an alarm that Kisumu town is bad and to me my journey was still a long way. We had been instructed to stay where we were in case you had nowhere to go. I was going to Siaya and I passed through the bush to a place called Kisiani; a distance from here to Kangemi. Once I reached there we got another

public vehicle Nissan and it is about Sh100 but on that day we were charged Sh500. That is what I can say really affected me

Int: what about family members?

Resp: none was affected

Int: your source of income?

Resp: it was not affected

Int: maybe your friends; were they chased away from their homes or killed?

Resp: no

Int: there were a lot of uncertainties as to what is next, how did you cope with the situation?

Resp: the only thing that had kept me here was voting but I was ready for whatever will come

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: to be sincere if the votes hadn't been stolen there would not have been any fighting, what really annoyed me is the stealing of votes which was the cause of all these problems

Int: what about the killings which took place and property being damaged, what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: I didn't like the way children were being killed innocently, widows and pregnant women

Int: what happened to pregnant women?

Resp: I saw with my own two eyes, a woman being cut into pieces in
Kisumu and I felt very bad

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: the way men fought themselves, they should have just fought
and left the women and children alone

Int: why did you like the men fighting?

Resp: the men were in the frontline of the violence that took place
and even when we wanted the violence to end, they still felt
like fighting

Int: in general what did you like about the whole thing?

Resp: there was nothing likeable there

Int: ok thank you so much for your contributions

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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SALIENT POINTS

1. Adulthood is equal to bring independent and knowing what is good and bad. This is someone above 18 years
2. Being gunned down by police or no mistakes, AIDS, unemployment and dropping out of school
3. I am mature and I choose what to do, I am busy at Dandora dumping site looking for money, I just live my life and choose what is right for me
4. It is easy to run a business, it needs or requires no training, it is not a must to be educated to be a success businessman
5. None

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 22

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed

Educational Level: primary

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Grogan A

Background information

The respondent was male aged 22 years. He kept smoking bhang during our discussion but he answered the questions although I had to repeat again and again for him to answer. The discussion took place in his room, after our discussion he asked for some incentives but I explained to him the importance of research and reminded him that it was on voluntary basis and he eventually cooperated. However, our discussion was successful

Int: thank you for agreeing to talk to me and to start with please
 tell me a little bit about yourself, where you are working,
 just background information

Resp: I work in Dandora dumping site and I am looking for my own income
 so that I can live a good life. After marriage I will need a
 family and I know they will have a lot of needs

Int: I would like to hear your views on what differentiates an
 adult from a child?

Resp: a child is not mature but an adult is someone who thinks about
 so many things, he has to think how he will survive so from a
 child you go to adulthood

Int: what do you mean when you say a child is not mature?

Resp: you cannot compare a child of 15 years with someone of about
 25 years; the one of 15 is still too young

Int: when you say someone with 15 years is still a child, then what
 age will an adult be?

Resp: at the age of 18 when you acquire a national identity card

Int: what else differentiates an adult from a child?

Resp: there are some behaviors a child will do like using abusive
 language, disrespect for adults

Int: what else?

Resp: you are married with small children and there are things the baby will tell you as a father of which the child is supposed to understand that you are his father and you need that respect from it

Int: what about employment?

Resp: a child should know what kind of employment the father is in whether to him it is bad or good

Int: what I am saying is does employment bring out the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: yes, because the kind of work I can do, a child will not be able to do it

Int: for example?

Resp: working on the dumping site, there are so many dangers and you cannot stay with him like that to avoid a lot of things

Int: let us look at employment, a child will work and an adult will also work or what do you mean?

Resp: how will a child look for employment and the child is the reason you are in employment? You get what I mean?

Int: mhhh

Resp: a child is supposed to sit there and wait to get from you and not vice versa and when he gets that stage of an adult he can now look for employment

Int: what stage is this of an adult?

Resp: between 17 and 18 years

Int: what about being sexually involved?

Resp: what an adult can do in sex is not what a child can do, you are an adult you know when you have sex but a child is just having fun, he doesn't know he can get infected with different types of diseases, others get pregnant, it doesn't sound good at all

Int: does circumcision bring out the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: yes, because you cannot be called an adult when you have not been circumcised and it is a must you have to be circumcised

Int: what age does one get circumcised?

Resp: at 17 years but these days it goes with individual, the right age for circumcision is actually 18 years

Int: why?

Resp: a person who is 15 years doesn't know much so it is actually useless to circumcise him

Int: what about moving out of the home and being self-reliant?

Resp: It does because at a certain point you will have to move out and be self-reliant. Because all these days, for the last 18 years your parents have been providing for you since you were

a child. You have to move out and start planning your life a fresh

Int: tell me the stages a child goes through till he becomes and adult, in your opinion?

Resp: a child after being born, he goes on growing up to adulthood

Int: what stages does a child pass through before becoming an adult? What stages are these that he has to pass through?

Resp: very many stages like he in infancy he grows slowly until he reaches a point where he can now stand with the aid of things, stand and starts walking like a grown up and you find him in trenches, playing all over the place with other children

Int: if a child reached the age of 13 years, what stage is that?

Resp: As he grows he knows he is supposed to go to school, he will need other things like books and pens for school, uniform and so on

Int: there are experiences that take place in the life of somebody before this person becomes an adult; can you tell me what happens in between until he becomes an adult?

Resp: he can go through sickness and that makes him be retarded and life goes on

Int: when you look at yourself, are you an adult or not?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: why?

Resp: my age and upbringing in this community and how I have been living, makes me feel I am an adult. Once you live childhood you become an adult

Int: what age is this for adults?

Resp: between 17 and 18

Int: what are you experiencing right now that makes you feel you are now an adult?

Resp: what is happening?

Int: events

Resp: as an adult, during my search food and the like I meet other adult people who we share ideas and they rebuke me when I am in the wrong. They also advice on life issues when they see me going the wrong way

Int: what are you experiencing now that makes you at times feel you are a child?

Resp: as an adult you need to think and act, I cannot reason like a child

Int: when you say reasons like a child what do you meant? How does a child reason?

Resp: there are so many things a child cannot do, if a hild meets a dog, it doesn't know what it is and yet when I abuse you dog, I know that is a mistake. Many adults are mannerless.

Int: in what way?

Resp: I have sex with girlfriend and a child will not know

Int: what I would like to know from your is; that what is happening in your life that makes you feel you are still a child?

Resp: we pray God gives us long life and it is my prayer that we be able to live that long because these days many youths are loosing their lives at a very tender age like ages 14, 16 and 20. I want to live the years an adult should live

Int: why do you think it is like that?

Resp: young people are engage in criminal activities in the village here so there are killed by mob justice

Int: you mentioned about adult age, which age is that and how many years are those?

Resp: you need to live up to about 70 years as an adult so that you can have grandchildren. There are ages whereby when someone dies you fill discouraged with life because he is still too young to die

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: living in harmony with other people, respecting one another

Int: for example, you said you are an adult, what is it you like about being an adult?

Resp: living a good life

Int: like?

Resp: having my own houses, I am able to provide for myself and my six or so children

Int: that is you as a person but adulthood itself, what do you like about it?

Resp: having my family and grandchildren and telling the stories of our days

Int: and before you get a family and have grandchildren; you are an adult now?

Resp: yes

Int: what do you enjoy as an adult right now?

Resp: having my own house, no quarreling with neighbors, and I am still looking for a wife so that I can have a family

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: there are some behaviors that are not good

Int: for example?

Resp: taking someone's daughter and raping her, you need to agree. You hear people talking so and so has raped a girl here, you will not be happy to hear such stories and yet there are so

many girls you could choose from and take her as your wife without embarrassing yourself with that kind of behavior.

Int: apart from raping, what else don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: I don't know what to say but I expect an adult to share with you about life in general and focusing ahead

Int: for example you have just told me that you are an adult person, you have reached that stage of being an adult, what don't you like about this stage in your life>

Resp: everything is ok

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: because I feel I am good to everyone, you won't find me with mistakes, I know what I am doing and I take responsibility of what I do and I try my best to remain respected by others

Int: what is the most significant event that has happened in your life?

Resp: I have been beaten and put behind bars

Int: why do you feel it is significant?

Resp: It was a mistaken identity case and they couldn't believe me and so I was put behind bars

Int: what is the most important event that has happened in your life?

Resp: life is just good, I have no significant event that has happened to me; I take things the way they come

Int: I want us to talk about your growing up in this family, how do your parents influence your life?

Resp: they come and visit me; we share about life in general

Int: do they influence your decisions?

Resp: how can they do that and yet we are living different lives? I have my life, they do have theirs

Int: what about advice?

Resp: they do advice me occasionally when the see I am in the wrong or the way I am following or doing things is not good

Int: what kind of issues would make you seek your parent's help?

Resp: maybe if I am ill

Int: and what would make you not seek their help?

Resp: when I feel that I am satisfied with money maybe I can give them some but when I don't have money, I go to them

Int: are there any personal problems that would make you seek your parent's assistance?

Resp: bereavement or your hospital bill is big and you need help and it could either be you ill or your child

Int: right now you have just told me that you don't have a child

Resp: yes

Int: what other personal problem would make you seek advice or help from your parents since you don't have children?

Resp: illness

Int: besides your parents, who else would you seek assistance from?

Resp: my neighbors are the people who are nearest before you reach your parents

Int: when you make a mistake how do your parents punish you?

Resp: they don't punish men but just rebuke me and I explain the reasons for my action

Int: you said your parents are far, who punishes you when you do a mistake?

Resp: the neighbors and friends

Int: what do they do?

Resp: they just scold you and offer advice on the right course to take in life

Int: how do your friends influence your life?

Resp: we help each other as brothers both in ideas, jobs and many other things

Int: tell me of a significant problem your brother or sister had encountered in their life?

Resp: I don't understand,

Int: a problem which either your siblings or friends have been through

Resp: we share where there are problems, we share opinions and views. Problems are many and maybe he had the money and was living a good life and then things change and he went back to drinking, prostitution and crime in general .

Int: do you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I have learnt to persevere in everything

Int: why do you feel you cannot find yourself in such problem like your friends?

Resp: It is teaching and if you don't want to listen and do the way you are being told, you reap what you sow and when they call you to join those groups, you refuse

Int: I want us to talk about your growing up in this slum; tell me the challenge that young persons in this community face

Resp: there are some young persons who are working and on their way back home they are caught and sent to a different place, he disappears for a number of days only to find him dead

Int: what kind of problem is that?

Resp: most of them are innocent because when the idle young person mug people and steal from them, other youths suffer for those mistakes. Police will ask you whether you are part of the groups that steals from people along the road, you try to tell them you are not and are from work, but they are not ready to listen to you and so you end up behind bars; at the same time loosing your job

Int: what other challenges do the youths face in this community?

Resp: life is very hard these days and that is why most people go mugging others on the streets.

Int: what about HIV Aids, is that a challenge to the youths here?

Resp: of course, you cannot allow yourself to be caught with that virus. You may end up having sex with all the women who come across your way but at the end of it all, one of them is infected and she can never tell you.

Int: what about things like unemployment, insecurity and school dropouts; are these challenges for the youth in this community?

Resp: there is unemployment on a large scale here and they are now forming groups and coming up with projects to source money so that they can fend for themselves

Int: what about school dropouts?

Resp: there are so many school dropouts in this community because of poverty while others are orphans and they don't have anyone to encourage them in education.

Int: what strategies are in place to solve these issues like police harassment?

Resp: employment is the only thing that can solve this issue. You can also have some little money saved and you open a business. That usually keeps them busy and they don't have time to be involved in crimes and even when the police come, they have an alibi for the police so they don't have to suffer for other people's mistakes

Int: how about school drop out, what strategies have been put in place to keep these children in school?

Resp: If for example you reach form two and there is no schools fees, you will be forced to drop out of school and look for something else to do

Int: and insecurity?

Resp: the only way to solve such problem is opening your own business so that you are only seen in the evening when you are coming back in the evening

Int: you told me that you are now an adult, what is your dream place for living the rest of your life?

Resp: I would like to live in places like Buruburu or Hurlingham

Int: why?

Resp: no one wants to live in places like this, you want to live in a good place and if you have money why not live a good life?

Int: why do you choose Buruburu or Hurlingham?

Resp: the kind of life we are living here is scaring; your work is burying the dead!

Int: why do you like that place?

Resp: you cannot compare life there with here; in the slums no one likes us

Int: what is good in Hurlingham?

Resp: security and if someone like me is found there right now, I will be caught and I would be caught and put in police custody. You need to be known by the residents there to be allowed to move in such places

Int: what are your chances of living there?

Resp: I would like to live there so that I can be safe, security is good and almost everything is good

Int: when you look at yourself today, what are your chances of living there?

Resp: I don't necessarily have to live there but I can live in upcountry, it will depend on someone's preference

Int: what are your chances of living in Buruburu?

Resp: I don't see myself living there

Int: why?

Resp: I don't get money on a daily basis like you. We get money by luck here and today you can go and miss a job and you come back home empty handed. So the chances of living in BuruBuru are not there

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: to be born again and live a good life

Int: apart from being born again, you may be sitting down and feel I need to have this thing in my life, what is the most important thing you would like to achieve in life

Resp: a good house and a life where I don't have to mingle with others and start squabbles here and there; a place where, when I am through with my job for the day; I can go to and call it my home. I don't need to be worried the police will harass me

Int: what efforts are you making right now to see that you achieve that?

Resp: working hard and not losing hope. You must aim high and be objective

Int: what would hinder you from getting this nice house?

Resp: lack of employment and finances

Int: what level of education do you need to reach this goal?

Resp: education is not important here, your efforts, intelligence and humility

Int: you are not in school now, in life what kind of person would you like to be in future?

Resp: a businessman

Int: why?

Resp: all these other things need money; there is no free training or college

Int: have you ever shared this goal with anyone else?

Resp: no

Int: right now you are not in school?

Resp: yes

Int: why are you not in school?

Resp: I don't want to be in school; is it work you will search so that you can live a good life or go back to school?

Int: why do you feel that?

Resp: even if I complete university the situation is still the same. We have a few of them here who have completed university, college or form four and they are also struggling with life like us who never went to school. I also don't have the resources so I am better off looking for ways to fend for myself.

Int: do you have any plans of going back to school?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: that is somebody's wish. If you find an adult in school that means that family is wealthy

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were when you started engaging in this work?

Resp: about 15 years

Int: how did you feel the first time you earned money?

Resp: I felt very good

Int: why did you start working at such an early age?

Resp: my parents were all dead

Int: how much do you earn in a month from the present occupation?

Resp: Sh1,000, Sh2,000

Int: what do you use the money for?

Resp: clothing, feeding and other meeting other needs

Int: in this community, when you say someone is successful, what does that mean?

Resp: success means, maybe you were looking for something and achieve it and are satisfied; that is success

Int: for example?

Resp: you want to build a house, I come across some money, I
construct the house, and I am successful

Int: can you tell me of anyone who is successful in this community?

Resp: he is ok, his business is doing well, he doesn't depend on
luck like me and he is healthy. When he decides to do
something he is not under strain to do it be it financially or
manpower

Int: what kind work does he do?

Resp: owning something like a big hardware

Int: how can you distinguish a boy who is successful?

Resp: he is working on a daily basis and money is not an issue

Int: how does one distinguish a well-behaved young person from one
who is not?

Resp: good behavior?

Int: yes

Resp: you cannot compare one who was brought up in financial comfort
with that one who is not. The poor one will not be well
behaved like that one who is from a wealthy family

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: there is a difference because for those who have, they can always go to their parents and get help but the poor and orphaned will have to look for the money.

Int: so who has good behavior among the two?

Resp: better that one who goes out to look for money this other one when the mother does not have money, he will not understand that people can sleep on an empty stomach

Int: by looking at the two how can you distinguish one from the other?

Resp: the one who is well behaved does not drink, he does not practice prostitution, and is not involved in criminal activities in the community

Int: what does a young man need to do to be successful?

Resp: be hardworking

Int: you told me that your parents are no longer alive; why did you leave their household and started living alone

Resp: you cannot continue depending on your parent for everything, you must leave because you cannot afford to see your mother struggling for you and so you have to move out so that you can help her

Int: when you first moved out of home, how did you feel?

Resp: a lot of happenings

Int: why?

Resp: I was now going to the world to experience all about life and how to cope with it

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: about 16 years

Int: how do you feel now?

Resp: very good, I am satisfied

Int: what challenges are you facing as a young person living alone?

Resp: maybe lack of food but that makes me work harder

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: maybe about 2010 I should be having a wife in the house

Int: why have you planned for that particular time?

Resp: the way life is today, it is very difficult

Int: what makes you think it will be easier when you get married?

Resp: I have made up my mind that I need a wife

Int: why?

Resp: I need a family and most of my friends are married with children

Int: what kind of person would you be interested in marrying?

Resp: someone intelligent, hardworking and ready to face a life with me. I don't want a quarrelsome wife

Int: age?

Resp: about 20

Int: why 20 years

Resp: she mature and knows what she is with her life

Int: tribe?

Resp: Kikuyu

Int: why?

Resp: we will be able to cope

Int: what about the economic situation about her?

Resp: not too poor

Int:why?

Resp: she will understand when you don't have but I you get one with a wealthy background; you are in trouble; at the sign of no money, your problems start from there, she is not used to struggling

Int: have you ever had a lover?

Resp: yes

Int: how old was she?

Resp: I was 18

Int: tell me how you met?

Resp: we met and talked and after a while agreed we can live together. We stayed together for two years and we separated because of her behaviors

Int: what do you mean her behavior was not good?

Resp: I used to get here out there with other men and I was not amused about that, we couldn't agree so I told her to leave m house

Int: how old was she?

Resp: 17 years

Int: tell me how you met

Resp: we met in this place

Int: have had sex before?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first sexual experience?

Resp: I was 17 years

Int: did you use protection the first time?

Resp: yes

Int: how did you reach the conclusion that you should use protection?

Resp: we had been together for a while and surely you cannot live like that and we are lovers

Int: who came up with the idea that you should use protection?

Resp: we both agree that there are so many diseases and women are just women; you can never know whether she was lied to and afterwards had sex; so you must use a protection

Int: why did you decide to make love to this girl?

Resp: I loved her with all my heart and I didn't want anything to befall us. She as also in agreement

Int: during the last post election violence there was a lot things that took place, how were you affected by the violence?

Resp: I lost friends, my neighbor died

Int: was your source of income affected?

Resp: of course there was no way I could go to work and I had to close down and do something else

Int: were you affected on the side of accommodation

Resp: not much

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: I didn't like it at all the way people were just fighting with no real cause. These people, who you are fighting for, don't know you and they will never know you unless you come to their level. They are comfortable in their big cars and houses.

Int: what to do you mean when you say that these people don't know you?

Resp: you have a particular candidate in mind, I have mine, and we start fighting, it is meaningless

Int: there was a lot of uncertainty as to what will happen next, how did you cope with that?

Resp: we just persevered and wait for the outcome; there was very little one would do anyway.

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: I didn't like it at all

Int: why?

Resp: people lost property, people became asronists without caring, and other people have never been known where they are to date.

Int: ok, thank you so much for you time, that is the end of the interview

Resp: thank you too

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4Y0II

STUDY POINTS

- 127. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 128. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 129. RESILIENCE
- 130. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Respondent equates adulthood to behavior, maturity and being independent
- 2. Poverty is the biggest challenge as they grow up poor. There is also a high unemployment rate which leads the youths to engage in destructive behavior knowingly e.g. theft, drug abuse
- 3. The respondent is able to resist getting into theft because he realized that the habit was not good and therefore did not venture into it.
- 4. There should be equitable harmonization of salaries

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 22

Job/Position title/Occupation: Casual

Educational Level: Primary

Ethnic Level:	Luo
Marital Status:	Single
Number of children:	one
Name of Slum:	Korogocho
Name of Village:	Highridge

Background information

Int: you told me that you are the only boy and three girls

Resp: yes

Int: what else can you tell about yourself?

Resp: I am here struggling with life

Int: I would like to hear your views on the difference between an adult and a non adult

Resp: when you are mature, your behavior

Int: tell me more about behavior

Resp: there are certain things you cannot continue doing when you are an adult.

Int: what else?

Resp: you can move out of the home and get married and have a family and are independent.

Int: give me an example of behavior change

Resp: you will find that an adult will go out to look for means and ways in which he can survive. He is also keen on what he is doing and when he gets his money, he plans for it

Int: what else apart from being independent?

Resp: age

Int: in what way?

Resp: anybody over 16 years is an adult because there are things you stop doing and change the company people you walk with. You no longer walk with children but want to be associated with grownups.

Int: why do you say anyone who is 16 years is now an adult in your opinion?

Resp: if the persons is a girl she will start having boyfriends and vice versa for boys.

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all I can say

Int: how about if you are a parent?

Resp: there is a difference

Int: how?

Resp: if you are a parent a child will look up to you as an adult for all its needs

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: that cannot bring any difference because we have cases whereby adults have been marrying younger people

Int: education?

Resp: no, because both old and young are in school these days

Int: circumcision?

Resp: there are some communities who circumcise their children when they are still babies while other communities do it when the children are into their youth so circumcision cannot be used as a determinant of the difference between an adult and one who is not

Int: what about taking responsibilities

Resp: that is an ability or God given gift to some people and also it depends on the circumstances because there are times you find that young children take on more responsibilities than adults

Int: and having knowledge about sex behavior?

Resp: that is half half because there are young children who do it for the fun of it, showing off to their peers and they just want to satisfy their emotional needs; so that habit is with the young people. For example, you find a little girl who has grown breasts thinks she is already adult and will have sex when the opportunity arises so that cannot bring out the difference between an adult and one who is not.

Int: so when people start having sex, does it mean they are adults?

Resp: no

Int: from the information you have just given me, can you describe for me how a child grows into an adult?

Resp: a child's growth depends on two things; one, upbringing by the parents and two, the environment he has grown in

Int: tell more about it?

Resp: a child of ten years is supposed to know what is right and wrong from the parents. It is their duty to teach this child so that as he grows up he can be able to start making decisions on what is right and wrong

Int: and the environment?

Resp: for example, in this community there are parents who are not bothered about the friends of their children and once they go out there, they catch with that habit out there and since there is no one to admonish the child, he grows up like that ending up in to an ill mannered person

Int: in your opinion are there stages one passes through before becoming an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about it

Resp: from infancy you grown into an adolescent, and in the process you are also learning more about news things in life and once you are through adolescence, you are considered an adult

Int: ok, when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with adulthood?

Resp: yes

Int: how

Resp: according to the behavior and responsibilities

Int: tell me about that

Resp: right now I am independent because I am here alone and my
parents are upcountry

Int: and behavior?

Resp: I avoid bad company and I can differentiate between wrong and
good

Int: you have told me what makes you feel an adult, is there
anything else you would like to add?

Resp: the only thing I can add is that I have a child and I know
that is my responsibility to make sure he has a good future

Int: how old is the child?

Resp: two years

Int: sex?

Resp: female

Int: are there events you are experiencing that make you feel you
are not an adult?

Resp: no

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: there is a sense of wanting to work hard to be able to achieve your goals

Int: what else?

Resp: no longer carrying on with childish ways, I no longer associate with children but have changed my behavior and ways of doing things

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: you find adults take advantage of being adults and start getting involved in drug abuse and drinking even before children

Int: let us look at your growing up in this community; what is the most significant event that happened in your life and you cannot forget about it?

Resp: I was a drug addict but I later on stopped using drugs

Int: when did you stop using the drugs?

Resp: last year in 2008

Int: why is that so significant?

Resp: I was ruining my future unknowingly but ever since I stopped using them I can see there is a big difference in my life

Int: you told me you live alone?

Resp: yes

Int: forgive me for asking you this question; when did your parents pass on?

Resp: my father passed away in 1997

Int: and your mother?

Resp: this month

Int: my sympathies. When your mother was still alive how was she involved in your life?

Resp: she used to advice me on what to do or not do,

Int: you started living alone before her death?

Resp: yes

Int: is there any other way she was involved in your life?

Resp: she used to support me financially

Int: she used to advice you on which areas of your life?

Resp: life in general, how I should behave when I am an adult to be able to fit in the community I am living in

Int: is there any other?

Resp: no

Int: so your mother used to advice you on life and how to grow?

Resp: yes

Int: when you do wrong, who rebukes you?

Resp: currently they are my friends

Int: what kind of mistakes would they advice you on?

Resp: (unintelligible, noisy background and some crackling sound from the recorder) for example someone borrows your thing and does not want to return it, they can advice you on what action to take. Also when I want to do something, I share with them and they advice me on whether to continue with it or not

Int: besides your mother, who else has influenced your life?

Resp: my sister

Int: in what way?

Resp: she is more like my mother, she supports me financial and also when she sees I am going the wrong way, she advices me to do the right thing

Int: are there friends who have been influencing your life?

REsp: friends and neighbors who have been more like brothers to me

Int: do they influence your behavior?

Resp: in most cases when either of us does wrong, we sit together and correct one another and offer the right advice

Int: ok, tell me of a significant problem either your sibling or friend has been involved in

Resp: problem?

Int: yes

Resp: those friends I used to have and are no longer there were using theft as a means of earning a living and later on they died

Int: do you see yourself in that kind of problem?

Resp: no, I stopped that

Int: so you stopped associating with them

Resp: I did not stop associating with them but the behavior was not good so I completely stopped it

Int: I want us to talk about living in this community, tell me the challenges young people experience in this community?

Resp: one of the main challenges is growing up in poverty and when you are older you want to start your own life so despite the fact that you have had your education for example up to form four, you still cannot get a job because you are unable to raise the bribe wanted. Only those with money bribe their way into jobs so you find that older people are the ones who are doing the jobs, they are not retiring and they yet they as old as 60 years. For that reason the young people start engaging in theft because that seems to be the only open option for them but most of them don't do it willingly

Int: violence in the community?

Resp: here, in Highridge we don't have much of that because there are so many ethnic groups here

Int: and insecurity?

Resp: that one is there because most youths are thieves and their reasoning is they don't have any source of income, so if you are able to find him a job he will stop it.

Int: and school dropout cases, are they many in this community?

Resp: it is there because of lack of school fees brought out by poverty. At some point you realize that maybe a parent is unwell and not able to go out and source for income so the child remains in the house. The neighbours can only do up to a certain point and give up since they also are not in a position to help them. Some children end up collecting plastics to sell so that they can have a meal on the table and that now replaces schooling; he cannot do the two at the same time

Int: HIV Aids and ill health, is it a challenge in this community?

Resp: not much but the most common one is theft among the youth

Int: what strategies have the youths put in place to cope with these challenges?

Resp: we have formed groups and we get some little income by collecting garbage in the community

Int: what strategies are there in place for the young persons involved in stealing?

Resp: the feel that they would rather die than sleep hungry. It is a decision they have made and this is because the older people have refused to retire.

Int: pupils dropping out of school, are there any strategies in place to help those who have dropped out of school for one reason or the other?

Resp: there is nothing like that here

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: in my life, I would like to live in a place where I can also help those behind me

Int: where would you like to be?

Resp: back at home, if I can construct a house, I would like to live there

Int: where is that?

Resp: Ugenya

Int: why would you want to live in Ugenya?

Resp: many people have left the countryside and headed to the city to look for work and yet I still believe there are similar opportunities like those in the city

Int: what are the possibilities of you living there?

Resp: once I get money I want to buy a farm and then settle there

Int: what is the most important thing you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: If I can be financially sound so that even if I was not there, my family would not suffer. I want my children to continue with their education

Int: what efforts are you making to achieve this goal?

Resp: I am trying to get a job and earn some money so that I can open a business which will enable me achieve that

Int: what would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: how to get the money

Int: like how?

Resp: lack of employment possibly

Int: what is the level of education you would need to reach this goal?

Resp: education is good but it may not be so helpful but if you are intelligent, hardworking and determined to reach your goal, you will make it

Int: so education does not play any part at all?

Resp: you need education but at the same time for the education to be useful to you, you a goal and hard work towards achieving that goal. Otherwise you can be learned, have all the Ph.Ds

and still end up doing nothing worthy your struggles. It is something in born

Int: you told me that you are

Resp: 22 years

Int: do you have any plans to go back to school?

Resp: not currently, but if I can be doing something as a source of income, the I can go back to school, it is good to be learned really

Int: have you worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you?

Resp: at age of 19

Int: why did you start working at that age?

Resp: life, you want to dress like others, when you go out with fellow friends, you want to have something in our pocket, and that is what made me look for employment.

Int: so you went to look for work for the reasons you have just told me?

Resp: Yes

Int: have ever done any other work besides that?

Resp: I was just learning on the job

Int: and right now, are you involved in any income generating activity?

Resp: only the garbage collection

Int: in a month, how much do you make?

Resp: with what I am doing right now?

Int: yes

Resp: that is difficult to say because there are times when people will tell you they don't have money and so it is not easy to estimate how much

Int: roughly on average?

Resp: I think I would say about Sh100

Int: per month?

Resp: no per day that is if all was well, but when I add on other small things I try to put here and there, I make about Sh4-5,000 per month

Int: and from this job alone?

Resp: about Sh2,000

Int: how do you spend this money?

Resp: mostly I spend it on domestic, rent and clothing

Int: in a community, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: being successful is very important here because there are those you can assist especially those you were with before so that they can also come out of poverty,

Int: behavior, residence and activities, is it possible to determine if this person is successful?

Resp: for behavior yes,

Int: what kind of behavior do you find with a successful person?

Resp: someone who respects others, knows what is right or wrong

Int: what about wealth and where the person lives?

Resp: wealth will depend; there are some people who live here with their families whereas others move out of the slum

Int: and the structure of the family

Resp: not really, there are those who struggle not to look poor

Int: and the job?

Resp: there are people who work in very big companies but the salary is very low

Int: in your opinion, what is the importance of success in this community?

Resp: it means you are able to sustain yourself and can also help others

Int: tell me of someone who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: he has struggled with life and was lucky to get a job, lives a different life

Int: do you have a particular person in mind that has succeeded in this community?

Resp: he is called Edu and works with an NGO dealing with orphans

Int: where does he live?

Resp: Light Industries in Kariobangi

Int: and his behavior?

Resp: he is calm and humble and most times he comes back and helps people here

Int: and wealth?

Resp: I don't know about because now that is private but from the way he is living and his health, it shows he is able to sustain himself without struggling so much

Int: how can one distinguish a successful young person from one who is not?

Resp: the first one is behavior. If he is a good person and has been successful, you will find that he helps others to improve on their lives. He does not forget his humble beginnings

Int: how can you distinguish a young person who is ill mannered from the one who is not?

Resp: most times he will be in bad company; he just doesn't like company of people who are thinking of progress. The way he reacts where there are many people, you will find him looking at people suspiciously, he is not settled at all, he is always alert, checking out his next target and he always suspicious of himself

Int: and how does he deal with challenges?

Resp: a well behaved person will want to earn a living the right way and struggles but this one is ready to deal with any corrupt deal to make his ends meet

Int: how can a young man be success in life?

Resp: Be well educated and work hard and if he is a school drop out he should be involved in other income generating activities and working hard at them. He should never give up in life

Int: would you like to add on what you have mentioned before, what a young person can do to avoid bad behavior?

Resp: get advice from people who have improved or moved from the life they were leading

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: why did you leave home and started living on your own

Resp: I was a burden to my parents so I thought it would be wise to reduce that burden by looking for a job or ways of improving my situation

Int: tell me what you felt and your experiences when you first left home?

Resp: it was very hard for me to get money to pay my rent and also to buy things in the house. It was a struggle for me

Int: how old were you?

Resp: I was 18 years

Int: were you afraid, happy...what were your feelings at that time?

Resp: I was happy but at the same time scared, I guess since I was going to face life alone

Int: is there anything else you experienced?

Resp: no

Int: ok, what does it feel like living alone?

Resp: I am happy because I am free to do what I want at any time

Int: what are the challenges you are meeting as a young man living alone?

Resp: financial is the biggest problem here, I have to look for money to feed myself and pay my rent

Int: is there any other challenge you are experiencing?

Resp: having no vision of what you want to do the next day

Int: why don't you have that vision?

Resp: for example I have just completed the garbage collection, I am not sure whether tomorrow I can go back to it or start looking for a business; that focus on any particular thing is not there. You just kind of live in a dilemma

Int: you told me that you are not married?

Resp: no

Int: when do you intend to get married?

Resp: I cannot predict but I will just let nature take its course. Having a wife is a burden because that is an extra responsibility for you because you can't expect anyone else to feed for you, your family

Int: what will make you decide to marry?

Resp: when I get someone who can understand the situation I am in and ready to settle down with me

Int: timing?

Resp: that is not easy to determine now

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: hardworking, wise person, happy and welcoming. I need some who respects others and can look after her own family

Int: and tribe

Resp: I don't mind wherever she comes from

Int: and age?

Resp: at least one is younger by one or two years

Int: and her education?

Resp: that doesn't matter to me

Int: have you ever had a lover?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first relationship with her

Resp: I was 17 and she was 16

Int: mhh

Resp: I tried to stay with her but she was not ready to stay with me, she wanted to have many affairs

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: her?

Int: yes

Resp: she was my neighbour

Int: how did you start your relationship?

Resp: through talking

Int: are you still in that relationship to day?

Resp: no

Int: were other people aware of it or was it a secret?

Resp: no

Int: and your families?

Resp: none of them knew about it

Int: what were your feelings about this relationship?

Resp: I didn't have much feeling for her because of her character

Int: what was it like?

Resp: she loved having many affairs and I was not ready for that

Int: have you had sex before?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first sexual experience

Resp: you are happy at the same time shocked

Int: what did you feel?

Resp: I was happy since it was my first experience

Int: how old were you

Resp: I was 17

Int: and your partner?

Resp: 16 years

Int: that was with your first girlfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: how did you reach the decision to have sex with her and not anyone else?

Resp: it was more of curiosity than enjoyment because when you sit with others, you hear of stories about their sexual behaviors and you become curious and tries it out on the first opportunity you get.

Int: there was no other reason?

Resp: no

Int: ok, did you use any protective at that time?

Resp: no

Int: why didn't you use protection?

Resp: I was just curious and wanted to know how someone really feels during sex

Int: when did get your first child?

Resp: she is now two and half years

Int: tell me about the pregnancy of your partner

Resp: we did not plan for it and it just happened and I didn't refuse because I was her only lover at that time. I was shocked; I didn't know what to say to her. She tried doing an abortion by asking me for money but I refused.

Int: how did it affect you?

Resp: I contributed to her messing up her life and making her a mother

Int: what do you feel being a parent?

Resp: I fee very proud

Int: do you feel you are an adult now?

Resp: not only that but considering the other factors I had mentioned before

Int: what challenges do you get as a parent?

Resp: how to meet the child's basic needs and wanting her to grow into a good person

Int: what are your concerns about people of your age who are almost becoming parents?

Resp: they should try and bring up the child in a good way whether the will be married or not

Int: if someone at the age of 19 comes to tell you his girlfriend is pregnant, what will you feel?

Resp: I cannot say I will be happy or not. The only thing I can tell him is that it is not good to be a parent when you don't have a good stand or rather financially you are unable to take care of the family

Int: and since it has already happened, what will you tell him?

Resp: I will advice him to try to struggle and encourage the girl not to abort the girl. When a girl has given birth she can continue with her education or what she was doing before. That is what I can advice him regarding his girlfriend

Int: I want us to talk about the post election violence, how were you affected?

Resp: it was painful to find that people who have been living as brothers and sisters had forgotten that and they bent on murdering each other. On the other hand, we were affected because the supply of food was cut off and hunger struck, people destroyed other people's property

Int: were you affected directly?

Resp: ok, we didn't fight on this end but because we were not sure of what is next, we were afraid to interact as friends from different ethnic groups. Everyone was suspicious of the other

Int: what else?

Resp: financially I was affected because I could not source any

Int: Was any of your family members affected in any way?

Resp: my sister had to run upcountry

Int: she was attacked?

Resp: no she saw the signs and ran away before she was affected but her business was destroyed

Int: what about living arrangements here?

Resp: we didn't fight as such but were alert all the time. We were just suspicious of each other

Int: how were you able to cope with the uncertainties surrounding the post election violence?

Resp: we were just sharing our concerns in small meetings and we were also protecting ourselves from the thieves because they came with the pretense that they were fighting but the main agenda was to steal. So we avoided those people we know deal with such kind of activities

Int: what didn't you like about this violence?

Resp: I didn't like the fact that it is us the poor who were busy fighting and yet the real people who caused all these problems were not affected in any way.

Int: what did you like at that time?

Resp: I didn't like anything at all

Int: is there anything you would like to add?

Resp: the government is the cause of all these problems to the youth; it is not responsible for its citizens

Int: what else?

Resp: the rich are only looking at their own welfare but no considering the poor person or how he can help this person

improve himself. Sh100,000 thousand, to have for example five people sharing the same salary and working less hours to accommodate everyone? That way you will have helped many people

Int: ok, is there anything else

Resp: thank you so much for your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

131. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

132. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Respondent defines adulthood as being able to differentiate right from wrong
2. Lack of jobs is the biggest challenges this leads to the youths engaging in thefts to sustain themselves

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 18

Job/Position title/Occupation: Panel Beating

Educational Level: Primary

Ethnic Level: Luo

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Kisumu Ndogo

Name of Village: Korogocho

Background information

Int: Can you describe yourself?

Resp: I am still a youth

Int: how old are you?

Resp: at the end of this year, I will be 18

Int: so you are still 18?

Resp: yes

Int: what do you do for a living?

Resp: panel beating

Int: what is your level or education?

Resp: I stopped at Std 8

Int: did you complete Std 8?

Resp: yes

Int: what tribe?

Resp: I am a Luo

Int: are you married?

Resp: can you see a girl here? Unless she comes and goes, I am not
keen on marriage

Int: do you have children?

Resp: I have one, where do I get many?

Int: ok what is the name of this area?

Resp: It is called Kisumu Ndogo

Int: I would like to know your views on adulthood and what is the difference between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: an adult is someone like me; you know the difference between good and bad, you know that if I go to this place, it is a good place or a bad one but for a child, he doesn't care

Int: what else?

Resp: for someone like you, when you are an adult you must have a girlfriend or you can have one who broke your virginity and then you left each other and you got another one immediately. You are laughing?

Int: those are your views. What else?

Resp: as a boy you start engaging in drinking, taking drugs and such things but as an adult you can control that

Int: how about age, can one differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: of course, I am 22 now, he 18, so he is a child to me

Resp2: I am not a child I can get children (someone else in the background, how will a 15 year old get children)

Resp: that is not a problem after all 15 year old girls have children

Int: in your opinion, does age give the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: yes, there are things I can do that someone of 15 years cannot do

Int: what about being in employment?

Resp: it will depend on someone's intelligence. There are some people who are naturally lazy so the performance will not be good and yet they are adults and yet still, you take someone younger on the same job, and they do a better job

Int: and when someone is married?

Resp: not these days, these days, not many of us are getting married and yet we are adults. I am not sure if I am going to get married. It all depends on how one will behave when a couple is living together, because there are some who are there for while and move on and yet their behavior is more or less like a married couple. Another lot behaves like they are lovers and after a while they will separate and yet that is not the case and this is happening with the adults and the youth. What I am trying to say is that marriage is not a determinant because it has also lost meaning both children and adults are playing house these days

Int: ok, what about being a parent?

Resp: yes, does differentiate because when you get a good serious couple who are responsible you will see the difference, they care about themselves, their children and there is a sign of responsibility in the house. Like on Sunday you can take your

family out so to me being a parent can differentiate an adult from a child

Int: what about moving out of the home and living on your own?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: when you leave home it means you are taking responsibility of yourself

Int: and being self reliant?

Resp: it will depend on the individuals and their intelligence. A good person responsible person will want to live on their own take care of their responsibilities without depending on others

Int: what about someone who engages in sex?

Resp: yes, even though these days girls are starting to do it early in life than the boys. However, I would rate them as mature

Int: so in your own opinion, anyone practicing sex is an adult or not?

Resp: an adult

Int: and taking responsibilities?

Resp: no

Int: and physical maturity; can that differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: yes, there are changes that take place that will make feel something different

Int: so for boys, breaking their voices, growing a beard,

Resp: and girls grow breasts, and the hips enlarge

Int: so according to you does all this differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: yes,

Int: does it depend on someone?

Resp: yes

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: that is for adults because you cannot circumcise a child but the best time for a man to be circumcised from 15 and above and that person is called an adult

Int: there are some people who circumcise young children what do you think of that?

Resp: ok, there are some people who say Luos don't get circumcised, but it will depend on the individual for example when I joined Islam I was forced to do that

Int: so does that mean that circumcision can determine if someone is adult or not?

Resp: I don't know what to tell you because I know of people who got circumcised when they are already adults so I don't think it matters really

Int: with all this information we have just talked about, put together, can you describe for me how a child grows from a baby to an adult?

Resp: when a child is born, it is helpless, it literally depends on the mother but with time as the child grows, the mind also grows; behavior is formed as he observes adults doing things around their environment. They reach a certain point they realize they can't continue playing in mud, they are still growing up to a point when they will feel they want to be on their own after observing adults and the way they do things, they feel, they can also fit in that box so they are adults now. If I used to love going to the club, I have to stop and maybe tell my parents I am looking for someone to stay with

Int: what are the stages a child passes through before becoming an adult?

Resp: they are many

Int: like which ones

Resp: you pass through many things like when you are still a child; you depend on your mother until you are an adolescent so from adolescence you are now an adult whereby you can now control your emotions, you can do things at the appropriate time

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with an adult

Resp: I am an adult right now because I already have a son though the mother is the one who started misbehaving that is way not I don't see the child

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you feel you are an adult?

Resp: from my point of view, I am an adult, and I am also the first born in our family and if I start misbehaving, I will loose a lot of things. I also want my mother, when I get married and have a wife...you know right now she cannot complain so much about her son getting lost when I have a wife because when I have money I will send her a little. It is not like long ago when I was single, I have to send little. Your intelligence will drive you to look for job

Int: what else is happening in your life that makes you feel you are an adult? Or what do you do that makes you feel an adult?

Resp: I am self reliant/independent

Int: what in your life makes you at times feel you are not an adult?

Resp: when you get money you don't do with it anything tangible. I don't involve myself in those old methods whereby boys who don't know how to seduce girls use money to do so. I can be able to face a woman and state what I want directly to her

without meandering about the topic. If she refuses, I will still be determined and find out ways to get hold of her

Int: is there anything else which makes you feel adult?

Resp: no

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: having a house and getting married

Int: so that is what you like about adulthood?

Resp: of course without a good house, cannot bring a woman here

Int: ok, so what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: going to work and being responsible for myself

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: none, because I cannot say that if I were a child I would have gotten this that. No, my mind is busy thinking of development so there is nothing I don't like as an adult.

Int: what is the most significant event in your life?

Resp: what I can remember is that I will never forget is one time I was infected by syphilis, I will never forget about that

Int: when did this happen?

Resp: it was 2002

Int: why is that event so significant in your life?

Resp: in my life I have always lived a faithful life and what really helped me is that I started showing signs early enough because I was already circumcise. When I was infected, I noticed from the urine I was passing, and I went to hospital and was treated

Int: I want us to talk about your family and you growing up in that family. Who do you live with now?

Resp: I live alone

Int: what influence do your parents have over your life?

Resp: I told them to leave me alone because I am independent and they can look after the others

Int: so they don't have any influence in your life at all?

Resp: no, but when I have a problem I talk to them

Int: what kind of advice do they give you and on what issues?

Resp: they advice me to live at peace with the neighbours, don't smoke bhang or smoke cigarettes; those are the kinds of advice they give.

Int: is there anything else like sexual behaviors?

Resp: no

Int: what about religion?

Resp: they were not happy when I became a Muslim because they are in a Pentecostal church but I didn't like it at all.

Int: romantic relationships?

Resp: they, I told you that I have a girlfriend and we have been together or about four years but we separated after she got pregnant. Her mother didn't want me even though my parents have already gone to the girl's home. Her parents actually live nearby so the mother insisted that if we marry, I have to move far from here so I gave them one year before I can think of that. But when I think of starting to look for a house and such things, it is just stress, so I am still here.

Int: what problems would make you seek help from your parents?

Resp: if I am sick and I cannot go to work. And also when I don't have money they can chip in.

Int: what else?

Resp: I think that is all because I cannot see myself being in police custody, I am not a thief but unless maybe I am walking with a friend who is not a good person, then I can be taken in by police but you if I have my own money, then I can pay the fine and come out

Int: what issues would make you not seek help from your parents?

Resp: I cannot tell my mother a thing like my girlfriend is pregnant and maybe she needs money. There are others even when they are ill and they know what they did and can seek medical advice and they still go to stress their parents. If it is something

that came as a result of my misbehavior I will find ways in which to sort it out

Int: what kind of diseases are those?

Resp: you find that someone has boils in the private parts and goes to tell the parents that but if you are a clever one, what you need to do is go and ask someone who is not a friend. There are some things when you are an adult you don't need to tell your parents, just go to hospital directly and seek for medical advice. In fact those ones are in a better position to help you and maybe no one may ever know about it

Int: ok, what personal problems would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: personal ones?

Int: yes

Resp: either I am sick, or I am in police custody for a mistake I did, I have borrowed some money and I am unable to return it for example if it is something like Sh20,000 they can say they will contribute half the money and I look for the rest then I can refund them later

Int: what issues would you seek advice from anyone else but not your parents?

Resp: If I have a wife and we have quarreled or she has given birth, I would approach a friend or neighbour

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: who would you seek this assistance from?

Resp: my mother

Int: no this other one whereby your wife is hospital or you have quarreled?

Resp: that one depends, I could have many guys who are not helpful at all and yet I may have one girlfriend who I share with such kind of issues and advices me

Int: so you go to friends?

Resp: yes

Int: who usually punishes when you make a mistake?

Resp: my father only

Int: does your father live nearby?

Resp: I call him father because he acts as one for me. He is my father's brother and lives nearby.

Int: besides your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: besides my parents?

Int: mhhh

Resp: there is no one because when I left home I came and started living with my uncle from 2000 to 2002 and then I moved out.

In fact he is the one who helped me search or this house and the main reason was I was not coping with the second wife, so I decided to move out

Int: he has had influence over your life?

Resp: yes

Int: what about friends?

Resp: no, there isn't and it is my brother, he is still in school.

Int: so there is no one else who has influenced your life?

Resp: nobody

Int: Have any of your siblings or friend been involved in a major event that you still remember about?

Resp: a friend of mine was coming from visiting me and he was caught by police. He usually sells bhang and on that day he had some on him. I was forced to get some friends; we contributed some money and got him out.

Int: can you see yourself in such problem?

Resp: no way, unless I am sick or dead but not those kinds of things

Int: what makes you feel you cannot get caught like your friend?

Resp: I know myself better than anyone else. Today is Sunday and it is my day to relax because I know tomorrow, at 6 a.m. I should be out of this house heading to work and come back here at 8pm. At that time I will wash my working cloths because I

don't wear them twice, make supper and bathe, it is already 10 pm. So I don't have that time at all to go and waste out there

Int: I want us to talk about your stay in this community. What are the challenges facing youths in this community?

Resp: there is very little I can tell you about this community. There are certain places I cannot tell you about for I don't have time to move around but what I know is that most boys don't like this place because most of like stealing and the women usually inform the authorities about their activities. That makes them uncomfortable so they have to find other places to go and those things

Int: Are there violence cases in this community among the youth; and security?

Resp: I had about three friends who had remained here and they were the first suspects but of today there are working and now the place is cool. There are no incidents because even these days, even on a Sunday afternoon, you cannot sit together chatting you will be caught on the pretext that you are planning to do something

Int: unemployment is a challenge?

Resp: yes

Int: school drop out?

Resp: yes, because you find those who are in out of school inciting those ones at school and they drop out and start engaging in those criminal activities and once they start getting money, it is not easy to return back to school

Int: ok, poverty?

Resp: there is poverty here

Int: is HIV Aids a challenge?

Resp: I don't know many but I had a friend who is now history who had that.

Int: so HIV Aids is not a big challenge?

Resp: not really but there are one or two girls I know of. If someone is not your friend, it is not easy to know. I remember I used to be suspicious until I went for the test and found negative, I was very happy

Int: that was good, what about general ill health?

Resp: that one is very common because for example you will find a friend coming to you asking for assistance and when you look at him, you can actually see he is very weak. Even after a meal you will still see this person is very weak.

Int: what strategies are youths using to cope with these challenges we have just mentioned above?

Resp: Guys having only one girlfriend can also help very much

Int: how about insecurity and unemployment, how are youths able to cope with that instead of idling in the community?

Resp: I don't blame them because there are times when you get these guys are educated but unfortunately there are no jobs or the jobs they get are contractual which after a while they are laid off, so they are found in the estates and being mistaken to be idle but where else can they go? Some of them get into those criminal activities while others keep off them completely

Int: so what do the boys do so that they don't get into those criminal activities like stealing?

Resp: I have a friend who did mechanics and they were laid off for a while, his mother sells the omena (small fish) and other things from morning till evening so you find that he is watching over his mother's business more than anything else and it helps him pay for his rent

Int: is there also anything else they do so that they can stop mugging incidents in the community?

Resp: not in this community, they can steal from you now and now one will bother, they will just look at you

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: Huruma

Int: why would you like to live in Huruma?

Resp: Huruma is a smart place because like a Sunday you are found out there, some woman will start saying this young man was part of the group that has been misbehaving here and they were killed and since no one knows you it is your parent who will come to your defense and explain you are never there because of one or two reasons. That is why I would be happy moving out

Int: do you see the possibility of living there?

Resp: to me I think it is possible, I don't see myself living here for good. I would be married by now even to more than three wives but I had one who told me outright, she can never live in Korogocho, I don't know why women don't like Korogocho

Int: why do you feel it will be possible to live in Korogocho?

Resp: I know because as I continue working hard, I will be saving Sh200-300 and then I will know how to spend the money so that when I live in a house worth Sh1500, I don't have to worry, since I can afford it

Int: let us now look at education and your future plans. What is the important thing you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: right now, I am working and when God blesses me, I would like to buy a plot for my mother and construct it because we live near a market place. I want a situation whereby money is not an issue and my children can have something to lean on when I am not there

Int: why do you feel that purchasing a plot upcountry is that important?

Resp: today I bought a vehicle, I will send it at home, because it will help my brother, my mother and so many people will benefit from it. It is like when I purchase land and construct rental houses or a small supermarket, it is my mother who will be collecting the money and not me, so she will give me something small out of it and the rest to do more developments

Int: what efforts are you doing to buy a plot upcountry?

Resp: right now, I am still very far and my income does bring in much but if I get a job in a company, I will open an account and start savings. And I don't want to buy when I have a wife because that property will be hers and other people will not benefit from it at all. The wife can choose who to benefit or not so I wish I could do it right now

Int: right now what are you doing?

Resp: I am looking for a job

Int: what can hinder you from achieving this goal?

Resp: unless I don't get a job which I am now looking for earnestly

Int: for you to attain that goal what level of education do you need to reach?

Resp: it is not easy to say the level that really matters and I am not so much in education. There are things that are automatic and

you just start and it happens; it is actually your intelligent and hard work that matter in such cases

Int: do you have any plans of going back to school?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever worked for?

Resp: yes, before I was taught this job I am doing, I used to get some Bible verses and write them on a 3 plywood and sell all the way to Kericho, I was doing better than this except my partners in that work were not fair to me so I decided to do something else

Int: so that was your first job?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you?

Resp: I was 18 years old

Int: why did you do that kind of job?

Resp: it was a very nice job and when you go to sell it was going for as little as Sh20 per piece and we were making so much money. People liked those things in Kisumu and later on I went to Kakamega. Later three other guys joined me i.e. my brother and some two boys. If you go and sell a piece all I wanted was ten bob. If you sell for more than a pound, all you need to give me is my ten bob.

Int: why did you decide to start working at age of 18 years?

Resp: it depends on the way I was brought up. There are some people who have never seen problems so that is news to them and yet there are others who were born and the first thing that they became aware of was problems. I was not able to have fun like most boys because from school I was forced to go sell boiled maize so that we can get money to buy food, my father was here in Nairobi, so generally, and life was not that easy for our family

Int: so that was your first job?

Resp: yes

Int: right now you are doing what?

Resp: panel beating,

Int: why didn't you choose any other job besides that?

Resp: It is a very good job and right now, if where I am working is closed down or I go to settle upcountry, it is something that is in my mind, I can do it anywhere.

Int: roughly in a month, how much do you earn?

Resp: when I save?

Int: mhh

Resp: for me, let me say if I go there and get a job today, there are others who will pay you Sh300 or Sh200 and I will know how

to divide that and save some so that at the end of the month I have something to the tune of Sh4,000.

Int: from this job of panel beating?

Resp: yes, from this job and from that amount; Kshs2,000 is for my mother and when I miss a job, I can use the balance for my upkeep

Int: how do you spend the balance of Sh2,000.

Resp: there are times when we don't have work the whole day but you have spent Sh80 to and from work and I have not had anything to eat. Usually I take something out there and so by the end of it all you find that there are no savings you are doing since you have to dip your hand inside that kitty to feed and for daily upkeep. So you start a fresh again

Int: so you spend it on food and fare?

Resp: that is why I am interested in working for a company because with a company you are sure of salary and you can take advance salary for emergencies and you are sure of a salary at the end of the day

Int: in this area what does success mean?

Resp: in this areas, I don't see anyone....(baby crying in the background)

Int: what does success mean to you?

Resp: it is difficult and there others who go breaking other people's homes, I really don't know them well, because I am

usually here on Sundays only and I also wake up that late.

From Monday to Saturday I leave early and come back here very late, my friends are still the same people I knew before

Int: so in your opinion what is success and its importance?

Resp: I don't know

Int: tell me of anyone who has succeeded?

Resp: he has just called me a few minutes ago. He used to help his father vendor water in the community and one day someone just approached him and asked him if he can sell things in a hardware shop and he said yes. He went and today he is working and doing well

Int: and so he went?

Resp: yes

Int: where does he stay?

Resp: just a few blocks from here

Int: how is his behavior?

Resp: he is a humble and quiet person and you will only find him chewing miraa/khat and smoking. He doesn't steal from people; he is a person I know very well

Int: he as wealth?

Resp: wealth?

Int: mhh

Resp: I cannot say he has because he just got the job recently

Int: and is family life?

Resp: maybe his father's wealth, but he lives in a rented house and has one girlfriend

Int: and what shows he has succeeded?

Resp: ok, he has succeeded though he is still living in his father's plot. If I were him, and I got such a chance I cannot continue living on my parent's property so that I can gauge myself as to whether I can be able to cope with life on my own

Int: what else distinguishes a successful person from others?

Resp: the way they dress and they look presentable

Int: is there anything else that can identify a successful young person?

Resp: you hear the parents speaking well of them and like for his case, he stopped running away with his parents money like he used to do after selling the water. They cope very well with his father and he is proud of his son. He usually tells me that the son is now an adult because he brings him something from his earnings

Int: ok, what distinguishes a young man with good behavior from that one who is not?

Resp: If you are a good boy, it shows from the parents and your kind of friends. He is will be frank enough to correct his friends

if they are going the wrong way. He can even offer suggestions as to how you can improve the situation but that one who is ill mannered will come to you and suggest you go steal from some unsuspecting person he has identified that has money. You will go and do that but that is spoiling your reputation. So his main objective is to spoil things; he never things or good things like the well behaved young person.

Int: what does he do that an ill mannered person doesn't do?

Resp: I told you that I woke up at one in the afternoon and when I go out there I find my friends had a deal and maybe they have earned some money but are arguing about the distribution. I will ask them to tell me how many people did the work and then tell them to divide equally amongst themselves

Int: you have seen these challenges that youths meet along the way in the village, how can a successful person cope with these or avoid them at all costs?

Resp: the company you keep matters very much. If you have friends who are not good and you see they want to put pressure on you to do something which is not good, you can for a week just be underground, he will not come to pull you from your house or force you for that matter

Int: what else?

Resp: no, I don't think there is one

Int: what can a young person do to be successful in life?

Resp: before you are killed by the police or get justice mob justice you need to learn to control yourself on certain things that you know that are not good for you. Don't be in a hurry to do things but relax and weigh the situation before making a final decision and taking action

Int: where are you parents for now?

Resp: they are upcountry in Kisumu

Int: are they in town or the village?

Resp: we live in town

Int: what made you move out?

Resp: from time to time we used to quarrel and I didn't think that was a good idea because he will tell you to look for a job like the others and continue with your education. A mother is sympathetic and advice you that you need to go to college something and when you say you want to go to college, she will tell you to look for money and she can pay the other half for you. They actually asked me what I want and I said driving so they told me to go and think properly on those lines. Actually driving is good but where will you get a vehicle from; that was my father's question and I saw the sense in it so I thought of panel beating and I had thought of going to Kericho or Kisumu but my uncle told my father that he can live with me as I go on with that training on the job. Mother was also willing and she gave me some money to pay the instructor

Int: tell me your feelings and experiences when you left home and came to stay with your uncle

Resp: right now I have changed and today as we approach December I can take care of my own needs otherwise I used to call mother to look for money which I can use to spend my December holiday with. Right now I cannot do that. I have to send to them instead. At least the expenses have now reduces on the part of my mother

Int: how old were you when you moved out?

Resp: I was 19 years old

Int: and when did you start living alone how old were you?

Resp: I was 20 but I left upcountry at 19.

Int: what were your feelings when you moved out; were you afraid, happy?

Resp: I was happy because I wanted to see whether I can live on my own and be self reliant because I have heard many people say life is not easy,

Int: how do you feel staying alone?

Resp: ok, because even when I make mistakes, now one will know about them. There are some relatives when you live with them and have your meals with them they don't feel comfortable with you so it is good to be on your own and you can choose the kind of diet you want for yourself.

Int: what are the challenges you have faced living alone?

Resp: it will depend on how I want to live. When I get my money I can pass through the supermarket, buy what I want and I will know for how long they will last before I restock it again, you are able to plan for your future

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: if I had the money by the end of this year I would be married

Int: why?

Resp: I believe when I am married my life will be in a better position to support me. I also know that sometimes I do overspend because I don't a family but if I get responsibilities, I believe I can do much better than I am doing right now. I will be more focused than I am now

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: I don't look at culture or tribe, I don't mind the language she speaks so long as we understand and love one another

Int: you don't consider tribe?

Resp: no

Int: what about age?

Resp: I want her to be less my age by three years or two

Int: education level?

Resp: when you love each other some things don't matter at all. The other girl who got pregnant was in college and now she

proceeded to Kenyatta University. She was doing nursing and after that she got a job and I think that is what made her change towards me

Int: ok, economic situation in both families?

Resp: unless she is after that, I really don't care her background so long as we are in love

Int: we are about to finish. Have you had a lover before?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first lover

Resp: I was with another Luo lady and she stayed here for about two months

Int: was that your first relationship?

Resp: yes, and she was living with her sister. When I approached her the first time, she was willing and she wanted to get married. After a while, my aunt called my parents and told them that I had snatched someone his wife and yet this girl was not married at all. She was single and childless. The girl just went away and later on she came back and told me that my aunt had sent her away from here and now she is married elsewhere. I had gone to Kiambu for some work and we spent there only to come back and find no one here. She later came to pick her cloths. We didn't part of badly and we talk when she is around

though my aunt keep wondering whether we have come back together again

Int: when did this happen?

Resp: it was very recent about 2001. When I came from upcountry I didn't stay long before I took my own room

Int: right now you said are 22 and that happened when you were

Resp: 21 years. I was about 17 years old when that happened

Int: how old was the girl?

Resp: she was 18 years; she was not very young as such but I was slightly older than her

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: we met in this community

Int: how did the relationship start?

Resp: I called her and she gave me directions on how we can be able to meet and I also gave her directions to my house. Were in Kariobangi at that time and she was staying in Nyayo. She was not living happily where she was and she was looking for anyone who could be willing to marry her I called her and she gave me directions on how we can be able to meet and I also gave her directions to my house. Were in Kariobangi at that time and she was staying in Nyayo. She was not living happily where she was and she was looking for anyone who could be willing to marry her

Int: were other people aware of this relationship?

Resp: only a friend of mine was aware and he recommended her except for my aunt who brought the division between us

Int: what kind of relationship was it?

Resp: it was a very good relationship and I only came to get bored with women when she left

Int: you will forgive me for some questions, I would like you tell me more about your first sexual experience; how old were you?

Resp: since when I was a child?

Int: the first time you ever had sex in your life

Resp: it was a surprise because I had never thought of sex before and I remember my aunt used to ask if I have a girlfriend in my life. It is like they were concerned that I am not bothered about sex. So I did it before her just to show that I was a normal man

Int: so when was your first time?

Resp: I was 15 years old and upcountry

Int: how old was the girl?

Resp: she was about 15 and she was not my girlfriend. We just happened to be living near each other. So one day I was sitting with my best friends and these other guys used to come with girls at night and I could spend the night on the floor

leaving the bed to them. It didn't even look strange to me so one day one the girls came and of them refused to spend the night with the boyfriend and insisted she had come to me. It was about 2 a.m. and she insisted if that is not possible, she will go to her home. We were like her place is far and risky at that hour of the night, so the other guy just walked out, I don't know where he spent the night. I was force to spend the night with the girl and I didn't force the situation.

Int: why did you choose her in particular?

Resp: I was also surprised and I just tried since the opportunity was there thought the guy was mad at me. I also didn't understand why the girl insisted on me

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: no,

Int: why didn't you use one?

Resp: ok, I was not supposed to trust the girl but the force, emotional force was there and I don't think I was thinking straight since I was on a discovery mission about what happens when they do these things at night and I am there

Int: so your reason for not using protection the first time is?

Resp: let me say it was not available

Int: but you knew they are there and people need to use them?

Resp: yes

Int: when did you get your first born?

Resp: my first born was when I was already in Nairobi,

Int: how old is the child?

Resp: I think Leon is about 2-3 years, we got Leon in 2006

Int: tell me about that pregnancy of your lover?

Resp: the girl was not ready but I had planned for it but the girl was not for it. I forced her and told her that we have been together for long and people will wonder what is wrong with us. She refused but I continued putting pressure on her until she accepted. We talked about it

Int: why did you decide to get a baby at that time?

Resp: whenever I used to meet my friends, they all had children and the family looked nice, so I also longed for something like that.

Int: how does it feel like being a parent?

Resp: I miss my child and even though the mother got a job and went away, she came and told me that she sent the baby to baby class and you need to cater for the school fees. I asked her how much? She said Sh600 I said ok, actually her mother was the problem now between us. She usually used to come with child on Sundays and leave the kid here and then come for it later just to see what I will do for the baby. I used to go around with him and buy him

some things also give the mother some money to buy clothes for him

Int: do you feel that you are adult now since you are a parent?

Resp: of course, even if the child is elsewhere, you know bringing up a baby is not an easy job because most guys usually refuse to take responsibility when they make girls pregnant. To get a man who accepts that responsibility; that means he is an adult

Int: what are the challenges of being a parent?

Resp: because of this child, I cannot continue involving in other affairs like before, my money now has use in the home

Int: what other challenges are there as a parent?

Resp: right now I can concentrate on my job because there are some many basic needs that I need to meet for the sake of the baby

Int: what concerns do you have about people who are young and are expecting to be parents in the near future?

Resp: I can advice them it is nice if you talk to your woman and agree both of you on how to take care of the child

Int: you would not be unhappy about it?

Resp: no, I would be happy for them

Int: now we are in the last section of the interview; how were you affected by the post election violence?

Resp: being in the jua kali sector, I suffered a lot and I was here alone because uncle and his family had gone upcountry. I had to look after his house and I didn't go out looting like the rest of the youths did. My cousin was sitting for his exams and we were waiting for the results. He finished the money my uncle had left behind and I also got broke. There was no way I could go to work and let me tell you, hunger is worse than AIDS. I could walk on the way and feel like falling because we were surviving on water only. And when I am out there the Luos were also after my blood that I was a kikuyu so I was forced to move about cautiously. It was a very rough time for some of us. You had to move in groups

Int: was there any problem with living arrangements?

Resp: it was difficult because like at my uncle's place, the violence was reaching there so I was forced to be vigilant as he sleeps

Int: how were you able to cope with that situation?

Resp: these people were going everywhere because most people had gone upcountry immediately after voting and a few people were around

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: I only liked when peace was came back. It was painful to see a mother being raped with her child! It was a painful and I was

imagining my mother would be in such situation and I am very far from her

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: making money getting wealth takes time and just imagine, people were breaking other peoples' shops and carrying off things or destroying something you know that will help you in future

Int: what else didn't you like?

Resp: what people were doing in Kibera and even setting a church on fire, why hurt someone who has no grudge with you surely? You are doing things like....I don't know whether to say the devil because any sensible person; how do you set people in a church on fire unless you are a mental case? I had to home for awhile and settle my head first

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: we are through now, is there anything you would like to add besides what we have discussed?

Resp: no

Int: ok thank you so much Erick for your contributions

TRANSITIONS STUDY

STUDY POINTS

- 133. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 134. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 135. RESILIENCE
- 136. WHY THEY CHOSE THE INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 137. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. There is a status which shows the transition from childhood to adulthood
- 2. Their main challenge is lack o jobs and poverty
- 3. The respondent is able to resist using drugs because he has been raised to be a straight forward person

FOR IDIs:

Job/Position title/Occupation:

Educational Level: Primary

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: Nil

Name of Slum: Korogocho

Name of Village: Korogocho B

Background information

Int: I would like to hear your opinion about adulthood. In your own opinion, who is an adult?

Resp: status, there is a status someone reaches and feels he is an adult, his behavior changes and then at the age of 18 years and above, he becomes an adult. (Noisy background) and then he can now go and look for employment

Int: what else can you use to differentiate an adult from one who is not?

Resp: there are many things

Int: like what?

Resp: silence

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: you reach a certain point and then you decide to get married

Int: so does that mean you are an adult or not?

Resp: you are an adult

Int: how about moving out of the home and living on your own?

Resp: that is an adult because there is a time when you have to move and leave your parents for example; it is also written in the Bible that a person will leave his parents and go to live on his own.

Int: sexual behavior?

Resp: that one will not determine who an adult is from one who is not because these days even children of ten years are engaged in sex

Int: what about education?

Resp: it can; depending on the level for example anyone going to college or the university is an adult you don't expect young children to be in university because they will not understand a thing

Int: and if you are responsible?

Resp: anyone who has taken on responsibility is an adult because it means you are ready to make decision on what is right or wrong

Int: and circumcision?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: at our age we were cut when we were 15 years of age and we were advised that now we have to change and behave like adults, change our friends to adult friends and so on

Int: is there anything else that can be used to differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: I can't think of any

Int: from all the information we have just discussed, can tell me the stages a child passes through before becoming an adult?

Resp: from infancy to about five years, that is a baby. From there we have 6-7 years which is nursery and then standard one. From 7 years to about 15 that is primary school and then between 15-18 you start facing the challenges of starting to realize the changes taking place in your body, going to adult. Then from 18 - 25 that one is already an adult who can differentiate good and bad, and can make decisions.

Int: ok, how did you come up with this arrangement?

Resp: that is how I was brought up

Int: how do you relate with adulthood today?

Resp: I am an adult because I have to support myself, I have to go out and look for work and be able to support myself. I don't expect my parents to continue supporting me

Int: do you see yourself as an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: what are you experiencing that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: a lot of things are happening like I have to go out and look for food, I have to look into my future and plan for it, I need to do it right now otherwise I don't have any other time

Int: is there any other experience you are going through?

Resp: I can make my own decisions

Int: is there anything that makes you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: no

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: I can make my own decision without asking

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: what don't you like about being adult?

Resp: reactions related to childish behavior, they way some people are not responsible for their own lives

Int: what else?

Resp: you are an adult and you are still being accommodated by your parents, and yet you could go out there and look for way to survive and let your parent's just step in once in a while to assist you. I don't like lazy people also

Int: is there any significant event that happened in your life that you will never forget?

Resp: as an adult?

Int: just in your life

Resp: ok, there was a time I was laid in Kenyatta National Hospital for seven months and at the end of it all I lost a leg. It was amputee.

Int: what happened?

Resp: it just started as a small boil and then it increased and started damaging the bone on the inside.

Int: after the investigation, did they tell you what was wrong?

Resp: no,

Int: you are healed now?

Resp: I am back in form

Int: when did this happen?

Resp: in 2004 in March to October

Int: ok, who do you live with?

Resp: I live alone

Int: how do your parents involve themselves in your life?

Resp: they help keep my life straight whereby when I do mistakes, they correct me and advice me appropriately.

Int: what about accommodation, food etc?

Resp: when I am unable to, they assist me

Int: do they advice you on employment?

Resp: yes, when there is a decision to make I share with them

Int: on what issues would your parents offer you advice?

Resp: issues related to marriage for example maybe you want to get married and you have a girl already, you have to seek their

advice. I also have friends and when they see that they are not straightforward people, they will tell me about it and advice me to leave them

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: what do they advice you on things related to drugs, employment,

Resp: they talk to me about it especially drugs and unwanted pregnancies, they don't like that

Int: what else?

Resp: taking other people properties is not good

Int: what kind of issues would make you seek advice from your parents? (air plane)

Resp: when I don't have money to pay for rent or food, I approach them for help instead of going to someone else

Int: what would hinder you from going to see help from your parents?

Resp: most of things you also need to solve them as an adult

Int: like which one?

Resp: when I need a job, I will ask my friends where they go to look for jobs. Another issue is romantic relationships, I cannot tell them. I can only do that when I have made a decision on

the girl I want to marry but these other relations, I would not do that

Int: what personal problems would make you seek help from your parents?

Resp: I don't think there is

Int: on what kinds of issues would you not approach your parents but instead go to seek help elsewhere?

Resp: maybe things like marriage, you go to parents to help you make the final decisions like visiting the girls home and such things

Int: supposing your girlfriend gets pregnant would you face your parents with such problem?

Resp: yes

Int: and your desperations, would you face your parents with such?

Resp: yes, I would

Int: what is you have a health issue?

Resp: that one I have to share with them

Int: What about embarrassing issues like a problem with your private parts?

Resp: I think I would approach anyone else but not my parents

Int: what about your sisters and brothers?

Resp: I would not tell all of them, maybe I would take one in confidence

Int: why only one?

Resp: If you tell all of them they will get worried but if you tell one of them and you happen to pass away, then he/she can inform the others what really happened otherwise it is not good to worry others when you can avoid it

Int: now that you live alone, when you make mistakes or go the wrong way, who corrects you?

Resp: my parents, siblings and friends

Int: besides your parents, who has influenced your life more?

Resp: family and friends

Int: how do your friends influence your life?

Resp: they sometimes inspire you in life

Int: and family members?

Resp: they will put you on the right side as a family

Int: is there anyone else who has influenced your life?

Resp: my brothers

Int: how do they influence your life?

Resp: sometimes they come in on individual basis for example, you may not like something I am doing and you tell me about it and offer advice

Int: tell me of any worst problem your sibling or friends were involved in.

Resp: maybe things like being drunkards, doing drugs and school dropout

Int: do you see yourself in such kind of problem

Resp: no, I am not in there

Int: why?

Resp: the way I was brought up, those things were not part of it

Int: I would like us to talk about your growing up in this community, what are the challenges young people are experiencing in this community?

Resp: unemployment, poverty, diseases

Int: like which diseases?

Resp: AIDS and TB

Int: what else; what about security?

Resp: insecurity is still there

Int: violence in the home and outside

Resp: those are common in this place including harassment

Int: what strategies have the young people put in place to curb or stop them completely?

Resp: they have formed groups and try to seek assistance from people who can be able to help them.

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: you cannot live where you cannot afford that is why I am here

Int: ok, that is understandable but if you were to get an opportunity, where would you live?

Resp: I would like to live a good life like others do

Int: where?

Resp: in the estates

Int: like which one?

Resp: Muthaiga

Int: why Muthaiga?

Resp: there is security and a very good breeze

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: is there any possibility of you going to live there?

Resp: my hard work will enable me to do that

Int: what is the most important thing you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: live a good life like a good job and have my own family

Int: what steps are you making towards this goal?

Resp: everything goes step by step

Int: so you have already started taking steps, which ones are those?

Resp: looking for a job and be able to plan how.....

Int: what can hinder you from achieving this goal?

Resp: things like diseases or lack of employment

Int: is there anything else that can hinder you from achieving your goal?

Resp: no

Int: in your opinion what level of education do you need to achieve this goal?

Resp: go to secondary, then university and get a well paying job.
There is no way I can get a well paying job when I am not educated; you need a good educational background to get a well paying job

Int: do you think you will attain this level of education?

Resp: if I get an opportunity, I will make use of it

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: job?

Int: to earn a living?

Resp: small jobs here and there

Int: hold were you when you got your first paying job?

Resp: I was 18 years

Int: why did you start working at 18?

Resp: I just wanted to be self reliant and also that is when life starts; you want to eat, dress well, and live the way others are living

Int: did you have any experience of your first job?

Resp: unintelligible

Int: did you have the experience?

Resp: yes

Int: are you currently involved in any income generating activity?

Resp: no

Int: in this community, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: getting a job and moving to another estate

Int: what else?

Resp: moving out of here

Int: tell me of anyone in this community who has succeeded

Resp: they are many

Int: I just need one

Resp: we were in school with him

Int: what does he do?

Resp: he was brought up in this place

Int: what does he do?

Resp: he is now a musician

Int: he was born here?

Resp: born and bred here

Int: how does he live these days?

Resp: I really don't know because he moved out

Int: and his behavior

Resp: he is humble and he comes here to inspire the youth

Int: mhh what else, what about his family?

Resp: it is an able family, they are now famous

Int: how can you identify a successful young person?

Resp: he succeeded by getting a job, and moved out to achieve his
dreams

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: what will distinguish a well behave young man

Resp: he lives a good life, he is not involved in drugs, is working
hard in life

Int: what does a well behaved young man does that an ill mannered one doesn't do?

Resp: the kind of groups he associates with, he will get ideas and come to share them with others but the other one will be very individualistic and want to live his own life

Int: what else?

Resp: there is nothing else

Int: what can a young person do to succeed in life?

Resp: follow his dreams

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: in Nairobi

Int: why did you move out of home?

Resp: I just wanted to be self reliant

Int: tell me the experience you went through when you left home for the first time?

Resp: many challenges

Int: like?

Resp: feeding myself was not easy especially when your people not nearby

Int: how old were you when you first moved out of your parent's place

Resp: I was 19 years

Int: what did you feel?

Resp: I was happy

Int: why?

Resp: because I was starting my own life

Int: how does it feel like living alone now?

Resp: ok

Int: what else?

Resp: I am free to do what I want and also it is a challenge to go
out there and look for food, pay my rent and cloth myself

Int: how are you able to cope with these challenges?

Resp: you have to learn to cope with them

Int: what challenges are you facing as a young man living alone?

Resp: sometimes I am desperate living alone,

Int: what problems do you face living alone?

Resp: it is not good to live alone

Int: why is it not good?

Resp: you need a companion to help you so that you can help each
other and it becomes a problem making decisions

Int: what other challenge do you face?

Resp: when I am broke

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: soon

Int: what will make you decide to get married at that time?

Resp: it has been in my plans to get married and have a wife

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: hardworking and patient

Int: ok, age difference?

Resp: at least I should be more than two years ahead of her

Int: and tribe?

Resp: that doesn't matter

Int: economic status of the girl?

Resp: no, that doesn't matter

Int: is there anything else I have forgotten?

Resp: no

Int: let us now talk about relationships; have you had a lover in
our life?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about first relationship, how old were you?

Resp: I was fifteen

Int: and she was?

Resp: I really don't know, we were just teens discovering things

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: It was those childish things that we see on TV and you decide to practice it

Int: how was the relationship?

Resp: it is a long time ago, I can't remember what really happened, it had no meaning at all

Int: what is the relationship like to day; are you friends?

Resp: no, she continued with her life and I continued with mine

Int: how do you feel about that relationship?

Resp: I really don't know

Int: was it good or bad?

Resp: I was still childish by then and I didn't take anything into consideration. It is not like an adult whereby you can differentiate wrong and right

Int: have you ever had sex before?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me your first sexual experience;

Resp: of that sex

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 15

Int: and her?

Resp: no idea as I told you before

Int: what is the relationship now?

Resp: we lost touch

Int: what made you decide to have sex with her?

Resp: we were on discovery mission

Int: did you use protection?

Resp: no, we didn't bother

Int: do you plan to have children?

Resp: in future

Int: why do you plan to have children?

Resp: so that my parents can also feel proud of me

Int: when do you think is the right time to get children?

Resp: even now, I am 23 now, if I had a baby; that would be good

Int: let us now talk about the post election violence; were you affected?

Resp: it was not a good thing to see people killing each other, people who had been living as brothers for a long time. There were very many weird things going on and to date, that picture still remains vivid in my mind

Int: is there any family member who was affected?

Resp: no, we were not affected at all,

Int: what about people being chased away from their homes....

Resp: my friend was a victim his family has been living in the camp
as IDPs

Int: how were you able to cope with the uncertainties surrounding the
post election violence?

Resp: we were just living like that; we didn't know what the next move
to make was.

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about it because families separated,
others died, I mean everything was in disarray, there was no
food, and things were just hard for everyone

Int: what did you like about it?

Resp: no, there was nothing to like about war. Nothing completely,
except when they stopped fighting and things returned to
normal, I was now happy.

Int: I am now through; would you like to ask me a question?

Resp: I don't have

Int: do you have any commend you would like to make?

Resp: no

Int: any recommendations?

Resp: no

Int: ok, Simon, thank you for your answers and your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF2V001 pilot2

STUDY POINTS

- 138. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 139. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 140. WHY THEY CHOSE THE INTENDED CAREER PATHS

SALIENT POINTS

- 5. Respondent equates adulthood to mental maturity
- 6. The main challenge is drug abuse
- 7. I am able to resist engaging in sex because she does not want to lose focus of her goals
- 8. She wants to be a journalist because she is passionate about it and she passes in related subjects

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 16

Job/Position title/Occupation: schooling

Educational Level: Form

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Uchumi

Background information

Q1. There is a way that someone behaves that differentiates whether one is an adult or not.

- a) Age - you can be old but one doesn't have a brain but a child who is younger has a brain
- b) Employment - anyone can work regardless of whether an adult or not
- c) Leaving home - show maturity
- d) Education - still a child because they depend on parents for everything regardless of whether they are in university
- e) Sex - even small kids do it nowadays so it does not necessarily that one is an adult
- f) Dependent - shows adulthood because one can take care of themselves
- g) Maturity bodywise - it doesn't because even child have big bodies
- h) Circumcision - it shows you have grown
- i) Other - none
- j) How - mentally i.e. when one grows mentally then they are adults
- k) Any stages - you must go through adolescence, after this one grows

Int: Does it mean that once one goes through adolescence they are adults?

l) But you have to pass it and you act like a child

Int: So it doesn't necessarily mean one is an adult

Q2. There is a way one change, they stop have childlike behaviours whereby they used to plays games like "kalongo" (cooking game)

Q3 as a girl, as you grow you were once being approached by small guys but big guys now approach you as a big girl. For example my mum, auntie don't treat me like a child anymore, they give me household chores and when I am late outside she doesn't worry since she knows I can take care of myself.

Q4. I am still being taken care off

Q5 getting respect from younger people i.e. people younger than me

Q6 getting married

Q7 starting school in 2008 has helped me so much because I cannot be compared with someone who didn't go to school, someone who doesn't go to school gets involved in bad groups because of idleness

Q8 my auntie

Q9 they don't have to be involved

A person is the one who makes their life

Q. what about school, food, accommodation?

Yes, they are involved

Q10. Relationships

Q11. I have told you, education

Q12. a) - school fees and accommodation (food and clothes)

b) - if I am pregnant

c) - if I am sick and I am far from home, I will seek help from my friend or wherever I am

Q. what about pregnancy?

A Depends on parents if they are harsh or understanding

Q. School?

A Yes, I will approach my teacher

e) - first my boyfriend and then I see how he reacts later I will approach my parents because you might first be afraid to approach your parents you never know how they will react

Q13. Advice

- Not washing dishes - yells first then advises you on how a girl should behave

- Being late

Q14 none

Q15 drug use

Q16 no, I have never tried

Q17. - most girls are raped and stabbed

o Most guys use drugs and steal

o School dropouts

Q18 most join the drug using groups because of lack of jobs

Q what were they doing to deal with the challenges?

When there is Kazi kwa Vijana, it was cool because they were busy. Being raped is someone's doing because it happens when it is late. The girls ensure that they are not late

Q19 I would like to live a high class life like in Kahawa Sukari or Westland because life is good; you will your own life without disturbances

Q20 my hard work

Q22. To be a journalist

Why? It is a good job

Why?It fits me

How?Based on how I pass my subjects and I am passionate about it

Q23. Education - I work hard in school

Anything else? None

Q24 - I prevent myself from getting HIV AIDS

- I shouldn't misuse myself e.g. use of drugs, engaging in sex and getting pregnant

Q25. Must get to university

Q27 yes in school

Q28 Journalist

Q29 My teacher.

If you want something you must work hard

Q32 No

Q33 No

Q34 Not applicable

Q35 to succeed in everything

- In school - you pass exams

- Job - you pass interviews and get the job

Q36. Denis Oliech

- Plays football, helped improve his family's life and has a lot of wealth

Q and in terms of his behavior?

- I wouldn't know because he lives far

Q37. The young person's hard work

Q38 - he doesn't socialize, he is a loner

- Always at home

- A guy who concentrates on his education

Q: what does/doesn't he do?

A a guy at this age must have a girlfriend, if not he must be abnormal

Q39. One can study but not succeed and also one cannot study but have a brain to succeed.

- Money makes one successful

Q How will you get the money?

- You have to find a job

Q40 I only have one parent in Ngara

Q45 2 years

- Till I clear high school

Why?

- I want to start taking care of myself

Q What determines when you will leave?

- I have never thought about it

Q46 not important, I have never seen the importance (picks paper and folds) I see people being beaten (domestic violence) so I don't want it happening to me

Q47 not ready, it is not in my mind

Q. what would determine the timing of getting married

- maybe having children

Q48 what kind of a person would like to get married to?

Someone educated, older than me by six years and a kikuyu like me

Res: how many more questions?

Int we are almost through. Have you ever had a boyfriend?

Res yes

Q54: Last year. I was still 16 and he was 19. We had gone to a party and we met there and started the relationship but we are not together now anymore

Q how was the relationship?

- it was a great relationship

Q Why did you end it?

I wanted to focus on my education

Q55. Ever had sex? No

Q56. Why haven't you
nowadays u cannot trust people that much

We used to meet

Q57. When do you anticipate to have you first sex?

After I get married

Q58 how do you feel?

I am happy

Q68 are you planning to have children?

Yes. I don't want my name to get lost or be forgotten

Q69. After 25 or 26 years

Why?

Because no one will ask you

Q70 how did you the post election violence affect you?

Res: my auntie lost her job

Q71 she had set aside some cash and started a business with it

Q72. U was sad when she lost her job

Q73 I wasn't happy about anything

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF2V027

STUDY POINTS

141. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED AND UNDERSTOOD

142. WHAT MAKES A YOUNG PERSON SUCCESSFUL

143.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO HAVE CHILDREN

SALIENT POINTS

10. She equate adulthood with being able to work and take care of is/her family
11. She equates having gone to school up form four, passed and got a job, have a plot, to being successful
12. The respondent says having children despite their nagging, and being called a mother as others are called is the reason to have children

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 15 years

Job/Position title/Occupation:

Educational Level: Std 7

Ethnic Level: Luhya

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: Nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Kingstone

Background information

NONE

Transcripitor's note: this respondent sounds mentally unstable from the answers she is giving to the interviewer takes time to understand the question

Int: Joan, in your opinion, what is the different between adults and children?

Resp: the difference?

Int: yes

Resp: adults are self reliant

Int: in what way?

Resp: adults look for means in which they can feed their families and provision of other needs whereas children wait for adults to bring to them. They also cloth the children and it is also their responsibility to make sure that I am well educated so that when I am an adult I also know the essence of being educated. A child also needs to respect the parent because you get advice about everything from them

Int: mhhh

Resp: If am in the wrong, I should apologize to them, we should not also being boyfriends into our homes because are still under our parents and need to respect them. I cannot use my parent's bed with my boyfriends and culturally it is not wise. You are not supposed to steal from your parents and when taken to school you should work hard. I was not able to continue school because I once suffered from Pneumonia and since then I have not stabilized, I cannot hold a pen in my hand; it will fall off, and that is why up to today, I am here at home

Int: what else differentiates an adult from a child?

Resp: adults have more experiences than children

Int: for example?

Resp: my mother is experienced in sexual issues, she knows the pain of child bearing and my father also married and has experience in managing a family. He knows the pros and cons of having a family. They both know what is good and what bad, how to face it. As for me I don't have any experience in life at all, today when I wash my inner cloth, I wouldn't know where to dry it, it is embarrassing to my father.

Int: is there anything you can add on that?

Resp: children need to respect the grow-ups. You have are our visitor here and I am not supposed to start backbiting you with other people after you leave. I am not supposed to share what has transpired with anyone else whose intention is gossip, it is not good. All adults need to be respected

Int: what about physical maturity

Resp: to look after my body?

Int: physical maturity; remember we are discussing about adults

Resp: physical maturity...(repeats the same trying to understand what physical maturity is)you need to look after your body and you are not supposed to leave your body to be weak, for example if you are from work, and are aware that this areas I am passing

through, you need to be is not good and you go ahead and pass through, you don't have to wait until you are very ill before you take action. I was cut by a panga, (machete) on my way from school and I fell ill after nine months and couldn't go to school. Once you know this person you are dealing with is not a good person, it is good to avoid this person and only speak when spoken to.

Int: ok, can you compare yourself with an adult right now?

Resp: how?

Int: are you an adult or a child?

Resp: my being here means I am a child because I am not married and don't have any children. If I get married and have children then people have a right to call me an adult with respect but again if you don't respect me and you are calling me an adult, we will definitely enter into arguments and embarrass one another. Currently I am a child for I am still under the umbrella of my parents. Was still attending school, I would be in form two right now but whatever someone did to me, I don't feel bad about it, whatever he will do is what I will also do. I will not hate the person, if they need help I will give them, I don't need to backbite them or revenge in any form

Int: you said you think you are still a child and have given me your reasons for thinking that

Resp: yes

Int: what are you experiencing right now that makes you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: it depends, if you are still under your parents care, your father is there referring to you as his child, you also do what you are being told for you are still one and it is not good to go against them or what they say. You don't have to do things that will make them regret having ever given birth to you. If they tell you to look after their businesses, you should do so. When you are an adult again you are not supposed to misbehave before your parents for example if your mother leaves you to look after a business worth sh600, you are not supposed to take Sh200 out of it and use on braiding your hair, even if other people advice you otherwise, listen to what your parents tell you, if they say, be patient, do that, don't be too impatient and do otherwise just because you are an adult.

int: ok, what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: for me to be an adult?

Int: things about adulthood that you like

Resp: right now, it is good to help each other when you are in problems without boundaries. Being an adult means you are supposed to respect other people and their way of life for example, if you are an adult and are dressed in a mini dress like a young girl is not good, when you are called go and find

out what you are being called for, don't just ignore others because you are now an adult

Int: what don't you like about adults?

Resp: adult people currently?

Int: yes, what don't you like?

Resp: irresponsibility; you are an adult like entering into arguments, abusing other people and refusing to solve issues as a responsible person.

Int: is there any significant event that has ever happened to you and you will never forget it?

Resp: this suffering I am going through right now, I had gone to fetch firewood when someone put some witchcraft concoctions on the path, I remember I was in class two and when I passed over it without knowing, and I was affected. When I went to class the next day, I was not able to function well; when the teacher asks me a question, and I stand to answer, I would fall down on the floor, pass urine and stool at the same time and in the same place before I am able to stand up. That has remained in my mind to date. That happened in 1999. I struggled with school till Std 8 which I was not able to sit for it at all. My parents tried very hard for me to sit for that exam but it was not possible and that really has been an unforgettable event in my life. 12:55

Int: why is it important to you?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: my parents took me to hospital and today as you can see, I am now healed. To me that is a very significant thing and my mother has never stopped reminding me how much she spent on me to enable me get healed

Int: how much did she spend?

Resp: she spent about Sh9,000.00. The only problem I am experiencing right now is that I cannot be able to hold a pen and write with it. For someone who doesn't know me, he can think I am pretending and I don't want to write.

Int: ok, who do you live with here?

Resp: my parents

Int: on what kind of issues do your parents advise you on?

Resp: to go out and get married?

Int: issues like those ones and any other

Resp: they advise me on marriage only. You have noticed another kid around here?

Int: mhh

Resp: that kid is an orphan the mother died and we are supposed to give finance on her behalf, if we don't do that I cannot be married, and once I am married, I am not supposed to come back

to this house. My parents would have done away with me. I only need to call my husband from the city centre and he will come and pick me up

Int: are there any other issues they advice you on?

Resp: they also advice me employment

Int: in which way?

Resp: they advice me to look for employment as other girls do, it doesn't matter what kind. I have been trying to do that but every time I get a job, this little kid gets ill, and I am forced to stay at home with her until she is well. There was a time I got some employment, I was selling these hand and body oils but the contract ended and we were promised that it will be renewed next year in January. But as for men we were advised against them

Int: how?

Resp: if you want to get married, we were told that you should never tell a man that you are single and go to his place. You should not also tell your parents that you are getting married and make them unhappy. Never do that, you need to make plans on how you will go to the man but if you have no plans, don't go to him, just stay with your parents even if they mistreat you. Just learn how to persevere after all they are your parents

Int: what else?

Resp: mhh?

Int: what else do they advice you on?

Resp: to respect adults, it is not good to be rude to them even when they wrong you as a child. You should not be mean to others. If a neighbor is in need, for example maybe she is ill, and asks you to go and fetch water for her, just do it and God will bless you for helping those who need your help.

Int: how involved are your parents in your daily life, on issues like decision making?

Resp: right now they wanted me to stop this job and go for a dressmaking course; I overheard my father telling my mother. He want me to be self reliant and also help the family.

Int: what else?

Resp: that is the only thing they talk about because it is very painful for them to see seated here doing nothing of importance. Like today, my mother wanted me to go and help her sell her stock by four and it is already past that time, I don't know what has happened or she had too many customers

Int: what kind of issues would you seek help from your parents?

Resp: if I am married and there are issues which are derailing me, I can come back to my parents and seek for advice on how to solve them because they are experienced in married life. For example if my husband wants to pay bride price, I would come

to ask them how or what I am supposed to do. Some families believe in their culture so much and if they tell you to do something which you are not sure you can go back your parents and seek advice on what to

Int: what kind of issues would make you not seek advice from your parents?

Resp: if my parents are too old to remember some things, I can always look for help elsewhere. I cannot also seek for help from them when my husband's grandmother is still alive; she is the one to advice in stead of bothering my parents. I am not also supposed to tell my parents confidential issues in my marriage; I am supposed to learn to solve them by myself. I cannot also share with them embarrassing topics

Int: is there anything else that would stop you seeking advice from your parents?

Resp: if you are involved in gossiping with other people and they tell you things about the family you are married in, you cannot share that with your parents but find out the truth and help them

Int: what kind of personal problems would seek help from your parents?

Resp: maybe I am sick and my husband has given up on me, and doesn't want to offer any assistance, I can seek help from my parents

to help me either buy drugs or any other necessities that will contribute to my health

Int: Is there any problem that would make you look for help from friends or other sources and not your parents?

Resp: maybe I go on a trip and I spend a night with someone or somewhere I am not supposed to, I cannot share that with my parents or information with my parents. Unless something happens to me for example, I am harmed it would mean I have to tell them but otherwise, I would avoid telling them something like that at all costs. I can only tell them as history but not when it is current, because that would be an embarrassment.

Int: is there any particular person that you would you look for help from and not your parents?

Resp: possibly my sister in law or her mother in law

Int: why would you go to seek help from these particular people?

Resp: if it is an embarrassing situation I can only ask for outside help

Int: you mentioned earlier on that you live with your parents?

Resp: yes

Int: how do they punish you when you are in the wrong?

Resp: I would tell them before they discover so that we can discuss it amicably and ask for forgiveness.

Int: before you tell them and they discover that you have made some mistakes, what kind of punishment would they give you?

Resp: Before my mother starts beating me up, I would try and beg her to listen to my explanation first and beg for forgiveness.

Int: so your mother has beaten you before?

Resp: yes

Int: what had you done?

Resp: I was supposed to wash some clothes after which go and fetch for water. I finished washing clothes and started gossiping with my friends instead of going to fetch water. So when she came back in the evening and found me seated where you just found me, she gave me a beating. When she asked what I had been doing the whole day, I was afraid to tell her that I was gossiping with my friends

Int: besides your parents, who else is involved in your wellbeing?

Resp: beside my biological parents?

Int: yes

Resp: I have an older uncle we are very close with.

Int: is there anyone else?

Resp: my aunt who lives in South Nyanza, she doesn't like me working because it scares her that I can fall anywhere at any time and

if I am left to do some chores like cooking, I can get burnt in the fire. She is really interested in my welfare

Int: how do they influence you in behavior?

Resp: my aunt doesn't like when I do work in the house and she quarrels me including the others. I don't like when she does that because what will happen to me when I get married and have no one to help me to the household chores? She doesn't like listening to my arguments and she can even give me a beating when I continue to argue with her. Apart from that, I don't mind her

Int: what about marriage or relationships; how do your uncle and aunt influence you?

Resp: they are ok, I don't mind living with them, even when I want to take a bath,

Int: how do they influence you? Do they give you any advice in life about marriage?

Resp: I like their lifestyles; both of them live in different places but I have never heard people complain about them. Their families are well looked after and none of their children have complaints about clothing, education and food. I would like to copy their example so that I can also live in harmony with my husband. They have also taught to respect other people whether family or not. They also advised me to respect neighbors because you can never know when you will need them. And I used

to think it was a joke until I got sick because recently when I was very sick, my neighbor took care of me until my parents came back. I can never forget that kind of gesture from her

Int: what influence do your friends have over your life?

Resp: when they tell me to go and assist them, I do for example there is one of them who is pregnant right now, when she wants to wash her dishes, she calls me and I assist her. I dust her floor and wash her family's cloths. They feel happy when I assist them

Int: tell me of a problem one of your friends or sibling has been involved in?

Resp: to seek my help?

Int: not necessary

Resp: she was giving birth.....

Int: who is she?

Resp: she got a baby while at school so they teachers took her to her mother who refused take her in. Her argument was she was not aware that her daughter was pregnant and she doesn't know who is responsible for the pregnancy. She was my friend but at no time did she ever tell me that she had a boyfriend. It was a very big problem for her and the baby girl. Today, the baby girl is grown and married already and she complains of problems within her marriage. The only good thing that came

out of it was that when my friend went to the man who had made her pregnant; he accepted the responsibility and took her in with the baby. It is the mother of my friend who didn't like the man and used to stone him every time he tried to come and visit

Int: you said this girl was your friend?

Resp: yes

Int: which class was she?

Resp: we started class one with her and since I dropped out of school she continued. Today she is would be in form four. We were good friends

Int: which class was she when she got pregnant?

Resp: my girlfriend Millka was in class five and the boy who made her pregnant was in class seven. The continued their relationship in secret until when she was giving birth that is when people came to know what was happening between them. In fact the main reason Milka's mother sent the boy away was because she didn't like the boy's mother, they had differences of their own. For a long time I didn't hear much about them because I was also ill but later on I heard that they were married and live in Kangemi. She came the other day to look for a house and got one. She now lives in this estate

Int: do you see yourself in such circumstances?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: too many people like talking to me and want to date me. One of them just called me a few minutes ago wanting us to meet at 6 pm today but I am not for it. I don't want to be in such situation like my friend which still has painful memories for me. My sister has also taught me how to take care of a man so when I get one, I know what to do

Int: can you tell me challenges that face young people in this community?

Resp: problems?

Int: and challenges

Resp: child or early marriages, whereby the two couples are still too young; the boy is not working and doesn't know how to take care of the young family. They are still too young and quarrel every now and then because they don't understand each other. Young men also have difficulties when they are in employment in that they are not able to get things like water during the day for they are not there. When they meet young girls like me, they try to convince us to go and stay with them so that we can take care of the domestic chores

Int: what else?

Resp: when they are single, they get lonely and worry a lot about their future lives especially when they get married and how the marriages can last.

Int: is education a challenge to the young people around?

Resp: they eat a lot of miraa (drug in form of herbs) and once they start doing that, they don't go to school. Football is also one of the challenges they face. They would rather play those football matches than go to school.

Int: what else?

Resp: drinking, mugging people and stealing from them which sometimes results into deaths, because they was with knives and can stab you when they see you are a strong person, and breaking into people's houses

Int: mhh

Resp: video games; especially for young boys who are about to do their class 8 exams. They get involved and forget about what they have learnt at school. Once the performance is poor, they drop out of school or if they sit for the exams, they don't perform well and hence join bad company and get involved in criminal activities in the community. They also get into sexual relationships. For example, a boy can come and lie to you that your mother has bought some things and wants you to go and pick them for her on the way he grabs you and takes you to his house and has sex with you. The risk is in getting STIs

or pregnant. Once the girls are involved in early sex, they lose that interest to go to school and drop out. When parents are called to school to tell the teacher why their child is not attending school they are also tongue tied

Int: what you are saying when you have sex with a man you get STIs?

Resp: if you have never had sex like me, you can get infected and you can only tell that to your mother to assist you

Int: what are the names of STI that you know?

Resp: when you are putting on a white skirt, and sit down, you will find it stained with blood and some of it on the floor where you are seated; that means you were infected long time but didn't know about it. You need to move about in a napped in a napkin (the statement in Kiswahili was "*Inatakikana sasa sa zile unatembea, uko na napi, umejinap*") so that you don't mess everywhere you go. You are required to bath four times a day so that when you are before your father, he is not aware of what is going on. Once your dad discovers that kind of thing he will simply send you away to go to that person who infected you with that disease. You get into problems whereas the man goes scot free and yet you are supposed to be still under your parent's care. You will have to drop out of school

Int: what about employment, what kind of challenges do young people in this community get related to employment?

Resp: it is a challenge, you have to work hard and take care of it, take into consideration that is where he gets his daily bread so he needs to take care of that place. Should not enter into disagreements with employers

Int: what are the strategies that have been put in place to solve these challenges?

Resp: when they get married they should not think of the past relationships they have been in

Int: you mentioned that young people face many challenges like drug abuse, drunkenness, early sex and marriages, to be able to avoid these things, what do they do?

Resp: he is supposed to stop it by himself. And he should not to face his parents when he is involved in such things because when he was still under their care, he was a well mannered person. If your father is a drunkard, you are not supposed to drink; the law does not allow that whereby it is hard to differentiate a father and a son since they are all drunkards

Int: what else?

Resp: you should not be a drunkard and go misbehaving all over the community, singing and abusing people. When people see something of that sort happening in a family, they will not respect that family at all

Int: where would you like to live besides this community?

Resp: in Nairobi?

Int: anywhere, not necessarily Nairobi

Resp: I would like to stay in Loka, Ranene. Ranene is the market place where you alight from the public transport

Int: where is Ranene in Kenya?

Resp: it is in South Nyanza, and in that place people don't go about colliding with each other

Int: how do they collide with each other?

Resp: people are not drunkards, they don't steal from others because there is a police post near there; four of them. In South Nyanza we also have four police chairmen and once they hear that someone has been robbed, they follow up that person and put him in custody.

Int: do you think there is a chance for you to live in Ranene?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: there are no problems

Int: you mentioned there are no robbery cases, drunkenness and all sort of crimes in Ranene, and there is police post nearby. You also say there are chances of you living there. My question is, why?

Resp: because there are no problems, and there are many kinds of businesses I can do. I can also do farm work for people and get paid. This will help me take care of my family

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: what I would like to be is I want to live in a nice place and make use of my hands to do work and be self reliant. That way I can be very happy running my own home. If I happen to get employment, that will also be fine with me.

Int: why would you like to live in a nice place where you can work?

Resp: because there will be work for you to do so that you can be self reliant and if you have to pay rent, it will not so much like in Nairobi. So long as your business is thriving, there shouldn't be any problem. It is good to be independent

Int: what are you doing towards achieving this goal?

Resp: I have been working before selling hand and body oils at Rhodes and as you sell it, you have in mind that this is your future you are working at

Int: what would stop you from achieving this objective?

Resp: Laziness would not make achieve this goal

Int: What levels of education do you need to have to be able to achieve this?

Resp: I can be a house help, or if I have finances, I can start a business

Int: do you need to have any education to meet your goal?

Resp: yes

Int: which level?

Resp: form four or go to secondary level or college. With that education background I will be able to work hard and not shy away. I have a right to get my national identity card but without that education, it will not be possible for me to go ahead though I feel I am still young in mind

Int: do you think you will reach that level?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I don't see my parents being able to get enough money to take me back to school. The economic situation in the country currently is not very good; the school that I can be enrolled in is very expensive and I don't think I can make it in class

Int: if your parents were able to pay the fees, what would you like to do in college?

Resp: dressmaking or do the work you are doing right now, going on people's doors, writing numbers on the doors, and later coming to ask them questions. I don't mind being a teacher if that were possible

Int: why would you like to be a dressmaker?

Resp: so that I can stitch dresses for my family and other people and earn some money to help me meet my own needs and my parents too.

Int: I have you shared this dream with anyone close to you?

Resp: I talked to my uncle, he lives in Kayaba

Int: what did he tell you?

Resp: he came over here on a holiday told me that there is a job for dressmaking and that I could go and do it but my parents were not ready to release me to go and do it though my heart was for it. I know if I can be a dress maker, I will be well off and be able to help others. I can also help this little orphan living with us here

Int: you said you are not in school?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: because of my sickness from witchcraft

Int: do you plan to go back to school?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: because I am semi-literate and I would like to be completely literate. It is very hard for me to read a whole sentence

Int: you told me that you have worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: when did start working?

Resp: this year in May

Int: was this your first job ever?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 15 years

Int: why did you start working?

Resp: I didn't like being idle while my friends were looking for jobs and working. I was feeling embarrassed sitting here the whole day

Int: what were your feelings about this job?

Resp: I was happy with the job and the salary. I was able to save Sh10,000 which unfortunately was used in the funeral arrangements of my late sister. I was wondering what would have happened if we didn't have that money to cater for the funeral arrangements

Int: are you currently involved in any income generating activity?

Resp: right now?

Int: yaa?

Resp: no

Int: in this community, what does success mean?

Resp: it means you are success and wealth

Int: what do you mean having wealth?

Resp: through this wealth you can be able to be self independent

Int: what about in this community, what do you mean that when one is wealthy, he is successful?

Resp: with wealth, he can be able to solve most of his financial problems and he can be able to help others in the community. His family will be taken care of in their education and prosper

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: if you look at it and let it thrive, you can have a good feature

Int: can you give me an example of a successful person in this community.

Resp: there is a young man who is rearing pig for pork. He sells them and gets money which he takes care of his family with. The do not have any financial problems and he is also running a water business so money is flowing in.

Int: how can you differentiate a successful young person from the others?

Resp: if he is well educated up to form four and has succeeded by getting employment, and is able to buy residential plots which he will construct and rent to people

Int: mhh anything else?

Resp: being an housing agent

Int: what differentiate a well behaved young man from an ill mannered one?

Resp: gets employment and he has taken care of his family including his siblings. He doesn't stay away from his family that much

Int: what else?

Resp: he is self independent

Int: mhh

Resp: owns rental houses

Int: what kind of characteristics should he have to show that he is well behaved young man?

Resp: he remembers his family and the community

Int: what else?

Resp: takes care of orphans within the community

Int: supposing he is not working like you?

Resp: remembering his people

Int: in what way?

Resp: he is a hard working boy in the sense that when he goes upcountry he will help the family on the farm

Int: what can a young person do to be successful?

Resp: if he has money buy a public vehicle for example my uncle bought a vehicle and it has been helping him here and upcountry when he goes there. With the little money you get, you can be saving and then buy residential plots or start a business

Int: for how long do you intend to live with your parents?

Resp: this year alone

Int: why?

Resp: I am supposed to be in my own house next year

Int: is it marriage important to you, your parents and family as a whole?

Resp: yes because you will get your own

Int: what do you mean when you say your own?

Resp: you will get your own children who can assist you in future. They can also help you run your business if you have one without having to employ someone else

Int: what else?

Resp: when I am old, they will be helping me and sending me money for upkeep

Int: is it important to be married in your family?

Resp: I cannot be married within the clan from both sides of parents

Int: ok, why do you think marriage is not an important thing?

Resp: it is important because your parents will get wealth through bride price, you will also be able to assist your parents financially

Int: when do you plan to get married

Resp: I had planned to get married in February for I have many suitors that

Int: why did you want to get married this year in February?

Resp: I feel I am old enough to be married, my friends keep encouraging me to get married for I have experience in taking care of children, and looking after a man. There was a man in the neighborhood who was ill and I looked after him until he was well, that is why my friends feel I can look after my own family if I was able to take care of that man and it also gave me hope to get married 2010 in February

Int: 2010? I thought you said this year last February?

Resp: I meant next year 2010

Int: you want to get married next year?

Resp: yes in January

Int: In February or January?

Resp: in February

Int: what has made you decide to get married at that particular time?

Resp: I feel embarrassed living here with my parents. When my uncles are visiting, my parents have to look for alternative accommodation for them. It doesn't present a good picture when my uncle goes to spend the night outside instead of this house and I am here a big girl who should be in my own house. I am not even supposed to share one bedroom with my parents culturally.

Int: what kind of person would you prefer to marry you?

Resp: tribe?

Int: that included

Resp: I would like to be married to a Luhya, I like them

Int: what else would you like that man to have?

Resp: own a farm with cows, goats and sheep upcountry. If not I don't mind a housing agent in Nairobi and gets a good salary to take care of his family

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: a responsible person to his family

Int: have you ever had a lover?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I don't the meaning of having a lover

Int: I know of people of your age who have boy/girlfriends, how come you don't have one?

Resp: I refused because I knew if I get one he would misuse me

Int: in what way?

Resp: have sex with me before marriage and maybe even make me pregnant and then drop me. My mother can send me out of this home because of that

Int: have you ever had sex?

Resp: yes, I can say I did because I used to live a house where there were very many people and we were only two girls. They used to come at night and remove our cloths when we are asleep and the next morning we find ourselves naked

Int: I don't understand what you mean?

Resp: they used to have sex with us but I was not feeling anything. I only used to discover myself naked the next day

Int: where was that?

Resp: in Sakwa

Int: where is that?

Resp: In Bondo

Int: so you have had sex?

Resp: only once

Int: with whom?

Resp: a young man currently living in Kariobangi. He keeps bothering me that we should continue but I don't like it

Int: you are sure?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first sex, how old were you?

Resp: I was ten years when he did that to me

Int: you participated or not?

Resp: I didn't participate and I was asleep when that happened. The other girls were aware and listening to what was happening, he removed my skirt

Int: did you feel any pain?

Resp: I was feeling pain and they were doing this to me (signs to the interviewer)

Int: meaning?

Resp: that I shouldn't talk about it

Int: how old was your partner?

Resp: he was in Std 6, 12 years. He was older than me by two years

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: where I used to go and sleep. The boys had been told to come
and look after us at night

Int: who told them?

Resp: my grandmother, who had gone to spend the night in a funeral
so we were looking after her house

Int: ok,

Resp: the boys were also happy and kept saying they now have fresh
meat they have never had before. In our stupidity we thought
they meant real beef and yet they were talking in parables.
That is how my friend also was infected by that terrible
disease where you have to put a napkin under your pant so that
you don't stain your dress

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: no

Int: that was the first time but you also mentioned that you had
sex with someone else knowingly, the second time

Resp: no

Int: you mentioned of a boy living in Kariobangi

Resp: it is the same boy who did that but after that I promised
myself that I will never go near a man when he is alone in my
life until I am married. If I am in the company of others, I
will talk to him

Int: you want to tell me that since you were ten years, you have never had sex again to date?

Resp: no, I have not. I know of my cousin who came to stay with us for a while and he likes that kind of behavior but he didn't try it with me

Int: ok, do you plan to have children in your life?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: it is good to have children; the home will be a happy one and I would like to be called a mother

Int: why?

Resp: I enjoy when I hear people being called mother so I also long to be one and have children of my own

Int: when you think will be an appropriate time for you to have children?

Resp: if I get married in 2010, by 2011, I should be able to get a baby

Int: why 2011?

Resp: because if I go 2010, I can foresee my husband wanting very few children in that I will get the first one in 2011 and the following year too and then live and together take care of the

family. If I get a man who wants four children, then I can start in 2010 and by November I would be getting my first born

Int: during the post election violence end of 2007 and early 2008, were you affected in any way?

Resp: I was hit with a stone and accused that I am a Luo and the Luos have stolen the Kikuyu votes. Anyone who was found on the road, was stopped and asked who they supported whether it was Raila or Kibaki and then you are robbed of your belongings and they continue

Int: what else?

Resp: they burnt down people's houses, stole property

Int: how were you able to cope with all these uncertainties?

Resp: I didn't talk to any of them but I went for treatment

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: during the campaigns, they were giving people money and others were lying. I remember I was given Sh1,000

Int: who gave you sh1,000?

Resp: Raila's askaris on the vehicles

Int: before or after the elections?

Resp: before the elections

Int: I am interested in after the elections

Resp: most people were treated of their injuries and I didn't hear
of any deaths

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: I didn't like the way they stole Raila's votes and he couldn't
become the president as we had thought. As Luos and Raila's
people we were not amused about that at all.

Int: after the fighting what didn't you like about the post
election violence?

Resp: that our person did not win as president and yet we had wasted
our time going to vote

Int: what else?

Resp: the economy is so high and many people feel that had he gotten
the presidency, things would be cheaper today. The price of
things has really gone up by 100 per cent

Int: ok, thank you very much

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1. Adulthood is owning a plot, investing for the future as well as marrying and bearing children
2. Diseases like HIV Aids due to infidelity in relationships and marriages, young people are also killed by police and mob justices through stoning and burning due to high crime rate like theft cases. Poverty is also a problem to the youth.
3. The respondent said that she is married and can resist pressure from anyone, she can choose what to do by herself
4. The respondent said "I am married and I don't work. Being a married woman, I would like to build a house and invest in a farm of a business. I only reached class eight and I was married off.
5. The respondent had nothing to recommend on this point/issue

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 18 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: Unemployed

Educational Level: class eight (Primary)

Ethnic Level: Pokot

Marital Status: Married

Number of children: One

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Uchumi

Background information

Int: thank you so much for accepting to participate in this interview
 and please to begin with, tell me a little bit about yourself.

Resp: I came on 23rd August and I have been here for last one year. I
 came from upcountry at a place called Kapkoi in West Pokot

Int: I would like to here your views on the difference between an
 adult and one who is not

Resp: an adult is mature

Int: what do you mean when you say someone is mature?

Resp: someone who is aware of what he is doing can advice a child
 who doesn't know anything to do with upbringing. He /she can
 advice others about life in general

Int: what kind of advice and in what areas?

Resp: if a couple quarrels in the home, he/she can advice them on
 how to forgive each other and continue living in harmony

Int: in your opinion, how old is an adult?

Resp: about 35 years old

Int: why 35 years old?

Resp: a 35 year old is a mature adult but again at 18 and above you
 are not yet mature enough. Your age is still below average

Int: tell me about other difference that can make one be considered
 an adult beside age?

Resp: the face shows

Int: in what way?

Resp: an adult start having wrinkles to show he is an adult

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: is being a parent one of factors that can show the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: If he has big children; the person is considered as an adult

Int: let us look at other factors that make an adult are?

Resp: respecting each other in the house, the children and other people in the neighborhood

Int: maybe you can explain that further

Resp: if he meets other children who are not his, he still respects them and treats them as if they are his

Int: what about someone who has responsibilities in a family what can you contribute towards that?

Resp: I don't understand that

Int: you mentioned that an adult respects those in his home and also treats other people's children as his, what other factors are there?

Resp: an adult knows what he is doing

Int: what do mean?

Resp: an adult knows what is doing is bad and good for example, if he engages in adultery he knows it is bad, and that is not a child who you can control and tell adultery is bad for you. The other difference is going to work on a farm, an adult knows I have to take a hoe and go to the farm while a child will have to be told what to do.

Int: mhhh

Resp: cleaning the house and generally keeping a home is an adult's job not a child. A child cannot do that

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: when someone gets circumcised, he is already mature and he is no longer considered a child

Int: what else can make someone be considered an adult?

Resp: change in physical body after circumcision, behavior changes are seen and he stops being childish in what he is doing

Int: when you say physical change when someone is circumcised what does that mean?

Resp: as a young boy, the moment he gets circumcised, there are changes that take place in his body; he tends to grow in size

Int: why do you think that happens?

Resp: he is mature now and is an adult not longer acting in a childish way

Int: what are these childish ways he is involved in?

Resp: playing with other children things like hide and seek, acting mother and father and the like

Int: can you tell me more about that?

Resp: children playing together and pretending to be father and mother and children. Then they take tins and dust mix with water as if they are cooking meals for the family.

Int: tell me the stages a child goes through from childhood to adulthood

Resp: a child will start by sitting, crawling and then walking. From there he starts growing, his behavior changes, he learns how to run and after a few years, he will go to nursery, then primary and goes all the way to university or college depending on performance

Int: are there other experiences that one goes through that determines this is an adult besides what you have just mentioned?

Resp: there are physical changes, like for girls, they grow breasts and bigger in size

Int: where do they grow big?

Resp: the backside

Int: and if it is a boy?

Resp: he breaks his voice and starts talking bass

Int: what else?

Resp: an adult person is in control of his life

Int: what do you mean he is in control?

Resp: an adult is supposed to go out and look for a job, and be self independent and stop depending on parents

Int: why should one be self independent when parents are there?

Resp: you have to do that because if your parents die, where do you expect to get help? You have to learn early enough how to be responsible and if you are married it is your responsibility to take care of the wife and children. All these people have needs like food and clothing

Int: when you look at yourself, would you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: right now I am becoming more of an adult because I am grown in age, I am a mother and I cannot go back to be a girl

Int: what else makes you feel you are an adult apart from being a mother?

Resp: I have my own home and when I wake up in the morning I should be able to plan my day. I cannot wake up very early in the morning, start roaming and playing like a child. When I wake up my day is already planned

Int: how do you compare that with adulthood?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you feel you are an adult?

Resp: behavior has changed and I cannot play like a child, I cannot cry like a baby when I am wronged. I will just try and brush it off

Int: wronged by who?

Resp: my husband

Int: what are you experiencing that makes you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: when you quarrel with your husband and think of running away to your home

Int: why do you usually have that feeling?

Resp: maybe the mistake is negligible but your partner makes it such a big deal and that makes you feel belittled and long to go away or kill yourself

Int: why would you feel like killing yourself?

Resp: if you quarrel and someone tells you to pack and go

Int: tell me more about that

Resp: you feel you are still too young to go through all those problems

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: silence

Int: why does your age make you feel you are young?

Resp: if you are still young in age, someone needs to understand that fact, treat you appropriately by finding ways in which you can communicate and solve the issues without necessarily making it a big issue. One is supposed to find the root cause of a problem before coming to a conclusion

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: have a family, educating children, bringing up a family and purchasing property in preparation for a good future for the children

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: loosing temper and quarreling which makes one feel like life is so hard to bear

Int: what is the most significant event in your life?

Resp: I don't remember any

Int: if you look at your life since you were born, there is nothing that happened in your life that you cannot forget?

Resp: upcountry when you are with your parents, they are happy with you and give you good advice on life, how you can live happily with your husband

Int: what kind of good advice do they give you; give me examples

Resp: as a child they tell you when you grow up and get married you will learn to persevere and that life is not easy

Int: how old were you when they were giving you such advice?

Resp: I was about 14 years old

Int: and why, is this, an important thing in your life?

Resp: when I remember the advice they used to give me when I was still a girl, I am able to cope with many issues in marriage because to me it is normal thing

Int: I want us to talk about your parents and your being in this community. You said you live here with whom?

Resp: my husband

Int: you are only the two of you?

Resp: yes and the baby

Int: what influence do your parents have on your life?

Resp: they visit us and advice us on life. When we have an issue bothering us we call them and seek advice from them

Int: do they influence your decision making in your marriage?

Resp: silence

Int: on what issues do your parents advice you on?

Resp: developments in my life

Int: apart from development is there anything else they advice you on?

Resp: no

Int: what do they advice you on bringing up your children?

Resp: that I should look after my children well and bring them up to the stage they did to me, make sure they are educated and if there is money, I should not stop them furthering their education until they are satisfied and don't want to go further

Int: up to what levels of education do they advice you to take your children?

Resp: if possible and finances allow, up to university level

Int: is there anything else your parents advice you on?

Resp: regarding children?

Int: yes

Resp: to teach children good behavior and not despise other people

Int: when you say despise what do you mean?

Resp: there are some children who have no respect for adults. They show disrespect and abuse adults when they are corrected. They laugh at the elderly instead of helping them and that not good upbringing of children on the part of a parent. If a child has

good behavior he can find fun in helping old people who are living on their own

Int: what kind of issues would you go to seek help from your parents?

Resp: advice

Int: advice on what?

Resp: on life in general

Int: like?

Resp: maybe you want to buy land you go and seek advice from the old men first before making a final decision

Int: is there any other reason?

Resp: yes if things are hard

Int: what exactly do you mean?

Resp: lack of finance and you need someone to support you, and then you can look for them for advice and also how to go about your advice

Int: what personal problems would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: when I don't have finances to buy personal effects like clothing, I ask them to support me

Int: if you don't have clothing, and what else?

Resp: food

Int: what other reasons would you not seek support from your
 parents?

Resp: if my child is sick and since my parents are upcountry I will
 seek a neighbor or anyone nearer to help me sort out the
 problem

Int: apart from sickness, what else?

Resp: I don't understand you well

Int: apart from sickness, what else would make you approach anyone
 else apart from your parents?

Resp: you are pregnant and your delivery time has reached, a
 neighbor is the nearest person who can assist you

Int: what else?

Resp: maybe you don't have food for the children you can approach
 one of them

Int: how do your parents punish you when you do wrong?

Resp: they give me advice

Int: what kind of advice?

Resp: if you quarrel in the house, a parent will come talk to you
 and make sure the case is settled between the two of you

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: who else has influence over your life besides your parents?

Resp: there is none

Int: what about in religion, who as influence over that in your life?

Resp: maybe my pastor, director for women and the elder at the church

Int: on what issues does he advice you on?

Resp: good advice on spiritual life and living a Godly life

Int: and at home?

Resp: my sister

Int: you don't have friends who can assist you?

Resp: no, because they are not reliable and most of them when you share personal information with them, it becomes public information for consumption

Int: what major problem has any of your siblings or friends been involved in?

Resp: just the normal household quarrels and you decide to pack and go back to our parents

Int: do you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: no, all is well with me

Int: why?

Resp: I am not experiencing any problem at the moment

Int: what challenges do youths face in this community?

Resp: adultery

Int: tell me more about it

Resp: and thefts, that is all

Int: tell me you said the adultery is a major challenge in this community; why?

Resp: when you leave your house and go upcountry, you find that your husband is involved I adultery which is not good

Int: why is it not good?

Resp: you can get STIs or even HIV Aids. You remain faithful and he doesn't

Int: is there any other challenge youths face in this community?

Resp: poverty

Int: tell me why poverty is a challenge in this community?

Resp: It is due to unemployment

Int: you also mentioned about thefts, why is it a challenge to the young people?

Resp: It is still due to poverty and unemployment

Int: what strategies have the youths put in place to solve these issues?

Resp: there is the law

Int: in this community what mechanisms have been put in place to stop this?

Resp: if you are found committing crime, the law is there and some people are actually burnt to death by the mobs

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: here because the law is everywhere

Int: why would you like to live here?

Resp: it is good because mugging and stealing has reduced and security is not bad

Int: if someone else was to ask you where would you like to live?

Resp: I would like to go back upcountry and stay there. I would build, and then do farming so that my children can have food and other needs

Int: what are the possibilities of you going to live there?

Resp: I will go because life there is much cheaper than here

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: get money, buy a piece of land and construct rental houses

Int: why do you want to achieve that in life?

Resp: so that my family may have a good future

Int: what efforts are you doing to reach that goal?

Resp: to live peacefully

Int: for you to be able to achieve that goal in life, you must do something to enable you do that, what are you doing about it?

Resp: I am looking for a job, the save and buy the piece of land

Int: what is hindering you from achieving this goal?

Resp: finance

Int: how?

Resp: the salary is there but not enough to cater for other needs except pay rent and buy food

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve this goal in life?

Resp: University level

Int: why do you think this level of education is the one which would make you achieve your goal?

Resp: to enable me get a well paying job

Int: what would you like to be in life?

Resp: a doctor

Int: why?

Resp: so as to serve other people

Int: in what way?

Resp: treating the sick and injured

Int: you mentioned that you are not in school?

Resp: yes

Int: why are you not in school?

Resp: lack of finance and my parents are not well off

Int: do you see yourself going back to school?

Resp: yes, if I get money I will go back to school

Int: why do you say if you had money?

Resp: to further my education

Int: why do you want to go back to school?

Resp: it is good to be well educated to enable you have a good
future

Int: have you worked before?

Resp: no

Int: why have you worked before?

Resp: I have been looking for one but have not been able to find one

Int: what are you doing currently for a living?

Resp: I am not working

Int: when you look at this community of Uchumi, what does success
mean?

Resp: coming out of the problems you are in

Int: what kind of problems?

Resp: paying rent, buying food

Int: and what else?

Resp: educating your children

Int: can you describe for me a successful person in this community?

Resp: I have not been here for long so I don't know many people very well

Int: ok but in your own view, how would you identify a successful person in this community?

Resp: someone who has bought a farm and is producing his own food; he has constructed his own house and lives there. His life is not hard like ours where we have to pay rent and buy all our food

Int: what kind of life does he lead?

Resp: he has done developments and has employees

Int: and his behavior is how?

Resp: very good because when you have a problem he will assist you and also advise you on what to do with the little money you have

Int: how can you identify a successful youth?

Resp: one who has wealth and people respect him

Int: and what distinguishes a young person with good behavior from that one who is not?

Resp: he has wealth and respects everyone, is ready to help anybody but there are others who are proud and very unapproachable eventually they do not succeed.

Int: what would make a youth in this community succeed in life?

Resp: one who has bought a place and constructed his own house after which he can help others as he develops himself further

Int: supposing this is some like you who has not constructed a house

Resp: look for a job and work hard

Int: for now where do your parents live?

Resp: they live in Kapkoi

Int: where were you living before then?

Resp: we came from western and my parents bought a farm in Kapkoi and that is where we have been born and brought up

Int: is Kapkoi a town or just another village upcountry?

Resp: it is a village upcountry not a town

Int: when were you married?

Resp: in august

Int: which year?

Resp: 2008

Int: where were you living when you got married?

Resp: upcountry

Int: what made you leave home to come and stay in Nairobi?

Resp: to look for a job for there are no jobs upcountry

Int: why are there no jobs?

Resp: there are no big companies like here

Int: what did you feel when you first left home?

Resp: I was happy for I was thinking that life in Nairobi is not very hard

Int: why did you think life in Nairobi is not very hard?

Resp: I thought when you are in Nairobi you get a job and work and eat well

Int: is that the way things are or not?

Resp: they are like that

Int: how old were you when you came to Nairobi?

Resp: I was 17 years

Int: do you feel you are an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: I have my own family now

Int: how does it feel like to be married?

Resp: good and now I am feeding my own baby

Int: why did you get married?

Resp: I got married because it is a must to get married. You cannot just live with your parents continuously. You reach a certain age and you have to move out

Int: what age is that?

Resp: from 14 years and above

Int: why is life hard upcountry when you reach the age of 14 years?

Resp: you don't seem to get together with parents

Int: how?

Resp: you work so hard but they don't take care of your needs

Int: what are the challenges of marriage for people of your age?

Resp: sometimes there is nothing for you at home to feed your family with,

Int: why?

Resp: lack of finance to help you meet the basic needs like buying flour, soap, milk for the baby, etc

Int: I would like you to tell me your first experience in relationship with your man, how was it?

Resp: we were upcountry and we used to live well without any problem

Int: how old were you?

Resp: about 16 years

Int: how did you meet your first boyfriend?

Resp: we were upcountry where we met and then after talking we agreed that we can start making a new life together

Int: what were your concerns about your first relationship?

Resp: live well, dress well

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: I would like to remind you that the discussion we are having are private and only those doing the analysis will have access to this information. Can you tell me about your first sex experience?

Resp: age

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 16 years

Int: how was it or what was our view on that at that time?

Resp: life was good, people don't quarrel and they live happily

Int: why did you have sex with the man?

Resp: I loved him

Int: did you use any protection during the act?

Resp: no

Int: why didn't you use it?

Resp: no, we had trusted each other and we had already been tested
for the HIV virus

Int: when did you have your first baby?

Resp: in May

Int: which year?

Resp: 2009

Int: tell me your experience during the first pregnancy

Resp: I had so many problems during that time

Int: had you planned for the baby?

Resp: no, we thought we could take our time before getting our first
baby and do some development

Int: like which one?

Resp: buy a farm and develop it first before we start a family

Int: now you are a parent?

Resp: I am learning how to manage a home and I know what to do with
my family without necessarily waiting to be told

Int: what is your relationship with your child?

Resp: very good and I look forward to the child being older, working
and look after me when I am old

Int: do you feel an adult because you have a child?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: you are respected more by people

Int: why are you respected?

Resp: because you are carrying a child and even in places like public transport you are accorded respect because of the baby

Int: what are your concerns about other people of your age who are in the process of becoming parents?

Resp: I would advise them that life is hard and needs a lot of perseverance

Int: what do you feel about them?

Resp: some are living nicely while others are having so many problems. For those with problems you try and advice them about life and encourage them

Int: before you talk to them, what do you feel?

Resp: I feel happy to see them and then share about your lives

Int: I want us to talk about the challenges that people faced during the post election violence, how were you affected?

Resp: we didn't have a place to live for we were chased away from our home, our things were stolen

Int: where was that?

Resp: West Pokot

Int: what about your friends, were they affected?

Resp: most people including my friends were affected they didn't have anywhere to live, and they lost a lot of things. We are not used to life after the violence

Int: were you affected as a person?

Resp: no

Int: what did you do when faced with the uncertainty of the next day not knowing what next?

Resp: all these things were happening when we were at school and we left school and ran home only to find it worse/

Int: so what did you do?

Resp: we looked for a place to live

Int: where was that?

Resp: we went to live at Kapomboi until peace was announced and we returned back home

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: we had done a lot of developments and all those things came to a stop,

Int: what did you like about the period?

Resp: there was nothing I liked about it and we were busy looking for a place to live and we were caught unaware

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: people were killing others

Int: and who were those killing the people?

Resp: youths

Int: from where?

Resp: there was no time to look at who was killing who. Our aim was to find somewhere secure. In fact people lost so much including their animals and crops on the farms. Houses were burnt down and children suffered

Int: what else?

Resp: we were very sick and had no means of getting treatment

Int: what kind of disease were these

Resp: typhoid and cholera

Int: ok, thank you so much for your time and we can assure this information will be very helpful in our research

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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1. An adult is an adult and a child is a child, an adult understand him/herself and the repercussion of her activities
2. Unemployment is a great problem in this area
3. she tries to meet her obligations as a mother and head of he household
4. The government to create employment opportunities for the youth in this area

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: informal causal

Educational Level: secondary form our

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Sinai

Background information

From the beginning this was a very difficult respondent. She told me from the onset that she would not answer some of my questions. I really tried to convince her stressing on confidentiality. From time to time I would pause the recording and persuade her to continue participating in the interview

Transcriber's notes: a very difficult respondent, refusing to answer questions

Int: I would like you to tell me a few things about yourself

Resp: how?

Int: who are you, where were you born and when, your personality,
education and the rest (background noise, someone preaching on
radio)

Resp: you have my names?

Int: yes

Resp: I was born in 1988

Int: date?

Resp: 19th February

Int: which area?

Resp: here

Int: here in Woodcraft?

Resp: yes

Int: you grew up here?

Resp: yes

Int: in your opinion what is the difference between an adult and a
young person?

Resp: in what way?

Int: how can I differentiate the two?

Resp: a kid is a kid and an adult is an adult

Int: yes, but are there any things that can differentiate one from the other? What will make me be able to differentiate a child and a grownup?

Resp: the behavior

Int: like which one

Resp: just childish behavior

Int: if someone runs around is a child?

Resp: even older people do that

Int: both of them run, you must have some behavior that can tell us this is an adult and this one is a child

Resp: I don't know

Int: age?

Resp: yes

Int: how old is an adult and how old is a child?

Resp: and adult is 18 years and above

Int: why 18; is it because government registers people at 18?

Resp: that is a mature person

Int: how about an employed person

Resp: so long as you have an ID you can be employed

Int: that means that if you have an ID you are now an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: how about some one with responsibilities?

Resp: in employment there are responsibilities

Int: there are some people who are working and don't have responsibilities because they are still living with their parents

Resp: that is your own wish

Int: how about HIV Aids?

Resp: how?

Int: is HIV Aids for adults only or for children only

Resp: that is for all

Int: do you think you are adult from your point of view?

Resp: yes

Int: what makes you come to the conclusion you are an adult?

Resp: I am grown-up

Int: fine but I am sure there are things happening in your life

Resp: like what?

Int: that is what I am trying to learn from you

Resp: there is nothing

Int: maybe when you were 8 years you behaved differently from now; what happened? Have you started being responsible or physically you are mature?

Resp: they are many things but I cannot say them right now

Int: just mention a few

Resp: like what?

Int: you know what you have experienced

Resp: those are personal things and I cannot answer that. It is me who has experienced them and if I tell you of what benefit will that be to you?

Int: those are the things that we are after; to know what you are experiencing here. You stay alone here

Resp: yes

Int: and your parents?

Resp: they are on their own

Int: here in Woodcraft?

Resp: no, they live in Sinai

Int: do you usually go to seek advice from them?

Resp: the person who would have assisted me was my mother and she died; my father wouldn't do it so I don't bother going to him

Int: when your mother was alive what was she advising you on?

Resp: very many things

Int: those are the areas we are interested on, areas on which she was advising you on. This interview is specifically to capture

information in as much as it may sound personal it is not. To us, we given everyone we have interviewed a number and so those who are doing the analysis will not even know who you are. To add on that, there is some privacy on this information, it is me who is supposed to extract that information and make a report out of it for analysis it is not for public consumption, this organization does not give out any personal information about our respondents at all; it is against its policy. In fact if it were for public we would have been here many people

Resp: there are some which I will answer but not all

Int: it is important that you answer all of them

Resp: to you they are important but to me that is not important so I will not answer them. What makes you happy is annoying me

Int: ok, leave the personal ones out and give me the rest

Resp: she used to advise me on life

Int: how, in education, future life, employment?

Resp: just about life and how one is supposed to live as a girl

Int: do your parents still discipline you currently?

Resp: no,

Int: but you were discipline before

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of discipline were you being given by whoever was disciplining you?

Resp: it would depend on my age, when I was still small, I would be beaten, and when I grew up I could be corrected and advised not to repeat the mistake again

Int: have you ever had problems?

Resp: in regard to what; sickness, financial

Int: any kind of problem, education, being sent away from school, etc

Resp: those are normal daily happenings

Int: to you it may be normal but some of us may not have passed through that

Resp: situation at school is normal but being sent away from home is not normal

Int: do you still remember any event that happened to you either at school, home, wherever; there are some you must have forgotten but I am sure there is one that you remember very much

Resp: there isn't any; whatever I went through is what everyone else goes through (very noisy background)

Int: there are challenges youths face in this area of Woodcraft Sinai, what kind of challenges are there?

Resp: n???????

Int: harassment by government officers?

Resp: it is there in plenty

Int: what about HIV Aids?

Resp: that is everywhere

Int: is that a challenge in this area?

Resp: it is not easy to know because these days, people use drugs so
you cannot identify them easily

Int: everyone is thin and everyone is fat?

Resp: yes

Int: ill health generally?

Resp: ???????noise

Int: you mentioned about insecurity as one of the challenges

Resp: I don't stay out late so I don't know what happens when it
comes to issues like security. I know nothing about the police
officers because I am usually indoors. I can only say what I
know

Int: what about the general situation in the community?

Resp: ????

Int:

Resp:

Int: where would you like to stay?

Resp: everyone loves to live in a good place, I can even tell you I want to live in a place like Karen but I can't

Int: that wish is what I interested.....

Resp: my ability is what will enable me to fulfill that wish or my wishes and not all wishes are fulfilled

Int: so it depends on the ability of someone and that is what will enable one to fulfill the wish?

Resp: yes

Int: what would you like to achieve

Resp: everyone would like to achieve something and that is not something to ask about

Int: maybe you want to achieve something in your education, careerwise....

Resp: maybe become a saloonist, because that is what I am doing. If I can have a big salon somewhere else but not in the ghetto.

Int: do you need education to be able to attain that goal?

Resp: you need finance??????

Int:

Resp:

Int: what level of education would you give it?

Resp: there are those with talent, those who pass through college

Int: but you can say you need some kind of level of education

Resp: we have talent, college, those who are in Std 8 and they have that experience

Int: personally, what level education is best for a good hair saloonist?

Resp: it will depend on an individual, you can have the education but still not very good and yet there will be another one who has not good education background but has talent and is doing very well

Int: but at the end of the day you can see yourself achieving to be a saloonist?

Resp: yes

Int: have you ever talked to anyone about this?

Resp: which type of person?

Int: maybe a friend to advice you on what or how you can go about achieving this goal.

Resp: silence

Int: you have worked before

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 18 years

Int: that is in 2007

Resp: yes

Int: how did you feel working?

Resp: I don't understand that

Int: were you happy or you regretted working?

Resp: I was happy how can one do something that you will regret or not be happy?

Int: circumstances sometimes force people to do certain things for example, I may be married and have no job, I will be forced to look for means and ways in which I can feed the family, so, for that matter, I am being forced by circumstances. I will be working but under duress

Resp: that is possible, but I was happy with the job

Int: what kind of work was it?

Resp: working in the hair saloon

Int: how much is one able to make in a month?

Resp: I can't know that because it depends on the location of the saloon and the clients that are able to come

Int: what about yours?

Resp: there are sometimes when clients are many and other times you can go for more than two weeks without getting anything, sometimes you are paid on commission

Int: what is the least one can get in a month?

Resp: it is not possible to know that

Int: but you were paid?

Resp: when you get money and use it on your own things like food, clothes etc, it is not easy to know how much you have made in a month but what I know there are times when there are no clients and at times when there are

Int: roughly, whether it is on commission or normal work how much would you make in a month?

Resp: I cannot tell you that

Int: mhh?

Resp: no, I won't.

Int: in your opinion what is success?

Resp: if you can be able to do what you had in mind that is success

Int: in your mind when you achieve your goal, that is success?

Resp: yes, because whatever he or she wanted has gotten what he/she wanted

Int: do you know of any successful person in this community?

Resp: no

Int: but generally you can give description of a successful person?

Resp: people don't go publicizing their success

Int: but you can see this person was at a certain point in life and there are some changes now, he is on a different level than the rest, would you say he is successful

Resp: I wouldn't know that

Int: what would make people say that person is successful?

Resp: I don't know

Int: at you age, what would make people think this young person is successful?

Resp: I don't know

Int: what is the difference between someone with good behavior and that one who is not?

Resp: the conduct will tell

Int: what kind of conduct?

Resp: it will depend on the individual

Int: what can a young person do to be successful in life?

Resp: I don't know because that is personal and so it goes with individual. Maybe they are expected to being doing something else and you do the opposite, I really don't know

Int: why did you move out of your parent's home to come and live on your own?

Resp: I had already attained that age whereby I can live on my own

Int: what are you feelings about living on your own?

Resp: it is good

Int: what are the challenges you are going through as an independent person?

Resp: if there are, I can overcome them

Int: which are?

Resp: I don't have any, those are some of the questions I will not answer you

Int: your friend on the other end has answered all of them and we need all these information to make a report. We are covering things like challenges for people with one or more children, those who have been to school, those are not married but have children, those who don't have, we are covering a whole lot of them that is why I am interested in hearing the challenges you go through

Resp: I don't think if I was to answer all those questions, I would have the time; you are just wasting our time

Int: you feel I am wasting your time?

Resp: yes, of what use are they to me?

Int: I apologize for that; but since we have started let us just finish the few that are remaining. You are not married?

Resp: no

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: next year but one

Int: in 2011?

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: in what way?

Int: maybe age, tribe, educational level

Resp: all those don't matter

Int: you would get married to anyone; what about his economic background.....

Resp: those things are there but what matter is love

Int: love?

Resp: yes

Int: can you remember the time you met your first boyfriend?
(friend comes in and disrupts with conversation, baby crying in the background)before your friend came in I was asking about your first boyfriend and how you met

Resp: those are some of the questions I will not answer

Int: can you remember the first sexual intercourse with him?

Resp: yes, I cannot forget that

Int: did you use protection?

Resp: no

Int: why

Resp: we trusted one another

Int: were you already married?

Resp: yes

Int: during the post election violence, were you affected in any
 way?

Resp: no

Int: not even you friends?

Resp: no

Int: and your relatives?

Resp: no

Int: how about the economic situation here?

Resp: it was affected because people were not able to go to work

Int: how were you able to cope with the situation?

Resp: we were just indoors waiting for the outcome

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: the way people were killing each other and destroying property
 among others

Int: give me more of those others?

Resp: that is enough

Int: there is so much I would get from those things you don't want to answer

Resp: I will still not answer them

Int: ok, we have reached the end our interview and maybe you have a question for me?

Resp: no

Int: anything you want to say generally regarding interview?

Resp: none

Int: I was hoping you would give me more answers but I hope when I come next you will answer more

Resp: it will depend; the mood will tell. If I am not in the mood, I will not answer

Int: when is the best time you have good moods?

Resp: when you come you will know

Int: ok, thank you for your time.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTS4V004

STUDY POINTS

153. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

154. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

155. RESILIENCE

156. WHY THEY CHOSE THE INTENDED CAREER PATHS

157. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. An adult is one who buys his properties by himself. He provides his daily by himself and does not rely on others for his upkeep
2. Lack of employment
3. Tries much as possible to provide for her child and her daily needs
4. Employment opportunities to be created to absorb the idling youth

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 23 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: casual informal

Educational Level: secondary form four

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

The interview was conducted by the dour o the respondent, at the corridor. The respondent answer questions fairly well. We had some jokes crackers during the interview or us to be so much strict with the interview. This was to help make it lively

Int: tell me your name, age, schooling and such things

Resp: I was asked those questions yesterday

Int: were they people from APHRC?

Resp: they had papers like these ones and similar files

Int: let me ask you, when you go to a shop there are so many things with the same colour, there is no specific colour for a specific person

Resp: he was filing a form

Int: I am not filing any form at all. I just asked you

Resp: but the questions are similar, do you have children, are you married, your father is there, your mother, name it

Int: if this person was from APHRC, then I would not be here but as a told you earlier on if anyone comes here, please find out where they come from. I come from APHRC full stop. Others maybe from World Hope or whatever

Resp: do only go round on weekends; I have never met you on weekdays?

Int: we work all round the week

Resp: ok continue with the questions

Int: just continue where you were introducing yourself, the date of birth

Resp: I was born in 1982

Int: which month

Resp: September

Int: date?

Resp: that is enough

Int: level of education form four in 2001

Resp: do you intend to continue schooling up to which level?

Int: wherever I will reach

Resp: there are possibilities of you going on with education

Int: that was introduction, let us put that aside, now we want to tackle the main reason I am here, your opinion, what is the difference between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: a child is fed, clothed and has nothing to worry about whereas an adult has to go out and seek for employment; he is self reliant

Int: and if he is 30-40 and is not self reliant, he is a child?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: that does not agree with your answer

Resp: you cannot be 30 years and continue living with your parents, unless you are abnormal

Int: If you go to places like Runda those children live and get married in their parent's house

Resp: in our community, that is not possible; that is why I am telling you that

Int: at what age is one considered an adult?

Resp: at the age of 12 years

Int: mhh

Resp: you know what is good and bad

Int: and as you said one is employed and self reliant is adult?

Resp: if he is 18 years, he is an adult; he can look for employment and has an Identity Card

Int: and physical maturity?

Resp: physical?

Int: yes?

Resp: that will depend on your hormones

Int: does that contribute to the difference?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: there are people of a smaller frame size and when they tell you their age, you will think they are lying to you

Int: how about someone's HIV Aids status?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: we have children who have been born with AIDS

Int: age?

Resp: yes

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: you will just feel you are adult

Int: is there any experience you are going through that makes you feel you are adult?

Resp: how?

Int: generally are there experiences you are going through that make you feel you are adult?

Resp: I have a child and I am taking care of it

Int: is there anything you like about adulthood?

Resp: yes

Int: what makes you like adulthood?

Resp: you take responsibility of your life

Int: and is there anything you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: yes

Int: what is it?

Resp: these bad things

Int: like?

Resp: I don't like lazy people

Int: in your life, is there any significant thing that happened in your life?

Resp: you have interesting questions, how can you live without events in your life?

Int: mhh

Resp: even if you were a small child, you will still remember

Int: maybe it was not something significant to you

Resp: I can remember

Int: what?

Resp: my brother really gave me a beating

Int: when you were a child?

Resp: no, as old as I am?

Int: of recent?

Resp: yes

Int: and he came here to beat you up?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: leave that alone

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: that lady you met

Int: she is your sister?

Resp: my cousin

Int: she depends on you?

Resp: we are self dependants

Int: so you cook differently?

Resp: no, we cook together but you must bring in something

Int: ok, so you are the owner of the house?

Resp: you will also get her

Int: if I came looking for you, and I ask the neighbor what will he
tell me?

Resp: they have gone

Int: and the landlord recognizes who as the owner of the house?

Resp: both of us

Int: and whose name appears on the receipt?

Resp: my cousin

Int: not you?

Resp: no

Int: are your parents alive?

Resp: only one

Int: how are they involved in your daily life?

Resp: yes, they support me when I am down

Int: do they offer advice?

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of advice?

Resp: that I should behave well and should avoid romantic relationships, drinking and also on sexual behavior

Int: and life generally?

Resp: they do advice me

Int: and school?

Resp: they do

Int: what do they tell you about school?

Resp: to continue

Int: oh that is why you told me in the beginning that you would like to continue with your education?

Resp: yes

Int: there are times you have issues that need your parent's help, do you have such?

Resp: no

Int: there is nothing you can ask for help from your parents?

Resp: no

Int: are you still being disciplined?

Resp: yes

Int: you are beaten?

Resp: no, they talk to me

Int: and advice you?

Resp: yes

Int: are there other people who punish you when you do wrong?

Resp: no

Int: not even your siblings?

Resp: no

Int: but they offer advice?

Resp: yes

Int: and your friends?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever had any significant problem?

Resp: no

Int: there are challenges in the community especially the youth in
this area of Lunga, face, what are these?

Resp: unemployment

Int: and security?

Resp: I have not noticed it

Int: and school dropouts?

Resp: there are no people who are not in school here

Int: but generally is there school drop outs in this areas all the way to the Mosque?

Resp: no, I have not heard of any

Int: and HIV AIDS?

Resp: I don't know what to tell you because who will tell you about their status?

Int: you have not heard of people who have gone slowly?

Resp: it is not easy to know because there are medications and most people have adjusted to normal. You will only know when you are a close relative or rather family

Int: how do you deal with unemployment cases?

Resp: you do out there and look for work

Int: where?

Resp: just within

Int: If you had a choice, where would you like to live?

Resp: in an estate

Int: which estate?

Resp: Runda, where Ministers live

Int: are there any chances of living in Runda?

Resp: unless God himself comes, he should not send his angel Michael

Int: why do you say that? Can't you believe that God can open
 another way for you to go there?

Resp: that is why I am telling you, unless God appears personally

Int: he can open a way from wherever he is, he doesn't have to come
 himself

Resp: the better for me

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: put up a business

Int: what type of business?

Resp: any

Int: what efforts are putting in place to reach that goal?

Resp: I am looking for capital

Int: how are you looking for it?

Resp: I am looking for a job

Int: which you spend on rent and food?

Resp: I spend half on rent and food while I save the other half

Int: what kind of work do you do?

Resp: I work at the airport

Int: what do you do?

Resp: packing

Int: what is the average pay per month?

Resp: about Sh6,500

Int: that is a lot; you can open a business. What would you like to specialize in?

Resp: I would like to be nurse

Int: what level of education do you need to be a nurse?

Resp: whatever God will provide

Int: yes he does but still you need a level of education to be a nurse

Resp: I really don't know, maybe a diploma

Int: but you can see yourself achieving that?

Resp: yes

Int: have you talked about this dream to anyone?

Resp: no

Int: why didn't you continue schooling and complete everything?

Resp: lack of school fees

Int: but you said you will continue with schooling?

Resp: yes

Int: and the fees will be there?

Resp: yes

Int: in this community, what do you understand by the word success?

Resp: anyone with money

Int: if you have money, you are successful?

Resp: yes

Int: of what level?

Resp: I cannot be able to tell you what level

Int: so what are you using to gauge success?

Resp: there is no gauging there

Int: for example if I had Sh200 and the other one Sh100, how will you know the difference?

Resp: it is possible to tell, there is a way one behaves that will tell

Int: how?

Resp: you will find someone owning a business, a car and such kind of things and before he didn't have anything

Int: when you say he didn't have anything what does that mean?

Resp: he is poor

Int: how can you describe for me a successful person?

Resp: he is on a different level

Int: what do young people need to do to be successful?

Resp: if they cannot get employment they should look for something to do

Int: and when he gets money and uses the money on alcohol is that success?

Resp: no

Int: what does success mean?

Resp: not drinking and being careful in your activities

Int: how can you distinguish a well behaved young person from one who is not?

Resp: you look at his characteristics

Int: like which ones

Resp: an ill mannered person will be a drunkard, be involved in groups like Mungiki and petty crimes

Int: you said you have only one parent? Which one is alive, please remind me

Resp: my father

Int: where is he?

Resp: he lives in Nakuru

Int: why did you leave home for Nairobi?

Resp: I came to look for a job

Int: where were you living before coming here?

Resp: upcountry

Int: where?

Resp: in Nakuru

Int: and how were you able to get a job here?

Resp: I came through my cousin and started living with her

Int: can you tell me your experience of coming here

Resp: I just made up my mind to come and look for a job

Int: how old were you?

Resp: I was 20 years

Int: how did you first feel when you started working?

Resp: I felt good starting a job

Int: and now?

Resp: I am happy

Int: what are the challenges are you facing now in life?

Resp: lack of water

Int: what do you usually do?

Resp: we go all the way to Donholm

Int: which side of Donholm Kingstone or

Resp: the other side

Int: I have seen people with handcarts carrying water from that end

Resp: there is water but salty

Int: so you buy from the handcart boys?

Resp: yes

Int: is getting important to you?

Resp: that is a personal decision

Int: but it is of important?

Resp: when you are two you can help each other with life

Int: apart from helping each other, is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: are you intending to get married?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: nothing

Int: you cannot just refuse to do something without a reason

Resp: the way married people are living is not very interesting;
 they are always squabbles among them

Int: that is their own arrangement, you never know, maybe yours
will be different

Resp: not these days

Int: so you plan to finish nursing and take care of your child?

Resp: yes

Int: that is good. Can you remember your first relationship with a
man?

Resp: some questions are history?

Int: but you can remember?

Resp: no

Int: you must remember, that is something one cannot forget

Resp: no, I can't remember

Int: but you can tell me your feelings about that relationship; how
was it?

Resp: it was good

Int: were you the same age?

Resp: he was older than me

Int: by how many years?

Resp: three years

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: in Kingstone

Int: what had you gone to do there?

Resp: I was employed there

Int: and he was also employed there?

Resp: no, he as a barber shop

Int: so you had gone to have your hair cut?

Resp: no,

Int: just tell me how you met and started a relationship

Resp: where I was working is where his barber shop is

Int: so instead of checking on his customers he was busy looking at
you

Resp: not really

Int: and you instead of working, you were busy checking him out?

Resp: leave that alone

Int: that helps me to understand how you met

Resp: I was working nearby

Int: so you meet and greet each other, who were stretching the hand
first?

Resp: even waving is greeting

Int: did you have any plans of getting married?

Resp: yes

Int: and now you don't have plans to get married?

Resp: we disagreed and I went my way

Int: he is the father of the child?

Resp: yes

Int: before you disagreed, was the relationship known to other people?

Resp: yes, his family knew about it

Int: who spoilt the relationship?

Resp: he did bad things

Int: what did he do?

Resp: he was a double dealing

Int: and you didn't like that?

Resp: no

Int: when you first met, can you remember your first sex experience?

Resp: silence

Int: did you use protection on your first sex?

Resp: yes

Int: how did you reach the decision that you have to use protection?

Resp: we just wanted to be protected

Int: who initiated it first?

Resp: both of us were for the idea

Int: what protection did you use?

Resp: condom

Int: have you been using it always?

Resp: there are some times we didn't use

Int: why?

Resp: we went for testing first

Int: and trusted each other?

Resp: yes

Int: oh,

Resp: these questions are not ending?

Int: last year we had the post election violence, where were you then?

Resp: I was upcountry

Int: in Nakuru?

Resp: yes

Int: how was it there?

Resp: we were not affected

Int: ah! There was no violence in Nakuru?

Resp: no

Int: but you were affected?

Resp: yes

Int: in which way?

Resp: my aunts lost their houses through arson

Int: were they inside the house?

Resp: No

Int: at least they were not harmed. Were you affected personally?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: when people were not settled because you are not sure where
your people are and we lived in constant fear because we
didn't know what next

Int: why?

Resp: even now we are uncomfortable because elections are almost
near. We were warned at our place that we would be evicted

Int: how were you able to deal with these challenges?

Resp: you just stay on the alert

Int: did you like anything to do with the violence?

Resp: no, there was nothing to like

Int: and what didn't like?

Resp: I hated the whole thing.

Int: I had gone to the end of the questions so that you cool down on the issue of relationships and sex, when did you get your first baby?

Resp: in 2005

Int: can you describe for me about the pregnancy?

Resp: I was not settled,

Int: did you plan for the pregnancy?

Resp: yes

Int: why were you not settled?

Resp: I was very sickly

Int: that happens for the first three months?

Resp: mine continued up to delivery

Int: that is not usual but again these things happen. Why did you decide to have a child?

Resp: I don't know what to tell you

Int: you know the answer

Resp: we were already one so we decided to get the baby

Int: the father of the baby is the one you mentioned before?

Resp: yes

Int: that was before you disagreed?

Resp: yes

Int: how does it feel like being a parent?

Resp: good

Int: before I had asked about adulthood and childhood, does being a parent make you feel like an adult?

Resp: not really but the age

Int: even if you don't have children

Resp: but in your case, having a child makes you feel an adult

Int: what are the challenges are you facing as a parent?

Resp: none

Int: there must be challenges of being a parent

Resp: no, there are no challenges

Int: the baby is well provided for every time?

Resp: yes

Int: being alone here means you are the one taking care of the baby, don't you think the baby is lacking that fatherly love?

Resp: he does lack that but that is not a challenge

Int: how do you feel about young people who are your age and have children?

Resp: they have a purpose in life

Int: they should not give up?

Resp: no

Int: how many children do you plan to have?

Resp: if I can stat with this one, the better

Int: but your aim is to have how many?

Resp: two

Int: why two children?

Resp: the economy does not allow many children

Int: if you get two will life be good or bad?

Resp: good, the more you have the bigger the problem

Int: I am now through and you can ask me a question now

Resp: I don't have any

Int: you have any comments you want to make?

Resp: I would like to ask you what happens to this answers we have given you.

Int: we will make a report out of all these interviews after analyzing the pressing points then we give it to the stake holders like government and other agency bodies to implement it. What recommendations can you give for this area?

Resp: none

Int: what about youths?

Resp: they should be employed or given something to do in their
lives

Int: ok, thank you so much

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTsf4V005

STUDY POINTS

- 158. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 159. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 160. RESILIENCE
- 161. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. An adult things maturely, e.g. on how we can build his/her house.
He /she is above 18 years
- 2. Lack of employment and enough resources to run a family
- 3. Much as am unemployed we persevere to live
- 4. Employment opportunities to be created to absorb the likes of her
in this community

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 20

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed

Educational Level: primary

Ethnic Level: Luhya

Marital Status: Married

Number of children: 02

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Sinai

Background information

The interview was conducted inside the respondent's house. She answered the questions well although she needed a lot of clarification virtually or nearly every question. She gave the details of what I wanted. She was patient enough till the end of the interview. Her baby kept disrupting us from the interview and she caused some noise during the interview

Int: tell me something, and adult and a child, what is the difference?

Resp: when I was a child I wasn't thinking and worrying a lot

Int: what were you thinking of?

Resp: I think of how I will start a home by constructing my own house, and I never used to think of those things when I was a child

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: for example, what of age?

Resp: when someone is above 18, that is an adult

Int: why do you say 18 years; is that because people get IDs at that age? Is that the reason why you are specific on 18 years?

Resp: not really, that is just an adult

Int: how about being in employment?

Resp: it will not bring any difference; I was working before I got married

Int: and you were a child?

Resp: yes

Int: so age does not really bring out any difference between adulthood and childhood?

Resp: no

Int: how about when some who has moved out and is taking responsibility of their own life?

Resp: that is an adult because now you can depend on yourself and not your parents. You are responsible for each action you take

Int: there are some ethnics groups in Kenya which circumcise their men; does that mean this person is an adult o child?

Resp: I have never heard of that

Int: some people say when they circumcise their men they are now adults

Resp: no,

Int: do you mean Kamba's don't do that?

Resp: they circumcise children

Int: and if someone who is a parent?

Resp: I am an adult because I am a mother

Int: and those who get babies at very early age?

Resp: the fact still remains they are adults since there is someone depending on that persons

Int: when you look at yourself, are an adult or not?

Resp: I am an adult because I have a family

Int: apart from your family what makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: being a grown up

Int: how?

Resp: I am now 24

Int: when you were 23 you were not an adult?

Resp: I was an adult still

Int: and now you are saying 24. Ok, are there things you like about adulthood?

Resp: no

Int: there is nothing you like about adulthood?

Resp: no

Int: and what do you hate about adulthood?

Resp: nothing

Int: you don't like adulthood, nor do you like it, so which one is correct?

Resp: silence

Int: are you experiencing anything in your life that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: like what?

Int: parenting, physical maturities, etc do this make you feel adult?

Resp: no, there is isn't much to see

Int: you don't feel anything

Resp: No

Int: just tell everything that makes you feel you are an adult

resp: silence

Int: but there is something significant that happened in your life
that you still remember; it could be a bad thing or good.

Resp: there are there

Int: like which ones?

Resp: having periods

Int: Who do you live with here?

Resp: I live with my husband

Int: only the two of you?

Resp: we live here as a family-

Int: are your parents involved in your life in any way?

Resp: my biological parents?

Int: yes, how are they involved?

Resp: they always try to find out how I am fairing on and sometimes
they come to visit me

Int: and you cook for them?

Resp: of course

Int: do they give you advice?

Resp: yes

Int: on what?

Resp: how I can live in harmony with my husband and bringing up the children

Int: what else

Resp: respect for my parents in law

Int: do they talk to you about education?

Resp: no

Int: drugs abuse?

Resp: yes, that is what I just mentioned earlier on

Int: are there times you go to visit you parents?

Resp: my parent-in law?

Int: or are you too old like them these days that you don't feel like going to ask for any advice from them?

Resp: they advice me to take care of my farm and not to eave idle for long

Int: do you have any personal problem that you would approach your parents

Resp: not now

Int: but before you were married, you used to go and get advice from them?

Resp: yes

Int: like which one?

Resp: when I am ill

Int: with what kinds of issues would you approach anyone else apart from your parents for help?

Resp: none

Int: do your parents punish you?

Resp: how?

Int: when you wrong them, what do they do?

Resp: they just scold me and advice me of the steps to take to a better life

Int: and before then?

Resp: they used to beat me up

Int: up to how many years; when did they last beat you?

Resp: I must have been still in primary, possibly the last time I was beaten was before I reached class 8

Int: but at school you were being beaten as a punishment?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you believe your parents left beating you at such an early stage?

Resp: because I was now grownup and knew what was wrong and right

Int: were you being beaten at school?

Resp: yes

Int: for what reasons?

Resp: when I am late coming to school or didn't do my homework

Int: so school is not a good place because it where people get punished

Resp: not really, when you make mistakes, you have to be punished; the teachers don't just punish anyone.

Int: have your siblings ever punished you for mistakes you did?

Resp: no, I am a big girl

Int: your parents used to give you advice?

Resp: no

Int: and your siblings?

Resp: yes

Int: how involved were your parents in your life?

Resp: advice

Int: are there other people who were involved in your daily lie?

Resp: no

Int: your siblings?

Resp: no

Int: and your friends?

Resp: they advice me once in a while when I have done something wrong

Int: were your parents involved in your in regard to your education?

resp: no

Int: have you ever had significant problem?

Resp: no

Int: but you have had problems before?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about one of them

Resp: when I was young or as adult?

Int: either and it can be recent or something that happened long time before

Resp: being unemployed

Int: when was that?

Resp: 2008

Int: isn't it when you got your baby?

Resp: yes

Int: and how were you supposed to work when you are pregnant?

Resp: I just got him in September

Int: before September when the pregnancy was still small?

Resp: yes, I was looking for employment.

Int: do you see yourself still in that problem again?

Resp: the problem is still there because I usually leave him when I do to seek for employment.

Int: oh?

Resp: yaa

Int: ok, in this community, I am sure there are some challenges that you are experiencing as young people?

Resp: yes

Int: what are they?

Resp: I have not seen any

Int: how is security here?

Resp: it is good

Int: and unemployment?

Resp: it is rampant

Int: are there any school drop outs here?

Resp: no

Int: here, parents educate their children up to the end?

Resp: yes

Int: they have fees, food and clothing for the children?

Resp: not all of them but they try

Int: is HIV Aids here; is it a challenge?

Resp: Not so much

Int: so people here are not infected by the HIV Aids virus?

Resp: of course they are there but they will not come and tell you that I am suffering from this and that. That is a personal thing; I don't think you can tell me that you have AIDS. I cannot tell you even if I knew

Int: you wouldn't tell me?

Resp: no

Int: and if you had malaria you would tell me?

Resp: yes

Int: why and yet they are all illnesses?

Resp: this one is a killer

Int: how do you deal with unemployment in this community as young people?

Resp: It is difficult

Int: how do you deal with it?

Resp: when I go out I always have the hope that I will get and if I don't get, I will still come back and try the next day again.
You don't give up at all

Int: if you were to choose where to live, where would you go?

Resp: upcountry or Nairobi?

Int: anywhere in this world

Resp: I would rather go upcountry

Int: but that is your home

Resp: yes

Int: when do you plan to go?

Resp: any day

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: everyone always to be rich owning companies

Int: that is everybody, what about you as a person?

Resp: I would like to be a businesswoman

Int: what kind of business?

Resp: I would like to be sell things like plastic basins, plates, buckets and such things

Int: you want to open your own business?

Resp: yes

Int: what efforts are you making towards this goal?

Resp: right now I don't have any source of income so I haven't done anything

Int: will this hinder you from opening up your own business?

Resp: yes

Int: and now that you have discovered where the problem is, will you start savings?

Resp: yes

Int: but now you still want to bring this one up?

Resp: yes

Int: and when he stops needing milk then you will start savings?

Resp: yes

Int: what level of education do you need to be able to reach this goal?

Resp: I don't need education to run a business

Int: is there any area that will need education background?

Resp: silence

Int: besides running a business, what kind of training would you like to take?

Resp: sewing

Int: sewing what?

Resp: clothes

Int: you said you don't need any education to start a business?

Resp: all you need is to be able to count money

Int: you have said you don't need any education to open a business?

Resp: no, just enough to be able to count money

Int: have you already reached that level?

Resp: I will reach it one day

Int: when will that be?

Resp: when the time will be

Int: have you ever talked to anyone about this?

Resp: no, it is still an idea

Int: tell me the challenges youths face in this community?

Resp: how?

Int: challenges like school dropouts, early marriages, and unwanted pregnancies?

Resp: many children have dropped out of school because o lack of school fees

Int: and unwanted pregnancies

Resp: not very much

Int: but they are challenges in this community?

Resp: yes (baby in the background)

Int: why are you not in school?

Resp: I can go but where will I leave the baby?

Int: your excuse is the baby, and before the baby was born; when you completed class 8 why didn't you continue?

Resp: there was lack of school fees

Int: if you had the money today and the baby is taken to baby care, would you continue with your education?

Resp: yes, I can go for a while

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: which one?

Resp: I have been a tailor before

Int: for how long have you worked?

Resp: four years

Int: how much were you earning in a month?

Resp: about Sh4,000

Int: where was that?

Resp: it was on Mombasa Road

Int: how old were you when you started working?

Resp: I started working in 2004

Int: right now you are unemployed.

Resp: yes

Int: have you ever heard of people say so and so is successful?

resp: yes

Int: what makes one become successful?

Resp: of you get a job and earn your own money, you will be
successful

Int: what does success mean to you?

Resp: owning things?

Int: what kind of things are these?

Resp: you cannot be successful without money

Int: when you get the money, what kinds of things will make you be
successful?

Resp: silence

Int: what makes a young person be successful?

Resp: people have their goals for life

Int: what would identify a successful young person?

Resp: when they own things

Int: like what?

Resp: owning property like land

Int: what can a young person do to be successful?

Resp: determination and hard work

Int: how can you distinguish a well behaved person from one who is not?

Resp: from the activities he does

Int: if I am a thief; that is good?

Resp: it is good to you but no to other people

Int: now we are talking of people with good behavior and those who are not well behaved?

Resp: I am not able to explain that

Int: why did you leave you parents and come to live here?

Resp: when my time for marriage came, I moved out and came here

Int: can you tell me you experience of moving out of your home to this place

Resp: what experience?

Int: how old were you?

Resp: when I was 18

Int: when you came from home, you came straight to James' house?

Resp: no, I was living alone first

Int: you were working then?

Resp: yes

Int: what was the main reason that made you leave home for Nairobi?

Resp: you cannot live alone

Int: but before you started living with James, you were alone, so why did you leave home for Nairobi?

Resp: I came to look for work

Int: and then you thought James cannot leave alone and joined him?

Resp: it is difficult for an adult to leave alone

Int: what are your feelings about living here?

Resp: I am happy

Int: what are the challenges of married life?

Resp: there are many

Int: for example?

Resp: when there is employment, we sleep on hungry stomachs that day

Int: what do you mean sleeping on empty stomachs?

Resp: no supper at all

Int: but at least you have something for the day?

Resp: yes

Int: and for breakfast?

Resp: we have

Int: you told me that you got married in which year?

Resp: 2008

Int: what is the importance of marriage?

Resp: you continue to grow mature

Int: what else?

Resp: you start thinking on your future and how you can develop

Int: what importance is marriage to your family?

Resp: there isn't any importance

Int: and in the community?

Resp: it is not

Int: can you tell me how you met with James up to a point when you got married. When did you first meet?

Resp: in 2007

Int: and then you agreed to get married there and then?

Resp: we were friends for sometime before we got talking about marriage

Int: when was that?

Resp: around February

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: we met in town

Int: you were just walking on the street, met and introduced yourselves?

Resp: he was on job

Int: and you?

Resp: you cannot meet people who greet you in your language and you ignore

Int: so how did he know that you are Kamba, why didn't he greet the other girl?

Resp: the other one was married

Int: how did he know that?

Resp: there is always a difference from one who is married and one how is not

Int: really? Where is the difference?

Resp: a married woman fears talking to men

Int: mhh? Are you of the same age?

Resp: he is older by three years

Int: when you met in town, is that when you decided to come and know is place?

Resp: after a few months is when I came to know this house

Int: and all this time you were just quiet?

Resp: we used to communicate on phone?

Int: oh, you used to flash him and he calls you back (laughs)

Resp: no, I used to call him

Int: after that you decided to start visiting him

Resp: yes

Int: when you first came to see him was it also the first time you had sex?

Resp: no

Int: you had sex later?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first sexual experience, how was it?

Resp: it was hard

Int: who was more scared? Am sure you will tell me you were the one?

Resp: yes

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: yes

Int: which one?

Resp: Trust condoms

Int: who had this idea of using protection?

Resp: I did

Int: why?

Resp: These days are difficult days and you can be infected with diseases or HIV AIDS

Int: these days you are still using protection?

Resp: no, we went to be tested

Int: where?

Resp: to a private hospital

Int: that was after how long into the relationship?

Resp: three months

Int: and then after that you stopped using protection?

Resp: yes

Int: after that no one was interested in using condoms or any other form of protection?

Resp: no

Int: I want to hear more about protection; how were you able to convince him to use a condom?

Resp: we just talked and agreed

Int: I am interested in the conversation because men don't like listening to women when they talk

Resp: I told him that I cannot afford to meet him unless there is protection

Int: and he saw the sense in that?

Resp: he understood

Int: and ran to the shop to buy one or you did?

Resp: he did

Int: he didn't have one ready

Resp: no

Int: you told me this baby was born last year?

Resp: yes, in September

Int: tell me about the pregnancy?

Resp: I was feeling exhausted and was sickly

Int: for how long?

Resp: about three months

Int: at the beginning, mid or end of the pregnancy?

Resp: during the first three months in to the pregnancy

Int: and later on?

Resp: I was ok,

Int: that is why you were looking for employment?

Resp: yes

Int: had you planned for the pregnancy?

Resp: no,

Int: it just came by mistake?

Resp: yes

Int: and then when it came by mistake, who made more noise?

Resp: none of us

Int: when he saw the pregnancy he said Halleluia!

Resp: (laughing)

Int: since you had not planned for the pregnancy, what happened to the relationship?

Resp: we continued

Int: James' didn't deny having been part of the pregnancy?

Resp: no,

Int: he just felt you continue?

Resp: yes

Int: how do you enjoy married life?

Resp: things are hard; I was used to living alone not with someone else

Int: how?

Resp: if I get pregnant again what will I tell him?

Int: you tell him the pregnancy is his

Resp: how

Int: you also told him this one is his and he agreed, so why should he refuse the next one?

Resp: eh, this was his and he knew about it

Int: let us leave that for a while. You said you feel bad because you are a girl and cannot continue living as a girl and mix with others as before?

Resp: no

Int: what are the challenges are you experiencing as a parent now?

Resp: bringing up a child

Int: what is the problem?

Resp: sometimes I don't have any source of finance to buy food for the baby

Int: but James has gone out to look for something to eat?

Resp: sometimes he goes and doesn't get a job so he comes back home with an empty hand. He doesn't have a job in a company or any establishment where he can be sure of pay every month however small

Int: how do you feel for those of your age who are soon becoming parents?

Resp: to continue with life

Int: however difficult it is?

Resp: yes

Int: how many children do you expect to have?

Resp: two God willing

Int: why only two?

Resp: bringing up children is very difficult

Int: and if you get someone who can help you, you don't mind getting 20 children

Resp: no, even James cannot agree to that. These days, it is difficult to get anyone looking after your baby

Int: since you had not planned for it, how old would you have liked to be when you get your first baby?

Resp: I intend to finish five years before I get any other

Int: before you got your present baby, when had you planned to get your first baby?

Resp: at the age of 25

Int: why?

Resp: at least I would be a little bit older

Int: do you remember the post election violence early last year?

Resp: yes

Int: were you affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: and any of you family members?

Resp: no

Int: what about your source of income, was it affected in any way?

Resp: my husband's job was affected and it came to a stop

Int: how?

Resp: all the equipment was stolen

Int: what kind of work was he doing?

Resp: he is a carpenter

Int: and he has not recovered anything at all?

Resp: no

Int: is that where he has gone?

Resp: he has gone to South B

Int: so how was he affected?

Resp: all their things were burnt down and others stolen

Int: so none of you had money even to feed the baby?

Resp: no. At that time the baby was not born yet

Int: so it was only the two of you who were affected?

Resp: yes

Int: how were you able to deal with the situation?

Resp: we went back upcountry and started working on the farm

Int: for how long did you stay there?

Resp: three months

Int: when did you come back?

Resp: he came in the second month

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: I didn't like the idea of coming back and be burnt in the house here

Int: what did you like about it?

Resp: there was nothing good about the post election violence

Int: I am through with the questions now it is your turn to ask me

Resp: I don't have any questions

Int: ok, just tell me anything

Resp: no, I don't have

Int: any recommendations?

Resp: no

Int: thank you so much for agreeing to talk to me. That is all for today.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

STUDY POINTS

- 162. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
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SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Respondent equates adulthood to higher thinking capacity and all that the secondary physical characteristics also help in defining an adult. She believed that an adult must be independent in thinking and his/her general life
- 2. Beginning to stay/live independently because from the beginning you have to depend on another person who may frustrate your efforts to stabilize as she says, at sometime her sister sent her home
- 3. Respondent says she resists to engage in sex because she only wants to do it after getting married, this she said is the right time
- 4. She has passion for catering and would wish to be a caterer later in life
- 5. The government should look into the plight of the youth especially unemployment issues

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 20 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: employed

Educational Level: primary

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

The respondent was very hospitable, I must confess. This interview was conducted in her house and is the voice recorder there are some background noise, but this cannot be avoided in every interview in the slum as the noises keep coming from the neighbour's house. She had fairly well understanding o the questions and we did fairly well. The only problem was that she was several names and she quoted a different name from what I had in my list. But this was harmonized and the official name remains what I have in the list printed out by APHRC. We did well up to the end of the interview

Int: Rose, Rose who?

Resp: Rose Makali Joseph

Int: when were you born?

Resp: 1989

Int: date?

Resp: 7th December

Int: what is your level of education?

Resp: Std 8

Int: and what did you go to do at Polytechnic?

Resp: Dressmaking, Tailoring, embroidery and knitting

Int: what is the difference between dressmaking and tailoring?

Resp: dressmaking is for ladies and tailoring is for men

Int: why do people refer to anyone stitching garments with a machine as a tailor?

Resp: that is the specific name for all of them

Int: is there any thing you want to tell me about yourself?

Resp: I don't have

Int: in your opinion, what differentiates an adult and a child?

Resp: intelligence between a child and an adult is different

Int: how different?

Resp: the intelligence to know what is wrong and what is bad. A child doesn't have that

Int: what else?

Resp: there are certain things an adult will do but not a child

Int: what is that?

Resp: a child cannot look after a home, then....

Int: any other difference?

Resp: how many do you want?

Int: as many as you can mention, even if they are more than twenty;
that is fine with me

Resp: ok, a child cannot look after itself

Int: how?

Resp: a child cannot do basic things like dressing himself,
providing their own education, and so on

Int: what else?

Resp: a child cannot seduce

Int: mhh

Resp: a child cannot do abortion, cannot have wet dreams or
menstruations, that is all I can think of

Int: what the age of an adult?

Resp: what I know there is this age for teenagers

Int: which age is that?

Resp: from 12 years and below, then from 13 to 19 that is youth and then from there the rest are adults

Int: so from 20 years those are adults

Resp: not really but they are 19-35 but these days things have changed

Int: how?

Resp: teenagers are more intelligent these days

Int: so, from your point of view where does an adult start, from what age?

Resp: from age 13 years and above

Int: what about responsibilities, one who has responsibilities, is that an adult or a child?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: an employed person?

Resp: an adult

Int: for example by bad luck, we are orphaned, and I am the eldest at the age of 11 years, I get employed so that I can feed my siblings, can that make me an adult?

Resp: no, you are still a child though there is a reason that has forced you to go and look for employment

Int: a circumcised person?

Resp: even kids of three years are circumcised

Int: and if the person is infected by the HIV Virus?

Resp: even children are born with that virus

Int: ok, are you an adult right now?

Resp: yes

Int: what are you experiencing that makes you think you are an adult?

Resp: I don't depend on my parents, instead they are depending on me, and if I was a child I would not be able to look after them

Int: is there anything you don't like in adulthood?

Resp: maybe in marriages

Int: like?

Resp: domestic quarrels between parents, customs and beliefs

Int: customs like which ones

Resp: especially the Luhya ones

Int: like which one?

Resp: if your husband dies, you have to have sex with him before he is buried

Int: you don't like that and what about others?

Resp: making decisions on behalf of others. You can advice me but not decide for me what to do and insist on it

Int: what else?

Resp: interfering with other people's families and trying to show that you are the best person to solve the problems of that family. They know their mistakes and it is up to them to sort themselves out. The best you can do is offer advice and leave them alone.

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: there are some adults who are very intelligent and they know when such and such thing happens, things will be

Int: what do you mean when you say they are intelligent?

Resp: there are some who destroy their own families for example if both the man and woman are drunkards, that home will not stand test

Int: but there are experiences you are going through that make you feel you are an adult

Resp: I am an adult because I am independent

Int: what else?

Resp: I can get children and if I get married I can look after a home

Int: is there any significant event that happened in your life that you have never forgotten about it?

Resp: good or bad?

Int: either of them

Resp: I was hurt when my sister died

Int: elder or younger sister

Resp: my elder sister

Int: when was this?

Resp: in 2006

Int: who do you live with?

Resp: alone

Int: here?

Resp: yes

Int: do you think your parents influence your life in one way or another?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: there is no way a parent can leave you all alone, they have to keep with you all the way and offer advice

Int: like on what issues?

Resp: counseling on different topics, they also like being with me every step of my life

Int: do they offer advice in decision making?

Resp: if it is a good decision but if it is a wrong one they don't support me on that

Int: what have they ever advised you on?

Resp: some personal family secrets for example when we are together, they advice us me on how we can strengthen the family and make it grow

Int: what areas do they advise you on?

Resp: taking care of my life

Int: that is ambiguous, what area in particular?

Resp: first I have to know God, attend church, respect my elders and live with people in harmony

Int: do you do that?

Resp: yes

Int: do they advise on sexual behavior?

Resp: yes

Int: what do they tell you?

Resp: there are different types of diseases that result from sexual activities; I have to take care of myself

Int: how do you take care of yourself?

resp: I can have a boyfriend but we should not waste time for each other, if I have to have sex, I should know there are STIs.

Int: you should not waste time for each other, what does that mean?

Resp: we should be serious and faithful with each

Int: use of drugs?

Resp: we have never talked about that

Int: do you have other problems that you talk to them about and
seek for advice?

Resp: when I have a problem of any kind and I don't feel things are
not going well for me I can give her a call and tell her or
invite her here for a month and within that month, she will be
able to see what is happening

Int: she stays with you for that time

Resp: yes and from there she can be able to see if I am doing well

Int: where does she sleep here?

Resp: we share the bed with her

Int: mhhh

Resp: why?

Int: your bed?

Resp: why are you surprised?

Int: are there issues that you don't take their advice on?

Resp: issues like those?

Int: mhhh, things related to boyfriends, maybe you feel it is not right to ask for advice from them, and you just assume?

Resp: the only person I have ever talked to about my boyfriend is my mother and not my dad and she told me that she cannot interfere in my decision to have a boyfriend

Int: are there issues that you approach your friends instead of parents?

Resp: not so much

Int: but there are?

Resp: let me not lie about that, I don't approach my friends

Int: do you parents punish you?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: they quarrel me; there are times when us youths are really stubborn

Int: why are you stubborn?

Resp: what can I really tell you; when someone is in adolescence age, they are stubborn, you also passed through that

Int: where; me being stubborn?

Resp: yes

Int: but it is usually quarreling between the two of you

Resp: ok, for example they tell me that after church I should go and release the cows from the pen and yet at that particular time I want to meet my friends, I cannot tell that I will not do that but when the time comes, you do your things and when you come back at home, you will still have to face them and they have a right to quarrel you over that.

Int: ok, since you are here alone, when you do something wrong, who punishes you?

Resp: my sister is around here but she rarely comes here anyway, she stays at Mareba on Mogadishu road

Int: sometimes she is the one who gives you punishment when you do wrong?

Resp: actually I am old enough to make my own decisions but unless my mother comes or matron at the church, there is no one else who corrects me

Int: besides your parents, do other people like brothers, sisters and friends influence your life in one way or another?

Resp: most of us handle their own things

Int: not even on employment and such related issues?

Resp: no

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: no

Int: relationships?

Resp: maybe my sister

Int: but you are not sure?

Resp: she is far and we rarely meet

Int: tell me a major problem that your friend or sibling has experienced in their life

Resp: maybe a friend

Int: tell me about it

Resp: when I was living at my sister's in Mareba I had a friend who was also our neighbor. She was also living with her sister who was very quarrelsome. One day she threw my friend out at midnight and when I told my sister we save the other girl who was my friend, she refused. Instead she also started saying I was a bad girl and so I had to leave her house and go back upcountry. My friend got married in the end

Int: did she get married because of that problem or she had a boyfriend before?

Resp: I don't think so but that night my sister also quarreled and asked me why we should invite the other girl in when we don't know why they are quarreling and she told me that I should also leave since she didn't want a burden in her house

Int: so were you annoyed about that or your friend?

Resp: both of us were annoyed with our sisters for not listening to us

Int: do you think you may find yourself in such situation?

Resp: No, I don't think so nor do I hope I will ever

Int: why do you think that you cannot find yourself in such a situation?

Resp: I have already passed through that so I know how to handle such a situation

Int: in this community, what are the challenges young people go through?

Resp: that is difficult to know, people experience different people

Int: but generally, do you think there are challenges facing the young people in this community?

Resp: I have not been living here for long, so I may not be in a position to say so

Int: you haven't been here for long

Resp: I have here for less than a year so I don't know much

Int: but challenges like violence, is it in this area?

Resp: unless now I begin to focus on that so as to find the right information

Int: lack of security?

Resp: not very much. There is insecurity but not to a large extent

Int: how about lack of jobs?

Resp: there are no jobs for youths and most of the time they are idle, they are not working

Int: school dropouts?

Resp: that one is difficult to know

Int: poverty?

Resp: it is rampant here

Int: mhhh

Resp: there are some families when you observe them you can see they are really going through a very difficult time in the family

Int: what about the HIV virus?

Resp: that is very personal because since I came to live here, I have not heard anyone say they have lost their beloved through that and even if there were, I don't think they can talk about it

Int: ill health within the community?

Resp: not really

Int: to be able to cope with some of the challenges like unemployment, what is the community doing about it?

Resp: you know....what do you mean?

Int: what are the people and other stakeholders doing about unemployment in this area?

Resp: by the way since I came to start living here, I have not heard of anyone bothering about the youths being idle. Maybe your parents may want to do something about it but they are unable to because of the poverty status they are in

Int: what do they do about insecurity?

Resp: people are mugged here and they even have a "choma" (burning/roasting) base

Int: where is that?

Resp: just near the railway line and by 8 pm you cannot cross the railway line to Njenga nor can they come on this end

Int: because they will be burnt?

Resp: many people have been killed in that spot

Int: if you were to choose, where would you like to live?

Resp: it is not that I am uncomfortable here, I am comfortable at the level which I am financially but if I had a better opportunity, I would not live in a slum

Int: where would you go?

Resp: I would go to live in an estate

Int: there are so many estates in Nairobi

Resp: Donholm is one of them

Int: you feel you are not able financially?

Resp: I can only afford to live here for now and I cannot go to a place like Donholm and sleep hungry or not be able to meet my other needs because of lack of finance.

Int: do you see the possibility of ever living in such a place?

Resp: of course yes

Int: what are you doing about it so that you can accomplish that?

Resp: I am working hard at my work and who knows, I could get a salary increment

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: have my own business

Int: what kind of business?

Resp: a hotel

Int: we are used to call any eating house a hotel, we have kiosks, we have the Grand Regency

Resp: I would like to start with a kiosk first

Int: and reach which level?

Resp: I don't mind going further and also put up a small shop for my mother

Int: can you see yourself working hard and making it thrive?

Resp: yes

Int: what efforts are you making toward that?

Resp: though I want to put up that hotel, it doesn't mean I will stop working. With that job I will be adding stock my business to meet the clients' needs. It will also improve the quality of the food because I will be able to finance myself. When there are losses I will be able to cope with them

Int: what can make you not achieve this goal?

Resp: unless I loose my job

Int: what level of education do you need for this hotel to flourish?

Resp: the little experience I have is enough and as it improves, I can go for a catering course

Int: do you see yourself being able to achieve that goal of going to a catering school?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: I already have experience

Int: what career would you like to do in life?

Resp: yes

Int: have you talked to anyone about your career?

Resp: yes

Int: who?

Resp: yaaa

Int: what were you advised?

Resp: that is someone who has gone through that course and she advised me to be very sharp in everything I do and also have enough financial backup

Int: you told me that when you completed your Std 8 you were not able to proceed with schooling because of the finances?

Resp: no, I wasn't and we were two of us. My late sister had a son and we completed at the same time so one of us had to give in and not go ahead. So we were told that whoever gets more points will be taken to school which I did but as a family we decided that since this boy may think that we are doing this because he is an orphan, we let him go and I joined a course

Int: you did a very good thing and God will bless, do you plan to continue school later one?

Resp: maybe college,

Int: for catering?

Resp: yes

Int: what are you doing right now?

Resp: I work in a factory

Int: what factory?

Resp: Fineline

Int: what do they do?

Resp: they make sanitary pads and bottles

Int: water bottles?

Resp: water dispensers

Int: how much do you earn in a month?

Resp: we only work for 20 days

Int: how much for those 20 days?

Resp: they don't pay the same salary to everyone; there are those who get Sh250 per day, Sh300, and so on

Int: what do you get in a day?

Resp: Sh250 per day

Int: and if you multiply with 25 days, and that is how much?

Resp: about Sh5,000

Int: you have heard people say that so and so has succeeded, in your opinion what do they mean?

Resp: moving forward

Int: what does that mean?

Resp: no looking backwards

Int: can you describe for me someone who has succeeded?

Resp: someone who has already achieved his goal has succeeded

Int: for example?

Resp: maybe you are a waiter or cook in a hotel but your aim was to work in an office setting, and you actually work hard towards that, and you succeed in reaching there; that is success

Int: what would make a young person succeed?

Resp: these days, if you have money, you succeed, ability does not matter much

Int: what do you mean if you have money?

Resp: you must bribe your way to success

Int: to succeed you have to bribe?

Resp: in most cases

Int: what differentiates a youth with good behavior from the others?

Resp: by looking at the youth before you see the action will tell you what kind of youth he is even if you don't know me well

Int: I am not well convinced on that point; what does he need to do so that you can say he is well behaved?

Resp: maybe you need stay with that person to be able to know that person better

Int: what can identify him to be a well behaved youth?

Resp: by living with him/her

Int: what do you see in that youth that it is not in others?

Resp: he doesn't involve himself in leisure things like drinking beer, having so many girlfriends and so on. He will be

involved in respectable activities. If someone has so many girlfriends obviously he will have sex with them and that is not good behavior

Int: what does a young person need to do to succeed in life?

Resp: work hard and have a goal to achieve in life

Int: you told me that your parents are upcountry?

Resp: yes

Int: why did you move out of home and come to live here?

Resp: to look for money

Int: have you got it?

Resp: I get what is enough for now

Int: you won't go back there

Resp: upcountry?

Int: mmmm

Resp: East west, home is best, so I cannot say I will not go back there

Int: tell me how you felt when you left home for this place

Resp: by the first few days, I was very lonely and it was like I was starting a very different chapter of my life

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: it was last year

Int: did you feel harassed when you left home

Resp: after school, I felt my parents were having a hard time because they didn't have any money and to me I was feeling I was a burden to them but they feel I am their child. I felt I had to go out and assist them in any way possible

Int: how do you feel living on your own?

Resp: I am comfortable because I am now used to it

Int: does living alone come with its challenges?

Resp: yes

Int: which ones?

Resp: I don't quarrel with anyone, and I can't blame anyone for my actions, I take responsibility of my actions.

Int: are there other challenges?

Resp: I understand what life is all about, I can get or not get but I will still survive and blame anyone for that

Int: what else?

Resp: just being lonely

Int: finances?

Resp: not so much, because if you get two bob and know how to use it, then you will be ok. I cannot think of a million bob, when I know I won't get it. It is not logical you would rather

learn to get satisfied with what you have as you work harder
towards bettering your situation

Int: do you plan to get married?

Resp: yes

Int: when?

Resp: three years to come

Int: why?

Resp: it is what I have been thinking from before

Int: why did you plan for three years to come?

Resp: it was between me and my boyfriend

Int: any specific reason for that?

Resp: I don't want to get too old for marriage

Int: in 2012 you will still be young for marriage?

Resp: I would have gained more experience in life and know now a home
is looked after

Int: is it important for one to be married or get married?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: to get a family

Int: what else

Resp: to get married and have a family of your own and continue a family

Int: anything else?

Resp: what else?

Int: you know better

Resp: maybe I will know them later if they are there

Int: is there any importance of marriage to a family?

Resp: there is an importance

Int: what will a family gain?

Resp: just to have your own family after all your mother also came to be married in your home that is why the family is continuing

Int: what about in your community, is marriage important?

Resp: I don't know, I can only say what I know as a person

Int: for example in Machakos where you come from, will they see any importance in you marrying?

Resp: if they feel anything, the fact still remains I would have made my own decision

Int: you have not convinced enough on the reasoning that you will get married after three years

Resp: when you meet your boyfriend/girlfriend, you share so much and then decide the right time for us to be together will be this and this time

Int: besides your friend, what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: a faithful person

Int: what else?

Resp: he has to be faithful so that there is trust between the two of you

Int: age difference?

Resp: it doesn't matter really so long as he older than me five years

Int: why five years difference?

Resp: ladies grow older faster than the men

Int: you want to grow older together?

Resp: yes, because if you grow older faster, he will start looking for other women

Int: tribe?

Resp: I don't mind tribe

Int: what about his/your economic situation?

Resp: I don't have that in mind

Int: have you had a boyfriend before?

Resp: I have one

Int: tell me about your relationship

Resp: you are seduced and within no time you are already in the box

Int: what is the age difference?

Resp: five years

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: when I was living with my sister, there is an in law living in Kangemi and I used to go and visit him. So I met him there.

Int: what happened then?

Resp: we talked

Int: where did you meet; on the stairs or where?

Resp: they are neighbors next door and they visit each other

Int: who does he stay with?

Resp: his family

Int: parents?

Resp: his sisters

Int: and he saw you enter your in law's house?

Resp: the first time he saw me was when he greeted me at my in law's house

Int: then?

Resp: I was not living there but there a time I stayed there for three weeks and we feel in love with each other

Int: do you plan to get married?

Resp: yes

Int: how is the relationship currently?

Resp: it is very good

Int: are there others who know about this relationship besides your mother?

Resp: his family is aware of this relationship whereas on my side it is only my elder sister and mother

Int: how do you feel about the relationship?

Resp: it is good

Int: have you had sex before?

Resp: no, we haven't

Int: what about in your life?

Resp: no, that is my first boyfriend and we have never done it

Int: you are still a virgin

Resp: something like that

Int: you are not sure?

Resp: that is my secret

Int: for the sake of research, I want to hear about this secret.

Whatever we are discussing here, will remain here and when I leave here, I will be talking to someone else and would have forgotten about that story

Resp: how will that help you?

Int: we are researching on what age girls break their virginity

Resp: ok, I haven't had sex before

Int: you are still a virgin?

Resp: yes

Int: why haven't you had sex with him?

Resp: we have been in this relationship for one year and I don't know him very well and we need to know each other well before we get involved in such a thing. Personally I want to know him better before I do something of that sort.

Int: when do you plan to have sex?

Resp: God willing, I would like to have my first sex in marriage

Int: how do you feel now that you have never had sex?

Resp: not so bad but once in a while you feel you should try it out and then you tell yourself no, let me not risk

Int: do you plan to get children?

Resp: yes

Int: how many

Resp: three

Int: why three?

Resp: three will be enough and I don't want to have many

Int: why?

Resp: I want to have a good life and it will depend on the ability

Int: meaning that you can also avoid having children?

Resp: getting children is a must

Int: or if you are able you can have even seven of them?

Resp: if I can, I will get three

Int: when is the right time to have children?

Resp: two years into the marriage

Int: why two years and not immediately?

Resp: you will be mature enough

Int: last year we had the post election violence, do you remember that time?

Resp: yes

Int: were you affected in anyway?

Resp: I didn't like they way people were killed and others suffering

Int: what about your friends or relatives?

Resp: they also suffered but not so much the only major problem was
that we went hungry for many days

Int: here?

Resp: in Nairobi not upcountry

Int: why were people going hungry?

Resp: we were not allowed to move about

Int: how were you able to cope with the hunger situation?

Resp: perseverance

Int: is there anything you liked about the violence?

Resp: no

Int: what did you hate about the violence?

Resp: tribalism, people fighting here and there, but mostly
tribalism.

Int: I am now through, do you have any questions?

Resp: many a time I have heard youths will be given jobs, any kind
of job like what you are doing, we have not been assisted at
all

Int: who told you that?

Resp: you know about that. I remember during the election campaigns,
we were promised jobs and once they reach the Parliament, they
don't assist us

Int: that is politics

Resp: what about youths, no one seems to be bothering about our welfare in regard to jobs and such?

Int: who in particular?

Resp: the government

Int: the government is looking after the welfare of youths though I don't work with them but I will try and say a little

Resp: we are still in the slums unemployed

Int: first of all let me thank you for the interview, I am through with it and thank you so much.

Resp: you are welcome

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V007

STUDY POINTS

167. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

168. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

169. RESILIENCE

170. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

171. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. She equate adulthood to being independent in thinking and stay/daily provision for his/her needs
2. Unwanted pregnancies to the ladies while the boys fall for peer pressure and both girls and boys end up dropping out of school
3. I try to persevere under the difficult circumstances and try to bring up my two children
4. Why choose their intended career, this was done due to the ease with which fees could be paid. She says accounts does not require a lot of fees as opposed to nursing which she wanted to do
5. Research team (APHRC) to intervene in some cases and help the community in any way possible.

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: un employed

Educational Level: secondary

Ethnic Level: Kisii

Marital Status: single

Number of children: two

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Sinai

Background information

Transcriber's notes:

Int: in your opinion what is the different between an adult and a child?

Resp: an adult is responsible for himself

Int: how

Resp: has the intelligence to differentiate between good and bad

Int: that is being responsible

Resp: yes and a child has to be instructed on everything

Int: what else brings the difference?

Resp: I don't know

Int: what about age?

Resp: no, there are situations whereby a very young person is more intelligent than an older person

Int: what ages are for adults?

Resp: in the 20s

Int: from 20 - 28 is an adult

Resp: yes

Int: what about employment?

Resp: maybe that can also apply

Int: we don't want maybe

Resp: because it is also possible to find a child with a job and yet an adult doesn't have one. Jobs are not only for adults but these days, even children are in employment

Int: how about a circumcised person?

Resp: that is right of passage and very young children are being circumcised.

Int: how about someone with HIV Aids?

Resp: not only adults have HIV Aids but children are born with it and the live with it

Int: how about one who has had sex?

Resp: sometimes those are adults

Int: but sometimes?

Resp: the young ones are found in there

Int: where do you fall now?

Resp: both of them have sex

Int: and those who are physically mature?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: the one with responsibilities?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: for example I am 12 years and together me and my siblings are orphaned. I am the oldest and I have to fend for them, does that mean I am an adult?

Resp: no

Int: are you an adult now?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I am still depending on my parents

Int: any other reason? What are you experiencing currently that makes you feel you are still a child?

Resp: I am depending on my parents for everything

Int: is there anyway your parents have influence over your life?

Resp: they take care of me and are still educating me

Int: what level of education do you want to take?

Resp: I am going to college next year

Int: what do you want to study?

Resp: accounting

Int: you want to be an accountant?

Resp: that is what I like and it is also not an expensive course compared to the nursing I wanted to take before but there was no money, and I opted for accounting

Int: which areas do our parents advice you?

Resp: they had wanted me to go for nursing but later on they changed
 their mind because of lack finances advised me to take
 accounting

Int: how about romantic relationships; have they ever talked to you
 about that?

Resp: no, they don't bother because reason that I should complete
 school first and then afterwards if I want to get married I
 can do that but the main important thing is for me to finish
 my schooling

Int: you cannot just decide to get married without necessarily
 completing school?

Resp: marriage? Not now, you get married now and go to suffer there

Int: so all married people are suffering?

Resp: there are some who are suffering

Int: are there other issues that you approach your parents for?

Resp: no

Int: how about other people, are there situations when you find
 yourself in problems and approach other people besides your
 parents?

Resp: no

Int: how do your parents discipline you?

Resp: when I was a young person they used to beat me

Int: but now?

Resp: they give me a lecture on the dos and don'ts and then that is
all

Int: you are saying right now, they just talk and warn you?

Resp: yes

Int: are there other people who influence your life?

Resp: no

Int: your siblings?

Resp: no

Int: friends?

Resp: no

Int: can you remember any major problem either your siblings or
friend has experienced?

Resp: a problem? Not really maybe problems related to financial
needs

Int: what are these financial needs?

Resp: basic needs at home

Int: for how long did it last?

Resp: many years

Int: do you see yourself in such situation?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you think that is the case?

Resp: that is the reason I am at home and not in school. If I had the money, I would have completed college by now

Int: tell me the challenges youth experience in this slum?

Resp: I have not been living here for long

Int: how is the security situation here?

Resp: bad

Int: violence

Resp: yes

Int: lack of jobs

Resp: yes

Int: harassment by police, parents or just people in the neighborhood?

Resp: there is plenty of that

Int: who harasses them?

Resp: parents

Int: how do they harass them?

Resp: because when they find that their children have been sitting idle doing nothing, they harass them

Int: what about unemployment; what to the youths do to cope with this situation?

Resp: here in Nairobi I don't know what they do but upcountry they look for contractual jobs, they plant trees and sell to get money to meet their needs

Int: where would you like to live, given a choice?

Resp: upcountry

Int: why?

Resp: so that I can continue doing my things like those contractual jobs

Int: what are your chances of going to live there?

Resp: I am very idle here and I think I am better off there where I can be busy

Int: apart from being an accountant what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: that is what I am interested in

Int: what efforts are you doing to make sure you achieve that goal?

Resp: next year I plan to go to college

Int: what kind hindrances would make you not achieve that goal?

Resp: none, because my brother who is in school will be out and then I can join college because the money will be there to enable do that

Int: have you ever talked to anyone about that dream; someone who can advice you on it?

Resp: no

Int: and generally have you ever talked to anyone about it?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no

Int: what does success mean to you?

Resp: for example if you are running a business and get some profit,
that is success

Int: can you tell me of anyone who has succeeded?

Resp: no,

Int: you can or you don't have anyone in mind?

Resp: I don't know of anyone here

Int: how can one differentiate a young person who has succeeded?

Resp: you will see him living a good life

Int: meaning?

Resp: he has money to pay for his rent; he has food and is educating
his children

Int: that is someone successful?

Resp: yes

Int: what can young people to succeed in life?

Resp: they can do jobs and it is better to get some little money, use a little and save the rest so that at some point you can go back to school and then look for a job later

Int: a young person who is well behaved, how would you differentiate him with others?

Resp: you will find these others being drunkards 24 hours a day and keep roaming the community without any purpose at all

Int: what is the importance of marrying or getting married in the community or in families?

Resp: some do it so that they can get children

Int: what else

Resp: companionship

Int: I don't understand that, anyone can be a companion of the other

Resp: living as lovers

Int: ok, to get companionship?

Resp: yes

Int: what about in the community?

Resp: I don't know what to say there

Int: do you plan to get married?

Resp: I have not planned that yet

Int: and if you do, when do you intend to do that?

Resp: no so soon

Int: what kind of person will he be?

Resp: any

Int: you will not choose years

Resp: he has to be older than me by five years

Int: and when he is getting married to you how old should he be?

Resp: about 28

Int: and by then you will be about 23 years old?

Resp: yes

Int: tribe?

Resp: my own tribesman

Int: why your own tribe?

Resp: why would I choose another tribe and then during skirmishes, I
am burnt or killed?

Int: you don't want to be killed during clashes?

Resp: no!

Int: why should he be older than you?

Resp: because he will be more intelligent than I

Int: what about your financial position for both of you?

Resp: we should be the same

Int: oh, have you ever had a boyfriend

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I have never lived with one until I get married

Int: but you have had a boyfriend before?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about him, how old was he?

Resp: he was two years older than me

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: in the community and got to know each other and planned for marriage

Int: you had plans to get married?

Resp: yes but he spoilt the relationship

Int: in what way?

Resp: he was in another relationship

Int: have you ever had sex

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about

Resp: we didn't use protection because we trusted each other

Int: is that the same person who had another relationship?

Resp: yes

Int: now the relationship is not on?

Resp: no

Int: when did get your first children?

Resp: on 8nd June 2007

Int: describe your first pregnancy?

Resp: I started experiencing problems with pregnancy into my fifth month

Int: what happened?

Resp: I was very sickly

Int: can you tell me about that?

Resp: I used to be sickly in the mornings

Int: had you planned for that pregnancy?

Resp: no

Int: it was an accident?

Resp: yes

Int: what do you feel as a parent?

Resp: go

Int: do feel you are now an adult since you are a parent?

Resp: yes

Int: what challenges are you facing as a parent?

Resp: first I lost my freedom; it has been very hard for me to get food and clothing for the children

Int: last year we had the post election violence, what was your experience?

Resp: it was very bad

Int: were you affected in any way or your family?

Resp: we were upcountry so we were not affected in any way

Int: not even one of your family members was affected by the violence?

Resp: no, apart from relatives

Int: how were they affected?

Resp: they ran to the police and then later on they were given transport to return home

Int: where were they?

Resp: in Eldoret, Kericho and Nakuru

Int: were they doing business in those towns?

Resp: for the ones in Nakuru, that was their home and for those in Kericho and Eldoret, they had gone to look for jobs

Int: were you affected economically in any way?

Resp: no, business went on as usual, we were attending school

Int: so you were only Kisii and there was no one to fight?

Resp: no

Int: how were you able to cope with these relatives who had come in from the various towns?

Resp: we went to pick them from where they had been dropped and brought them home

Int: they were in police camps

Resp: yes

Int: and who brought them?

Resp: I don't know who provided the transport but they were dropped in police stations

Int: you welcomed them and gave them farms?

Resp: yes, they even did farming in 2008 and we gave them food since they didn't have any

Int: these pieces of land you gave them are they permanent

Resp: yes

Int: and why didn't they have them before?

Resp: they have been forced by circumstances to be in that position so they have no choice

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about it

Int: what didn't you like about it about the violence?

Resp: people fighting and killing each other for nothing

Int: ok, generally do you have any question?

Resp: you are through?

Int: not yet; you don't have any?

Resp: no

Int: do you have any comments

Resp: no

Int: I was not satisfied when you told me that there is nothing or rather a problem you have ever approached you parents for

Resp: now what can I really approach them for?

Int: maybe you have heard something out there or there is something being said about and before you react, you decide to consult your parents; you have never encountered anything of the sort?

Resp: in such a case, I will inform my parent and then they can go and find more information about it

Int: that is what I wanted to hear from you. What else of such kind have you ever told your parents about?

Resp: things related to education; maybe they have taken out to school and you stopped on the way and you tell the parents to find out maybe she could be aborting

Int: how about personal problems that you approach your parents to give you advice on?

Resp: I am a grown up now

Int: is there anything else that can make you approach anyone else apart from your parents?

Resp: I cannot tell anyone my problems because they will either gossip about it or jeer at you

Int: you told me earlier on that finance has been one of the major problem a friend of yours had to go through, what about early marriages, are there friends who have been involved in such?

Resp: very many of them

Int: how about dropping out of school?

Resp: they do especially when they are pregnant and others get married

Int: any other reasons for dropping out of school?

Resp: lack of school fees

Int: how about drug abuse?

Resp: many youths use drugs

Int: does that make them drop out of school

Resp: many of them drop out of school because of that

Int: I am now through and thank you so much. I wish you all the best when you go back to school

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTsf4V009

STUDY POINTS

- 172. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 173. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 174. RESILIENCE
- 175. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 176. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Adult has better thinking capacity with ability to know what is right and understand what is wrong. He/she does not copy others like a child does.
- 2. Unemployment is a problem
- 3. I have resisted engaging in sexual intercourse because I believe the right time to have sex is when you are married.
- 4. The government should open up employment opportunities to absorb the idling unemployed youth

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 20 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: employed

Educational Level: secondary

Ethnic Level: kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Kingstone

Background information

The interview was conducted at the respondent's place of work, where she sells the toilet usage to the public. And so there was interruption of interview from time to time because she had to attend to the customers. Generally the interview was done well although the respondent was shy to give some information especially those or personal sexual behavior. But after convincing her of the confidentiality she agreed to answer the questions all well and fully.

Transcripitor's note: three quarters of the interview was conducted in English and the respondent was struggling to construct her sentences in English and would end up using Kiswahili instead

Int: you can start by telling me about yourself

Resp: I am Judy, I was born and brought up in Murang'a. I went to school in Murang'a

Int: up to what level of education?

Resp: I completed my fourth form in Murang'a

Int: this school was in Murang'a district?

Resp: yes

Int: and primary was also in Murang'a district?

Resp: yes

Int: your parents have been in Murang'a throughout?

Resp: no, they were brought up in Rift Valley

Int: they were in Rift Valley and moved to Murang'a and so you were born and breed in Murang'a?

Resp: yes

Int: currently where are they?

Resp: they are in Muranga

Int: currently who do you live with?

Resp: I am employed

Int: from work where do you go; to your own house?

Resp: to my employer

Int: that is a good employer who gives you a job and at the same time accommodation. Or is it your husband?

Resp: no,

Int: mhh

Resp: it is just a lady here single

Int: which area does she stay?

Resp: In LungaLunga near the school

Int: the lower side or upper side? We talk of different sides to me lower side if towards Mtongwe and is that what you mean?

Resp: no, I mean that other side

Int: where there is a church and they use a loudspeaker?

Resp: yes

Int: we know these places. Ok, tell me the different between an adult and a child

Resp: an adult and a child?

Int: yes

Resp: ok their thinking capacity is different

Int: how different are their thinking capacity

Resp: ok, you see an adult maybe able to know the way of doing things or maybe he or she is able to know what is good, what

is bad, but a child will do maybe...what do I say.....a child will copy from others, it doesn't know what is good or bad

Int: an adult has a different thinking capacity and a child copies another person; what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what is another thing?

Resp: a child will never know a good thing or a bad one but an adult will always know the difference

Int: using your statement, you go to school and find the primary school kids being caned because they are late or have done something wrong like making noise in the class, how do you categorize them?

Resp: they are children but they come to know things as they grow up

Int: if you check, let me give you a question, if you look at something like age, how does it contribute to differentiating an adult and a child? Like at what age can you say someone is an adult? From how many years

Resp: for me I can say eight because from there someone is able to know what....

Int: and adult from 8 years?

Resp: not really from 8 but around 15

Int: so I am changing your answer to 8?

Resp: around 15

Int: around 15 that is an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: what about that one who is employed, that does bring out the difference in terms of adult and a child?

Resp: yes

Int: according to you a person who is employed is a child or an adult?

Resp: an adult

Int: by bad luck, I loose all my parents and we become orphans, I being the eldest. I end up being a houseboy so that I can earn something to feed my siblings, am I employed, isn't it?

Resp: yes

Int: does that mean I am an adult?

Resp: no, you are a child

Int: so can you argue out your case well?

Resp: ok, I will change to 15

Int: what about issues to do with the HIV status, if somebody is HIV positive is that a preserve for adults only?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: even children get it from their parents at birth

Int: somebody taking responsibilities, say, paying rent, buy clothes and pay fees, these things that are done, is that an adult or a child?

Resp: an adult

Int: I will agree with all your answers because there is no wrong or right, just tell me more differences that are there between children and adults; how about issues to do with circumcision; do they help in identifying an adult?

Resp: yes, they do in certain tribes. Some tribes used to circumcise children from the age of 8 and those are children you cannot classify them as adults and yet there are others long time ago they used to do it at the age of 14 years. That is an adult

Int: Kikuyus do at what age?

Resp: at the age of 14 years but if a child complete primary at the age of 13 years, they will circumcise it so that he doesn't go to secondary uncircumcised.

Int: why?

Resp: he will be harassed with the other boys

Int: before or after circumcision?

Resp: if he goes before circumcision he will be harassed by others

Int: why do they do it?

Resp: because most of the boys in secondary school are circumcised
for example in Kikuyu you are not supposed to move with men
who are not circumcised, so he will not fit in that community

Int: so, a lot of importance is attached to circumcision?

Resp: yes

Int: of what significance is it?

Resp: it shows someone is now an adult but it only boys, not girls

Int: women are not circumcised; what about the female genital
mutilation?

Resp: ok, in some places you find that they do certain things to
their girls but not very much

Int: which groups of Kikuyu do this or is it across the country where
Kikuyu are?

Resp: not all places

Int: like which regions do that

Resp: let us say....I had someone telling me that in Mwea some girls
are doing that

Int: ok, but to boys or men it is very important because the move
from childhood to adulthood.

Resp: yaa

Int: what about parenthood, would you say that qualifies one to be
an adult

Resp: yes

Int: and by bad luck or good luck a girl becomes pregnant at 12 years with some months or at 13, automatically she becomes an adult?

Resp: the circumstances will force her to be an adult but it is not really that

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: about marriage, if you marry you become an adult but I think the age matters much

Int: of the 15 you were talking about?

Resp: yes

Int: if you look at yourself, would you consider yourself an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: what makes you say so?

Resp: because my years are just.....furthermore I am not in my parents hands and I have moved away from them, I am not depending on them now, I feel I am an adult

Int: you are responsible for yourself

Resp: yes

Int: and your years are also past 15?

Resp: yes

Int: what is happening around you that make you feel an adult?

Resp: what do I say?

Int: you have agreed you are an adult, and you are independent, you don't depend on your parent; that is one; what else is there?

Resp: ok, it is maybe the way I relate with people; the way you related with different people makes you feel you are an adult

Int: how do you relate with people, by doing what?

Resp: I don't know how to phrase it

Int: what do you like about adults?

Resp: you get to know much

Int: like

Resp: ok you feel superior

Int: to whom?

Resp: to children, if they respect you, you feel superior to them; you are able to do things

Int: like which ones

Resp: maybe when you were young you wanted to be like someone or do certain things

Int: like which ones, those are the things I want

Resp: like...maybe types of works

Int: like what?

Resp: I was not responsible, I can be pregnant and carry a baby, I know about relationships

Int: what type of relationships?

Resp: it is all about friendship

Int: what type or friendship

Resp: like now you and me

Int: just tell me these things, relationships like which ones

Resp: love relationships. When you get a lover you feel you are an adult and not a child any longer

Int: that makes you happy

Resp: yes

Int: and what does not make you happy about adults; what do you hate about adults?

Resp: ok, maybe sometimes you have responsibilities that seem hard for you to handle

Int: like which ones are hard to handle?

Resp: maybe you get a child, and maybe there is no money for cater for this child

Int: you get a child and don't have money?

Resp: you want your child to have good life and if you don't have sources of finances then you find it becoming a hard responsibility for you

Int: so that makes you not like being an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: what would you consider the most significant thing in your life that you still remember to date?

Resp: yes

Int: which one is this?

Resp: that something that has happened in my life?

Int: something of remembrance

Resp: ok, after school

Int: which school

Resp: after secondary school a lady employed me and harassed me so much

Int: what type of harassment?

Resp: abuses, doing heavy work

Int: you were carrying heavy loads

Resp: no, like working long hours

Int: mhhh, any other

Resp: I can remember she sent me to take some money to the bank and I was conned on the way. I had to pay that money

Int: how were you conned?

Resp: some men came and....I really don't know how it happened but I was robbed and I had to pay for the money, it was Sh1,000

Int: you had to get the money for her?

Resp: yeaa

Int: and she didn't understand that you were robbed of the money

Resp: no

Int: my sympathies

Resp: I had to work for two months for her and you know

Int: but that was long time ago?

Resp: it was last year in November

Int: when did you come here?

Resp: in January after paying her debt

Int: what kind of work were you doing?

Resp: it was a hardware shop and I was working there

Int: you were selling there?

Resp: yes and after work I used to stay in her house. I used to do all the work

Int: how much was she paying you?

Resp: Sh2,500

Int: was that your first job since you were born?

Resp: it was my first job because after school I used to help my mother

Int: so the hardware was within Murang'a or where was it?

Resp: it was in Murang'a town

Int: you went through a difficult time but overcame it. Can I revisit my earlier question or you are not ready still?

Resp: no, continue first

Int: I leave that first?

Resp: yes

Int: you told me earlier on that you stay here with your employer, are you related in any way?

Resp: no

Int: but you share something, what do you share?

Resp: like?

Int: tribe

Resp: yes

Int: from Murang'a?

Resp: no,

Int: how did you meet her?

Resp: her drive comes from Murang'a

Int: oh, he is the one who brought you here?

Resp: yes

Int: so the driver connected you to her

Resp: yes

Int: that was good. Do you see your parents being involved in your life?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way

Resp: they are planning to take me back to college

Int: when?

Resp: maybe next year

Int: maybe, you are not sure

Resp: no, but it is in the pipeline

Int: what do you want to study?

Resp: sales and marketing

Int: is that your career choice?

Resp: yes

Int: do you have the potential to do that?

Resp: yes

Int: good, just the involvement of your parents still; things like sustenance, how are your parents involved in your sustenance

of life? You had earlier on mentioned that you don't depend on them but occasionally they do something?

Resp: yes they do

Int: like what?

Resp: they give me advice and I also seek advice before I make any decision in life

Int: on what area of life do they give you advice?

Resp: it is all about life

Int: that I will discuss later?

Resp: yes

Int: ok, you said that it now your sister employer providing you with accommodation

Resp: yes

Int: what time do your parents say or pretend that you now stay alone and provide accommodation for you?

Resp: no,

Int: they don't?

Resp: no

Int: you said they advice on life but that is broad, what particular areas of life do they advice you on?

Resp: about managing myself and my money

Int: financial management

Resp: yes

Int: when it comes to managing yourself what do you mean?

Resp: maybe my mother would tell me not to get married before I have
a course or something to do such as employment

Int: that is your mum and your dad?

Resp: he would say the same

Int: giving you advice on life, that is your perspective, but do
they advice you on things to do with schooling?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: like now, you might find my father changing my mind in not
doing this course; maybe what he feels is good for me

Int: and relationships, do they talk about that?

Resp: yes,

Int: in what sense

Resp: silence

Int: what do they tell you about relationships?

Resp: silence

Int: sexual behavior

Resp: yes

Int: what do they tell you about that?

Resp: they don't play a major role on that; you know sometimes parents don't tell you things directly so my mother used to pay for me seminars where she knew there something to do with relationships. You go and learn there and she will not tell you direct, I don't know why they find it and if she has to do it she will say take care, don't involve yourself in sex and this and that but she will never tell you direct

Int: that is good because we are Africans and in most cases we don't discuss these things openly with our kids. Ok, sometimes you have got something you want to approach your parents on, do you have such issues that you would want to seek their advice without voluntarily coming out to them, do you seek advise from them?

Resp: yes

Int: like on which areas?

Resp: like...on which areas now....

Int: which areas do you go for advice from your parents? There isn't any?

Resp: ok, (laughing) you see like say you have some amount of money, maybe you do something with it so you as whether it is nice or what they think is better that you should do with your money. Maybe you have problems with someone or

Int: someone of what kind? A lady like you, a man, an old man, a younger one, a woman in the village....

Resp: men in the village you find that a man is married and he approaches you and you wonder, ok, you need to seek some advice and maybe your mother will say, mmmhhh that man, is not a good man so keep some miles from him

Int: are there things that you may have and you don't seek advice from them?

Resp: yes

Int: like which ones?

Resp: issue of relationships, I cannot discuss that with my friends

Int: what are these things that you cannot discuss with them about relationships that only your friends can be in a good position to understand?

Resp: things to do with my boyfriends, for example he wants me to have sex with him and demands so much, I will not go and tell my mum that so and so was telling me this, I will go to my friends, discuss that and find a.....solution

Int: but there could be personal problems that you could approach your parents, like which one? Financial is not personal but there are personal problems that you would seek your parent's assistance

Resp: skip that one first

Int: skip that?

Resp: yes

Int: assuming you were at home, how would your parents discipline you?

Resp: the don't beat me, they just warn me

Int: just warn you, warning, warning till when?

Resp: until I stop repeating the same mistake

Int: they just warn you until you change?

Resp: yes

Int: but other than your parents are there other people who discipline you?

Resp: my big brother

Int: what for of discipline?

Resp: they just talk to me correct me

Int: sometimes parents influence their children's lives, how do your parents influence your life?

Resp: silence

Int: they don't influence your life?

Resp: they do

Int: what do they do that makes you feel that I did this because of influence from my father or mother. Your way of doing things, is there a time you feel their influence?

Resp: yes

Int: what is it?

Resp: for example the way you do things like cooking you might find that the way you cook ugali is not the way other people will do it and ok, if someone asks you, you feel that your mom showed you how to do it

Int: unlike your siblings, do they also influence your life?

Resp: I learn from them

Int: what; what do you learn from them?

Resp: maybe their way of life, maybe someone failed somewhere and

Int: use examples, like on education; do you have that influence from your siblings?

Resp: yes,

Int: how?

Resp: my brother is an accountant and

Int: so you also feel you should be somebody?

Resp: yes

Int: and that goes with employment as well, that you should have a profession. And marriage, do they have influence on marriage?

Resp: by the way I do admire my parent's marriage

Int: their marriage is good?

Resp: yes

Int: according to you?

Resp: yes

Int: and on relationships?

Resp: silence

Int: do you have influence from your sisters and brother; something of the sort?

Resp: silence

Int: and when we talk of relationships, we don't talk of what we commonly know, we are also relating it could also be girl girl relationship, boy boy relationship and it can also be boy girl without any strings attached and yet it could also be girl boy up to bed; so it is still relationship. So in relationships, do you get influenced by your siblings?

Resp: yes

Int: who in particular

Resp: maybe my parents

Int: maybe?

Resp: no, my parents

Int: but your friends, do they have influence on your behavior?

Resp: my friends?

Int: mhhh

Resp: no

Int: and your aspirations? How did you conceive this idea of sales and marketing?

Resp: you know by this, even if I will not be employed, I can keep my own business and I will know how to run it

Int: is it you who had the idea or you saw someone had succeeded in that area so you saw....or someone advised on it?

Resp: I saw someone who had succeeded.

Int: oh, describe the worst trouble you have ever had

Resp: the worst trouble....

Int: mhhh, just give me a small description

Resp: silence

Int: do you see yourself being in such situation, that same issue of the bank, do you think this one can also give you money to take to the bank?

Resp: yes, she usually gives me and I fear it so much

Int: don't worry God will see you through. He has seen you go to very many situations. Are there challenges in this environment?

Resp: yes

Int: can you tell me key challenges young people in this community face and by young people I mean both male and female

Resp: there are so many of them here and many of them are unemployed, they also belong to Mungiki and they get money from people without tiring

Int: another challenge like insecurity

Resp: it is rampant

Int: you didn't mention it before when you were saying about jobs, I, am the who reminded you

Resp: which job?

Int: when you mentioned about unemployment but you didn't insecurity?

Resp: true

Int: when you say it is rampant what does that mean?

Resp: like now, I cannot go through some areas at night those people are there like Mtongwe area

Int: on the other side?

Resp: those people are very dangerous and it is not good to walk at night

Int: do they have guns

Resp: no, a friend may request you to go and have a walk but you will find yourself somewhere where you will be put under their oath whether you like it or not, so we are afraid of walking around even at night

Int: even for Luos like me?

Resp: no, just Kikuyus

Int: what about violence?

Resp: violence?

Int: is it in this area?

Resp: yes

Int: and school dropouts?

Resp: they are there in plenty

Int: why is the figure high?

Resp: the economy right now is not good, people are usually misled, and also, there are early pregnancies while girls are still in school and lack of school fees

Int: what strategies do people in this area use to overcome such challenges for example the issue of insecurity; how do they solve them?

Resp: you see, these people (unintelligible, passing motor bike and very noisy) If you go on the other side, because of these people, since they provide security and you don't have to worry but then the problem is you never know what someone's intentions are when you meet one

Int: what about school dropouts; what do they do to overcome the problem of school dropout for example you have mentioned there is peer-influence, early pregnancies and the like, what do you do to overcome this problem?

Resp: there are some young persons who have grouped themselves, and constructed a toilet which they charge a small fee; I think they got some funds from the European Union or something like that and they also collect garbage in the community.

Int: where would you like to live in future?

Resp: I would like to live in Central Province

Int: in Murang'a

Resp: another area

Int: but Murang'a is also in Central Province, which part of Central province would you like to live?

Resp: somewhere like Nyeri

Int: why Nyeri?

Resp: I think the place is good

Int: in terms of

Resp: business

Int: what are your chances of going to live there?

Resp: it will be possible

Int: how?

Resp: if I can open up a business

Int: you mentioned that you would like to do sales and marketing as your career, what else would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: running a business, even if I am unable to go to school, I don't mind doing a business

Int: what efforts are you making in studying?

Resp: yes

Int: what about business?

Resp: I am making efforts

Int: what can hinder you from achieving these goals?

Resp: lack of finance

Int: ok, we are almost finishing. Since your KCPE results, why didn't you join college immediately?

Resp: there was no money to pay the fee

Int: you told me you are paid Sh2,500 per month here?

Resp: no, Sh2,500 was my former job but this I am being paid Sh2,000

Int: you have heard people talk about success?

Resp: yes

Int: what do you think, to your understanding what is success

Resp: success?

Int: or what does it mean to be successful? (crowing cocks, very noisy background)

Resp: when your dreams are met

Int: what are your dreams? Give me examples of these dreams

Resp: if you plan to do something

Int: like what

Resp: for example I can plan to have Sh20,000 in my account and as you continue to save until you reach Sh20,000, you are successful because you have achieved what you wanted to do

Int: describe a successful person in this area

Resp: a successful person?

Int: is one who has done what? (noisy cock crowing in the background)

Resp: is one who has enough money for sustenance.

Int: what else?

Resp: someone educated

Int: any other?

Resp: silence

Int: what makes a young person successful?

Resp: a young person is successful when.....

Int: when?

Resp: I don't know what to say.....when he or she is able to meet her needs

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved person from others?

Resp: he or she does not engage in bad behaviors

Int: what are bad behaviors?

Resp: what the community does not like

Int: what are those because we have so many communities in Kenya and they like different things, I am sure of that

Resp: ok a younger person not liking older people, doing awkward things

Int: what are these awkward things?

Resp: silence

Int: why did you move out of home to Nairobi?

Resp: I came to look for a job and work

Int: describe your experience or leaving home, what did you feel?

Resp: home?

Int: mhh, at what age did you leave home?

Resp: at 20

Int: were you afraid or you had the courage to leave home?

Resp: I was afraid

Int: afraid of what

Resp: I didn't have any experience of living outside our home

Int: were you harassed to leave home, or it was your decision?

Resp: I made the decision by myself

Int: how do you feel living here?

Resp: good

Int: what are the challenges you are facing here?

Resp: there are so many people from different communities in Kenya
and it is no easy to understand each other

Int: your way of life and their way of life is different?

Resp: yes

Int: how important is it to you for somebody to get married? Is there
any importance for someone to get married?

Resp: yes

Int: explain

Resp: to get a companion

Int: mhh

Resp: silence

Int: another importance?

Resp: getting a family

Int: another one?

Resp: that is all

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: three years to come

Int: why?

Resp: by then I will be through with what I want to do

Int: what kind person would you like to get married to?

Resp: A kikuyu and well up

Int: why a Kikuyu?

Resp: I am yet to see people in my area getting married to other communities in Kenya and I don't like it

Int: why should the person be well off?

Resp: for me to live comfortable life

Int: how many years?

Resp: he should be 30

Int: should he be the same age or different?

Resp: he should be older by three years

Int: why?

Resp: ii think it is right

Int: you think but do you know?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: I will respect him

Int: and if he is younger or your age you will not respect him?

Resp: not really, but of course if he is younger I will not respect him because I will feel I am older than him by age

Int: what else?

Resp: an older person is much better and makes one feel secure

Int: what kind of security is that?

Resp: I don't know what to say but I will just be secure

Int: what form of security will you get from him?

Resp: you feel....he can be able to assist you when in trouble

Int: have you had a boyfriend before?

Resp: yes

Int: have you ever had a lover?

Resp: yes

Int: have you ever had sex?

Resp: no

Int: when did you have your first lover?

Resp: at 16

Int: which year was that?

Resp: it was in 2002

Int: describe for me your first relationship

Resp: silence

Int: to help you on that what was the age of your boyfriends, were you age mates or who was older than the other?

Resp: he was older than me

Int: by how many years?

Resp: three years

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: in the church

Int: you came from the church?

Resp: we were in the youth group

Int: how did it start?

Resp: after a youth meeting, he told me that he had something he wanted to tell me

Int: yes

Resp: I was shy and he told me in the hearing of other people and I cried. But he came direct and told he wanted me to be his girlfriend and I told him I was not ready, and I want to be a Catholic Sister and I don't want to have sex. So he told me he only asked for friendship and nothing more. For a few meetings we were not able to talk much because I went back to school but we used to communicate by letter.

Int: did other people know about the relationship?

Resp: yes

Int: like who?

Resp: my friends, sister

Int: brothers?

Resp: one sister older than me

Int: parents?

Resp: no

Int: did you have any marriage aspirations?

Resp: yaa

Int: you had a plan of getting married?

Resp: yes (air plane)

Int: where did the plan go to?

Resp: the plan was there but it was not effective

Int: who spoilt the plan?

Resp: he completed school first and joined the university and from there when he is on holiday, I am at school and vice versa, it went on like that and fizzled out

Int: there was no quarrel between you?

Resp: no, I guess he got someone else and I also got someone

Int: you got someone else?

Resp: yes

Int: have you ever had sex?

Resp: no

Int: to date?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: first, I decided that I will have sex when I am married

Int: secondly?

Resp: I am just scared

Int: of what

Resp: getting pregnant

Int: What else?

Resp: I wouldn't want to have sex with someone who will not marry me in the end; I don't want to carry that guilty feeling with me all my life

Int: now that you have not done it, how do you feel, do you feel any regrets, feel good, feel happy; what is your feeling?

Resp: I feel good

Int: are you planning to have children?

Resp: three

Int: after how long do you plan to get children?

Resp: two years

Int: from now? You said you are planning to get married in two years to come

Resp: I will get them after three years in marriage

Int: why three years

Resp: that is better for me

Int: what is better?

Resp: reason number one,.....

Int: what are your reasons?

Resp: a family of five is good for us; three children and two parents and maybe that is what I am able to take care of

Int: last year we had the post election violence, do you remember that?

Resp: of course

Int: how did it affect you?

Resp: our people are affected

Int: mhh

Resp: some were chased away and others are still IDPs to date

Int: what other problem was there?

Resp: I was not able to join college. Our home is in Rift Valley and we are the only one who had moved out of that place so we had to assist them in any way possible and we spent a lot of money. They had to come out of that place to a safer place. My brothers who were working in those sides of Molo running businesses and they had to leave and come back this way. They lost a lot of property. One of them has gone back but the other is in Murang'a

Int: how were you able to cope with that situation? You told me that you were brought up in Murang'a

Resp: Our original home is in Rift Valley and so most of our people are there like my grandparents, uncles and aunts

Int: what did you hate about that violence?

Resp: I didn't like the way people were being killed and food
destroyed on the farms

Int: what did you like about it?

Resp: I didn't like anything about it maybe the only thing that was
good was that whoever I voted for retained the seat but the rest
was bad

Int: I am through with questions, now you can ask me

Resp: is all this information going to be used?

Int: yes

Resp: and then what?

Int: we will do analysis and send a report and expect them to act
on the report depending on your answers

Resp: is that what you do for a living?

Int: yes, any other question?

Resp: you interact with many people?

Int: almost all tribes in Kenya

Resp: you work here?

Int: I work in Viwandani, Jericho, Harambee and Korogocho

Resp: how did you identify me because if you had come alone I would
not have answered those questions?

Int: that is why I came with him. Most people now know me and it is not easy for someone to refuse to answer these questions unless they are busy elsewhere and we re-schedule

Resp: I know of other people who would not answer those questions

Int: why

Resp: maybe they don't trust you

Int: since we started this research in these areas we have been good people. Is there any other question related to this?

Resp: no, I don't have

Int: any general comment on this interview?

Resp: it is good maybe out of the interview I have benefitted in one way or another

Int: you have not benefitted?

Resp: no, I have benefitted, I know of some things I didn't know

Int: what are your recommendations?

Resp: about what?

Int: from all the things we have talked about this community maybe to the youths, the government or the research team?

Resp: the government should really look into our affairs as youth and give us jobs but not these community jobs like Kazi kwa Vijana, we need something tangible. For example these youths who were sweeping the streets and cleaning the place in an

hour they are through and are seated waiting for payment. And if they are not paid again they will start engaging in those criminal activities. They need to keep them busy the whole day.

Int: ok,

Resp: but at least they were excited about the jobs and worked hard though most of them are lazy

Int: that means even if the government gives them jobs they are already jobs and they will not perform well

Resp: they will, I think it is just because they have not been given the opportunity that is why they are weak

Int: ok, thanks for the interview, I don't want to.....end

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V011

STUDY POINTS

- 177. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 178. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 179. RESILIENCE
- 180. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Respondent equates adulthood to being able to make own decisions and being a responsible person in terms of action
2. The respondent faced challenge from stepmother who denied her food and incited their father not to pay school fees for her

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 18

Job/Position title/Occupation: Student

Educational Level: Form 3

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: Nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Soko Mjinga

Inter: Judy, please tell me in your opinion, what differentiates an adult and a child?

Resp: the way you behave and act. Older people behave in a different way from children and in most cases young people don't like doing things older people do for example, you cannot find adults discussing stupid things but young people are very social and they are more free and available when there is something to be done in the community. For example during election period, it is the youth who are called upon to come and do the work because they are stronger. They are able to face challenges than the older guys

Inter: let me ask you, do you think age also can contribute to that factor?

Resp: age?

Inter: yes

Resp: I don't think it really matters though on a lower scale, it can differentiate an adult and a child but mostly it depends on the strength of the person.

Inter: what do you mean someone's strength?

Resp: being able bodies, financially strong

Inter: how about employment and being self reliant; do you think it can also contribute to the fact that this person is an adult?

Resp: yes, but it also depends on the person's strengths; for example if you are illiterate you don't expect to go to parliament as an MP or you want to be a leader somewhere. It all depends on the strengths of the person, education level and financial position. If you are not financially stable and illiterate you cannot go to campaign for example and tell people you will accomplish for them things you personally have not gone through. People are very observant and they will notice and elect you on those grounds but if you are poor, I don't think so. You can also be older and just be in that position whereby if you are not there, no one else can be able to do that job, either because they are not educated to that level to be able to hold that position.

Inter: would anyone involved in social activities and things like sex, be considered an adult?

Resp: no, that can't be

Inter: why?

Resp: most people are involved in sex for pleasure but the problem is you cannot be able to do certain things when you are financially unstable, you cannot go to such things when you don't have protection

Inter: what about someone who is mature, can that be a contributing factor to the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: yes

Inter: how?

Resp: I still believe the strengths and financial position play a big role in all these factors

Inter: how about a circumcised person, would you consider that person an adult or a child?

Resp: in certain communities anyone who has gone through circumcision is considered to be an adult, the community will not allow you to do childish things as before, he is even now supposed to keep in check what he speaks before others and who in particular. Those who have not gone through that process can behave in any way they like and they will be considered are children

Inter: so they are still childish and the kind of conversation they have is not worthy to be spoken before adults?

Resp: no

Inter: I would also like to ask you, can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: I am an adult now

Inter: in what way?

Resp: I am mature enough and behave like one. There are certain things I cannot do for the sake of doing it; I have to weigh the situation first. There are some people who are older than me but they are not mature in the way they behave and I know

have my principles which keep me going. I make my own decisions and have set my goals

Inter: anything else that makes you compares yourself with adults?

Resp: what I would like to be in future, if I don't take care of myself today, control certain things in my life, peer pressure; if I don't do that now, then at a certain time in my future I will start regretting. I want to be a respected person in future

Inter: ok. Judy, tell me what are you currently involved in that makes you feel you are now an adult?

Resp: I converse with adults and find get advice from them on how I can be able to achieve my goals. I also respect the advice I get from my parents and other grown up people. There are some others younger than me who also have good advice that I can take when they offer

Inter: is there anything that you are doing that may make you feel you are not an adult yet?

Resp: what is taking place in my life?

Inter: that makes you feel you are not an adult?

Resp: there isn't any

Inter: at first you mentioned things that make you feel that you are now an adult but, are there times you feel that you are not an adult yet but still a child?

Resp: I look at how the adults are living and I feel still a child

Inter: in what way?

Resp: when you consider things like employment, I have to depend on them on all my financial needs; I need to listen to their advice or corrections when they admonish me. I still don't have an ID, so I cannot go to vote like others, and that makes me feel I am still a child.

Inter: what is it that you like about adults?

Resp: respect

Inter: and what else

Resp: living a good life without other people's interference, freedom in thinking and doing what you want

Inter: anything else?

Resp: none

Inter: you are saying freedom in thinking what is best for you?

Resp: and being able behave like an adult

Inter: how do adults behave?

Resp: being in employment and having the freedom to choose what you want to do, the kind of job you want to do, the kind of friends you want to have and such things

Inter: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: what I don't like?

Inter: about adults?

Resp: you find someone starts a family without planning for one and at the end of the day they suffering because you are not able to support it. There are some when they reach that position, they start mistreating their children and wives/husbands. I don't like that bit about adults

Inter: how do they mistreat their families?

Resp: by harassing them, you find some are educated and yet they behave in a manner that raises eye brows for example, you find a father raping his own child, it is not good. Another thing is that you find some women who are generally lazy and they just want to sit idle at home waiting for the husband to bring in the food. Some men also don't like working, so they keep harassing their wives and children. I also don't like adults who drink beer, involved in leisure activities which should be left to the young. Once an adult is through that stage, he/she should be moving on and not engage in the same things as the youth instead of looking after their families

Inter: is there any significant event that happened in your life that you cannot forget?

Resp: what I cannot forget?

Inter: mmhh

Resp: we used to live in this house with our stepmother, and she was really mistreating us by not providing us with meals, she

also used to incite our father not to pay school fees for us and she used to make our father give us a beating for no apparent reason. She also used to have her relatives around here and talk ill about us

Inter: when was that?

Resp: about ten eleven years ago

Inter: eleven years?

Resp: she left this year

Inter: ok, was there anything beneficial that you can remember during this period?

Resp: on my parent's side, my dad never used to listen to us and he took us back upcountry and we started living with our aunties. They took us to school

Inter: so your dad took you back upcountry?

Resp: yes, we were living here but it was not like a complete family unit with understanding. I am happy that eventually there was understanding amongst us, and we are all happy family now. My mother is back with us and we are now a complete happy family

Inter: what happened to your stepmother, did she pass away?

Resp: no, she just left

Inter: and went her way?

Resp: yes

Inter: then you came back and started living here again?

Resp: yes

Inter: you live with whom here?

Resp: my dad, my brother and two sisters

Inter: ok, I would like us to talk about your family, you said you live here with your dad, brother and sisters; are they blood relatives?

Resp: the brother is blood relative but the ladies are from the church and live with us

Inter: one of them is the one I found you with?

Resp: yes,

Inter: how many people live here with you?

Resp: we are five of us here in the house; my dad, a brother, the two ladies and I.

Inter: do you have other brothers?

Resp: I have another brother who is upcountry with my mother

Inter: ok, your blood brother?

Resp: yes

Inter: and the ones who are living here in Nairobi are how many?

Resp: I have my elder brother who is in form four, my father and the two ladies

Inter: how involved are your parents in your life in regard to things like advice?

Resp: what do you mean?

Inter: how do you relate with your father?

Resp: he advices me on what to do in life, he pays my school fees and he takes care of all my problems

Inter: like which ones?

Resp: you can have worries and general things that happen to teenagers in life

Inter: does he get involved in your decision making?

Resp: he advices me to make my own decisions on the kind of life I would like to live in future, he advices me to make wise decisions for example I know of girls who get married immediately after school and they have no thought of the future. Others just get into pleasure and don't care about themselves and this saddens the family. He advices me not to do anything that will embarrass both me and them, and something that all of us will be proud of

Inter: what kind of life does he lead?

Resp: It is good

Inter: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: they give advice on issues that affect my life

Inter: like which one?

Resp: he advises me to learn and be a renowned person in life. He also tells me that the education he is offering me is for my own benefit and not his so it is up to me to work hard. And this will also make the family be proud of me otherwise I will be a person with all kinds of problems and a burden to the family

Inter: what does he advise you on religion?

Resp: he tells me that it is up to me to choose the religion I want to follow so long as it has good morals. It is up to me to decide what kind of relationship with God I want. I actually worship together with my parents and I like the church, it has good people and I am happy when I am there with them. They cannot force me to do something which I don't like.

Inter: do they advise you on romantic relationships?

Resp: they advise me....but mostly it is my mother who advises me and she tells me to be very careful

Inter: that is your father?

Resp: no, my mother and she advises me to take care so that I can have a good future

Inter: how are you supposed to take care of yourself?

Resp: I need to take care of myself as a girl otherwise there are so many diseases like STIs, pregnancy and HIV Aids and if I don't do that, my future will be ruined and the family will also be affected by that. They also advice me about the kind of friends I should have and overall trust in God for everything that I do in my life

Inter: what are the reasons that would make you go and seek advice from your parents?

Resp: school fees, worries, friends, being unable to make wise decisions.

Inter: that is all?

Resp: yes

Inter: and what reasons would make you not go to seek advice from them?

Resp: I don't see any, unless there is no understanding between us but I don't see any

Inter: there maybe a reason that makes you fear approaching them to assist you in a certain issue/problem

Resp: maybe family issues

Inter: like which one?

Resp: asking them how the live

Inter: your mother or father?

Resp: both, I cannot ask them how they live their lives between them but I don't see any issue/problem that can make me fear approaching them unless I have disowned my God

Inter: what personal problems would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: I don't see any

Inter: very personal problems, you don't have any?

Resp: maybe when I am ready for marriage then I would seek their advice on family. Another thing is maybe when I complete my education and need advice on my next step, I approach them.

Inter: Is there any reason or problems that would make you seek assistance from your friends or other relatives besides your parents?

Resp: in case your parents listen to gossip and they start mistrusting you, you can share with a neighbour or friend so that they can communicate with them on the situation at hand. Maybe if my parents are living far from me and I need an immediate advice on an issue, then I can approach a friend or other close relatives. There are also other things that parents may not be in a position to advice me.

Inter: how do your parents punish you when you are in the wrong

Resp: to punish me?

Inter: mhh

Resp: they don't

Inter: even if you do a mistake?

Resp: maybe something like to day you are not watching TV because you have done ABCD but again it all depends on the relationship you have with your family that determines the kind of punishment you will get.

Inter: who else can advice you besides your parents?

Resp: there are teachers, friends and older people than my parents and they are good friends with me; they can help

Inter: you said you have brothers?

Resp: yes

Inter: how can they assist you?

Resp: they can advice me if I am in bad company and against things that don't have value in my life

Inter: what about encouragement in education?

Resp: they advice me to work hard at school because I am the only girl in our family. Many times they advice me that girls don't get inheritance from their homes apart from things like education and I had better work hard at it. they encourage me to be able to work hard at school in order to be what I want to be in future

Inter: what about romantic relationships?

Resp: they advice me against associating with friends of questionable character

Inter: what else?

Resp: the advice me on role models in life, and if I am not financially well, I ask for their advice

Inter: do they advice you on anything to do with marriage?

Resp: marriage issues?

Inter: mhh

Resp: when the time for marriage I will get married but I rarely think on those terms. Marriage is good but at the right time so they advice me to take my time and not be in a hurry.

Inter: you mentioned that you also have friends who give you advice on certain issues, what do they advice you on issues related to education?

Resp: they advice me to be serious in my education and I need to work hard to be what I want or a good role model

Inter: what do they advice you on romantic relationships?

Resp: they advice me to avoid bad company and forget about peer pressure and to give in to them. When the time for marriage comes, I will be ready for it and I would get a difficult marriage if I marry at an early age, hence also extending my burdens to the family.

Inter: is there any significant problem that your family member or friend has been involved in?

Resp: there was a friend of mine who was from church and she met some people who were running, in the ensuing encounter, she was shot in the leg

Inter: she is your friend?

Resp: yes, she was taken to Kenyatta national hospital and eventually healed. Then another time a friend of mine just passed away I had just been talking to her

Inter: is there any other incident you can remember?

Resp: only those

Inter: tell me, what would you do if you...you mentioned your friend died?

Resp: yes,

Inter: what was she suffering from?

Resp: I understand that she complained of stomachache and when she went to lie down to rest, she just died like that.

Inter: can you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: I pray to God every day for I know that I am just passing by in this world. I would like to be somebody big in future but I have left all those plans to God for I don't know what He has planned for me.

Inter: ok, so you live according to God's plan?

Resp: yes

Inter: let us talk about this community you are living in, what kind of challenges do they face here as young adults?

Resp: unemployment is a big challenge in this community

Inter: in what way?

Resp: most of the youths are jobless after completing school and that is a major problem because it makes them get involved in criminal activities, get into wrong company and that ruins his life. Bhang also affects many of the youths in this community and they become totally wasted. There are many school-drops out cases here, including immorality. Girls engage in prostitution at a very early stage and ruin their lives; they do things that are not pleasing to God at all. Then we have poverty within the families which are very large in most cases. This can also make one drop out of school due to lack of finances on the part of parents. At least one can get employed and help the family but when it comes to issues like HIV Aids, STIs, it is hard to end them in a community like this. The kind of job one is doing also matters because there are certain jobs that instead of being helpful to individuals, they bring embarrassment and become a burden to the community in which we live in or to the parents. Illiteracy also plays a very big role in this community, an

educated person cannot get involved in certain things, and he makes decisions to do what is beneficial in life and not what is harmful. You don't expect to find a literate person saying that he will burn the neighbor's house or will go to steal; his thoughts are based on completing his education, getting a job in a certain company or organization and fulfilling his dreams.

Inter: ok, what mechanisms have been put in place to counter these challenges facing young adults?

Resp: they form youth groups with the help of area councilor or Member of Parliament, and they get involved in keeping the place clean, drainages, water projects and they share the little money they get. This makes them be active in their minds instead of being idle

Inter: it keeps them busy?

Resp: yes

Inter: where would you like to live?

Resp: in a better place or slum but not a place like this one with so many problems. I don't mind an estate

Inter: which estate do you have in mind?

Resp: Lavington, Wasteland where I can live a better life

Inter: why Lavington?

Resp: life is good there not like here where you struggle day in day out. In Lavington there is no struggling in life. Here, the air we breathe alone is polluted but we live by the grace of God. In Lavington, you have access to your own water, toilet facilities and many other things even though they cost money but at least it is better than living here. When you live here you pay for everything right from toilet/bathroom facilities to drinking water. On the other side, you pay your bills once in a while not daily

Inter: is there a probability of you living in those places like Lavington and the rest

Resp: it is possible once I am through with my schooling and working. Once I have my own money there is nothing that can stop me from going to live there or if a get someone to support me, I can live there

Inter: what would you like to achieve in life

Resp: I would like to continue with my education, do my exams and pass then get a well paying job

Inter: what level of education would you like to attain?

Resp: up to university level and then get a good job, and help other people. I would also like to start projects that would assist many people in the slum for there are too many problems here; I would like for them to have schools and medical facilities to assist the sick people here

Inter: ok, what efforts are you making to achieve this goal?

Resp: I am in contact with people who have gone through this process and we discuss on how they managed to reach the positions they are holding. They advice me on what to do for me to reach my goal

Inter: what would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: finances can stop me from achieving my goals

Inter: what else?

Resp: if I don't make an effort by working hard and pass the examinations

Inter: do you think you will attain university level of education?

Resp: yes, I do, I am depending on God to enable me reach that far

Inter: are you in school?

Resp: yes

Inter: what would you like to be in future?

Resp: I would like to be an engineer

Inter: what kind of engineer, any specific place?

Resp: either an aircraft engineer, an engineer in big plants or be a manager of some sorts, a human resource manager

Inter: ok, tell me who is the most important person in your life that you have shared these dreams with?

Resp: there are people from Barclays Bank who came to school at one time to have a talk with us about our future goals and how we aspire to meet them

Inter: what do they tell you?

Resp: mechanisms that need to be put in place to enable us achieve our goals, i.e. the kind of subjects to take and hard work

Inter: have you ever been involved in any income generating activity?

Resp: for one month only

Inter: where was that?

Resp: in this community in Lunga Lunga after completing my Std 8

Inter: what kind of job was it?

Resp: selling water

Inter: selling water?

Resp: yes

Inter: how old were you then?

Resp: I was about 16 years

Inter: 16 years?

Resp: yes

Inter: what were your feelings about this job?

Resp: I didn't like it because I was not able to get enough money to help me in anything; it was for food only but nothing else

Inter: ok, why did you decide to start doing that job after completing school?

Resp: It was because of one of my parents who had sent us away and told us that he cannot live with us at all and he was here. I didn't feel like going to ask for assistance from other people for food. I decided to look for ways to earn money to feed me and my brother

Inter: ok, is there anything else you are doing to bring in income?

Resp: no

Inter: ok, what does success mean in this community?

Resp: when you are successful, you are respected by both young and old

Inter: tell me about someone who has been successful in this community?

Resp: here?

Inter: yes

Resp: you want me to name the person or what?

Inter: yes and how he/she has been successful

Resp: when she passed her exams, she was employed

Inter: from where?

Resp: it is someone from around

Inter: is it a neighbor?

Resp: yes, he passed his exams and was employed by Cooperative

Inter: Bank?

Resp: yes

Inter: mhh

Resp: he is still working there and the job is good because his family is now in a well off position from before.

Inter: what is his character like?

Resp: he is well mannered person and everybody like him. He used to listen to advice

Inter: what did he do after school

Resp: he completed high school, went to university and got a well paying job

Inter: does he have any wealth?

Resp: he bought a home for his parents and they have a farm upcountry. He has also been helping people from this community when they go for assistance from him

Inter: how would you identify a successful young adult?

Resp: love, the love from the community, people like associating with successful people because they know they can get

assistance from them but when you are not successful, no one wants to be near you

Inter: ok, what is the different between a well manner young adult and that one who is not?

Resp: behavior will speak for itself, he listens to advice and respects others but for those who are not, they don't have respect for others, they grumble at the slightest annoyance, they don't like advice, they get involved in bad company and are not ready to take any advice whatsoever. They give in to peer pressure but a well behaved person would worry more about how he will achieve his goals in life

Inter: what would one do to be successful in life?

Resp: hard work at school and if you are unable to do that, then you can look for projects to do though they may not be very helpful in the beginning but at least you will have a meal on the table

Inter: what kind of projects can one do?

Resp: you can team up with others and decide what to do and it is also good to ask God to help you make a wise choice in life and he will definitely

Inter: you are still living with your parents?

Resp: yes

Inter: for how long would you like to live with your parents

Resp: I would like to live with them until I get married or when I get a job that needs me to relocate, and then I would move out. I would also like to work outside the country

Inter: what reasons would make you move out of your parents house?

Resp: employment

Inter: let us start with age,

Resp: age doesn't matter but when I get a job would be more appropriate

Inter: of what importance would it be for the family when you get married?

Resp: it is not seen as a good omen when a girl stays at her parent's home without getting married, at least when you are married, the responsibility now shifts to your husband and the longer you stay, you get pressure from everywhere to get married

Inter: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: maybe at the age of 25 and above

Inter: why 25?

Resp: at least you are mature enough to take care of a home but below that, you are still a child both in body and in mind. At that age you are also able to take responsibility of your actions

Inter: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: a person who is born again, an educated person and one who respects my parents

Inter: tribe?

Resp: a Kikuyu but not a Luo and of my religion but again whatever choice God has for me I will take but preferably a Kikuyu

Inter: what about his age?

Resp: anyone older than me by five years

Inter: and his status?

Resp: a working class person

Inter: ok, Judy, have you ever had a boyfriend?

Resp: I have never thought of having one

Inter: there are some people who at your age have boyfriends and girlfriends?

Resp: yes

Inter: why don't you want to have a boyfriend?

Resp: we are always taught that the way you look after yourself....if you have a boyfriend, there will come a time when you will find yourself in a problem, things like early pregnancies and immorality, I try to avoid such things

Inter: what else?

Resp: religion doesn't allow us though I have seen people do that
it is not permitted in religion, it makes one have evil mind
and thinking of things that are not good

Inter: have you ever had sex with a boy?

Resp: no

Inter: is there any reason?

Resp: I have already given you the reasons

Inter: when do you think you will start having sex?

Resp: in my married life but not now. God does not allow sex out of
marriage

Inter: now that you are not involved in sexual activities, what are
your feelings towards sex?

Resp: I feel proud of myself and I hear from other people that when
you get married the man starts abusing you accusing you or
immorality. I would like to be a respected person

Inter: you are happy about your life?

Resp: yes

Inter: no regrets?

Resp: no, because I won't contract STIs, early pregnancy and such
things. I am happy because I don't have stress of those
things.

Inter: do you plan to have children in future?

Resp: yes

Inter: when and why?

Resp: I would like to name them after my parents and generally children bring happiness in a family

Inter: when do you think is the right time to have a family?

Resp: when I am married

Inter: only?

Resp: yes

Inter: I would like to ask you a few questions related to the post election violence, how were you affected?

Resp: there were a lot of worries

Inter: what else?

Resp: I heard some people had also died. A lot of people in this community were affected, of course there is little you can do because you cannot bring back the dead but you can give them support

Inter: how were they affected?

Resp: some lost their parents and friends

Inter: did it affect the economic situation here?

Resp: yes, because people were not able to go to their work place, or open their businesses due to insecurity. It was also difficult to move out because you were not sure who could

come to steal from you, or even kill you. People were very fearful

Inter: how were you able to sort yourself out during this time?

Resp: by praying to God to bring peace amongst people and the leaders who were in dispute. We were also trying to talk to those enemies to realize that we are one and there was no need to fight

Inter: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: there was nothing to be happy about though I was happy the president got his seat back for another term

Inter: what didn't you like about it?

Resp: I didn't like the way people were being killed, I didn't expect that to happen

Inter: what else besides killing?

Resp: many people lost property and their business through stealing and fire. There was also tribalism at that particular time and some people could not live in areas where other tribes were. There was a lot of enmity amongst the people, people lost jobs just because the boss comes from one tribe and the employees are from a different tribe.

Inter: ok, thank you so much for your opinions, I know we have shared a lot and I can assure you this information will be helpful to the organization because it will give us insight on how to

handle the adults and the challenges they face in the
community. Thank you so much

Resp: thank you too.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTS

STUDY POINTS

- 181. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 182. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 183. RESILIENCE
- 184. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. The respondent understands adulthood as being over 12 years of age
- 2. The respondent is able to resist pressure to get married simply
 because she isn't ready and doesn't want to shame her sister
- 3. The respondent is unable to live alone simply because of lack of
 job

Note: *The recorder became full from question 12. I had to continue the interview without recording since the respondent was supposed to travel that same day. So I tried taking detailed notes*

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed

Educational Level: college

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: Nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Sinai

Int: in your opinion, what differentiates child and a grown up person?

Resp> there are certain issues a person will do to that a child will not be able to do for example, adult are self dependant, they can look for employment whereas children cannot be able to do that. They are self dependant on their parents.

Int: what is the other difference?

Resp: there are none

Int: what do you mean to be self independent?

Resp: to be employed and run a home and any other thing a child cannot do

Int: what else besides working?

Resp: silence

Int: what about age; can age determine the difference?

Resp: I don't think so, behavior is more significant here

Int: mhh what else; at what age does one become and adult?

Resp: from 20 years and above

Int: ok, what about marriage;

Resp: yes

Int: what is the difference?

Resp: there are certain things you can do that a child may not be able to do

Int: how about physical maturity?

Resp: It will depend on how you behave as a person. You can also be, for example, be a adult and yet still unable to reason like a mature person, you behave and reason like a child

Int: physical maturity; can it bring about the difference?

Resp: it will still depend on behavior, because you can be grown up and still unable to reason like an adult

Int: how about circumcision?

Resp: it does especially for boys; he stops behaving like a kid

Int: what else?

Resp: behavior is the key factor here

Int: when you exam yourself at the moment, do you feel like an adult?

Resp: I am an adult and can be able to make decisions in my life; I don't have to depend on my parents

Int: you are saying you make your own decisions?

Resp: yes,

Int: is there anything else to add on that?

Resp: silence

Int: what are you experiencing currently that makes you feel you are very mature?

Resp: when I am in employment and can be run my own affairs, like buying personal effects and other needs

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you feel you are still a child?

Resp: none, there isn't any

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: one can be able to make his/her own decisions and they will be respected by everyone

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: there is nothing to add on?

Resp: no

Int: what don't you like about adulthoods?

Resp: to hassle here and there

Int: what is hassling?

Resp: it means having no source of income and you are forced to seek for ways in which you can bring in income

Int: is there anything else you don't like about adult life?

Resp: no

Int: can you tell me of any significant event that took place in your life or that of a friend or next of kin?

Resp: to me or?

Int: or anyone and it has not been easy to forget about it

Resp: a friend was sent away from school because she had masterminded a strike at a school. After it was discovered she was to blame, she ended up carrying the whole blame and the rest went scot free

Int: what happened to her?

Resp: she was sent away from school for good

Int: how important is this even to you?

Resp: it is important because it is good to listen to what your seniors tell you for she did not listen to advice

Int: whose advice didn't she listen to?

Resp: from the teachers

Int: who do you live with now?

Resp: my sister

Int: what does she do?

Resp: she has her own family

Int: let us talk about your parents; what influence do they have over your life?

Resp: they are concerned about my progress in life, and the problems I am encountering of which they always come to my assistance

Int: do they influence your decision making?

Resp: they do because when I share with them, they advice me on the next cause of action. When I am in the wrong they advice me

Int: ok, what about issues like accommodation? You mentioned that you live with your sister

Resp: yes

Int: do they influence your staying with your sister?

Int: what kind of advise do your parents offer?

Resp: they tell me I have to take care of my future. I should not be in a hurry to get married

Int: what else?

Resp: world pleasures

Int: like which one?

Resp: early marriage

Int: do your parents have any influence in your education; what to they advice you on relationships and religion?

Resp: religion?

Int: yes

Resp: they advice me to go to church often and know more about God

Int: and romantic relationships?

Resp: they advice me to behaved well and not get involved in such things because they may ruin my life and lead to things like unwanted pregnancy

Int: do they talk to you about drug abuse?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of issues would force you to consult with your parents or seek assistance from them?

Resp: If I want to do something and I am not able to do it

Int: like what?

Resp: maybe I want to join college and I don't have enough funds, I am forced to involve them so that they can either add on what I have or assist me in any other form

Int: is there any other thing besides that?

Resp: none

Int: are there issues that would make you fear approaching your parents for assistance?

Resp: it will depend on the situation I am in, if I can solve it by myself

Int: what kind of things would make you seek assistance or advice from your parents?

Resp: I don't think there is any

Int: what kind of personal problem would make you approach your parents for assistance?

Resp: maybe if I was living alone and I am unable to pay for my rent, maybe I can approach them for assistance (noisy background with children playing)

Int: are there issues that would make you not approach your parents for assistance but go to your friends?

Resp: I don't think there is any.

Q12 (a) when I want to continue with college, I can ask them to add something on top

b) it will also depend on the situation you are in, otherwise I don't see any other reason

© If I am living alone and I am unable to pay my rent, I can approach them for assistance in paying my rent

d) none

13: they advise me not to avoid bad company and other related issues like getting unwanted pregnancies

14: the friends I was with in college have been of great help to me, we always encourage each other about and now we need to work hard. My sister also usually advises me to be very careful in what I do and I should not love living a leisurely

life. Pastor also teach the word of God, how to apply it in our lives and respecting other people

15: a friend of mine got pregnant while at school she was sent away from school and went to live with her aunt. To date that girl is still suffering with her baby

16: no, because I honor God and I don't want to embarrass my parents and siblings

17: most of those boys who are not in school or working, they steal from other people and they also take drugs. This also contributes to the insecurity in this community

18: usually some youths form groups who involve themselves in environmental cleaning of the community, and they earn something small out of it

19 an estate like Kileleshwa were there is security, water, the place is clean and it is a nice place to live

20:~ God willing I believe I will be able to live in that place because currently I am through with my college and when I get a well paying job, I know I will be able to afford a better place and stay there so that I can also be self reliant

21: I would like to be a secretary in a big company since I have trained for it and I would also like to assist my parents

22: I have started sending job applications to different places.

23: maybe nowadays that we have bribery going on and people have become tribal everywhere, that would hinder me from achieving that but it is my prayer that God will see me through.

24: I would like to further my education up to university level, most people these days are aiming there

25 I believe God will help me on that

31 no

34

34: lead a good life and have enough money to spend on my basic needs

35: I have a neighbor who owns a shop and his children are in a good school. The bigger ones are employed in industrial area

36 a hard working young person and one with a well paying job so that he can meet his needs

37: a young person with good behavior does not like leisurely life like attending discos or drinking beer. He also respects and obeys his elders and avoids bad company of friends

38: first he must respect his parents; he should be hard working in school and should not get involved in things like drinking beer or any form of spirits

39 my parents live upcountry and I came to look for a job. I came through my sister's place

40 answered in (39)

41` I left home last year

42 at least I am living with my sister and we are happy
together, to me I feel mature enough

44 when I get a job I will find a place of my own because I will
now be able to be self independent

45 getting married is good because you get children, and
children bring happiness and blessings in the home and to the
whole family

49 when I attain 27 years because by then I will be mature, both
physically and mentally in decision making

50`` I would like someone who is well educated with a good
background. Tribe is not such a big deal but I would insist
on the person being religious. He should be a year older than
me

51 no

52 I am not ready for it and it is not that I fear my sister but
I don't want to do anything that will backfire in my life and
bring embarrassment to my family

54 no

55 until I am married

56 after marriage

57 I feel good about it because I am respected by people and I
am also happy

67 of course so that I can also start a family like my sister

68 when I am married because have to keep our generation tree on
course

69 we were not affected so much except for our neighbours who
lost a lot of property especially their business which was
ruined and people stole their things. In fact the youths were
more active in destroying property and stealing more than
anyone else

70 we were living in fear all the time but the good thing was
our youths came together and they did not allow anyone from
outside to come and bring violence in our community

71 many people lost their lives especially youths, and most
people lost their property

72 none

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTS4V017

STUDY POINTS

185.

HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

186. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

SALIENT POINTS

8. Respondent equates adulthood to being able to reason compared to a young person
9. The respondent said attaining standard eight was a big challenge as she was fell sick towards exams period and never sat for her exams

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 20

Job/Position title/Occupation: Housewife

Educational Level: Primary

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: married

Number of children: Zero

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

Int: I would like to hear your opinions about adulthood. Is there any different between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: I think an adult is more intelligent. An adult has a lot on his mind than a younger person

Int: what else

Resp: I don't know

Int: what about age; can it differentiate an adult and one who is not?

Resp: obviously because an adult thinks of adult things and may act on them whereas a younger person may not take it seriously. He rarely takes time to meditate on it like the adult

Int: what about in education?

Resp: there is a difference between a learned person and one who is not in the way he does his things

Int: how does he do his things?

Resp: in a respectable manner.

Int: and marriage?

Resp: anyone who is married to me is an adult

Int: what else?

Resp: anyone with a child is an adult

Int: and if the child is adopted?

Resp: then that is still an adult because the government cannot let you adopt a child when you are young yourself

Int: so how does the difference occur?

Resp: let us say giving birth

Int: Q4 (gap)

Resp: none

Q5 good manners, respect and good behavior

Q6 bad manners

Q7 I have nothing to say

Int: mhh, who do you live with here?

Resp: my husband

Int: now you are married, but before that when you made a mistake, how were you being punished?

Resp: by being beaten and then advised not to repeat the same

Int: does your mother have any influence on your life?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: she always tells me to be well behaved and respect other people whether I know them or not

Int: have she given you any other advice?

Resp: on how to work hard at school

Int: and marriage?

Resp: no she has never discussed that with me

Int: Q12 (gap)

a) she advises me to try and live a happy life in marriage.

b) The fear of getting a scolding from them

c) Financial stress

d) :I don't know

Resp: my aunt, uncles, and the pastor and sometimes my friends also advise me

Int: and your siblings?

Resp: they do advise me though all of them are younger than

Int: and you friends?

Resp: they offer me advice on making my marriage work

Int: can you tell me of a major problem that your siblings or friends have been involved in?

Resp: my friend got pregnant and was married because of that pregnancy and now she is having a lot of problems. They had not planned for that pregnancy

Int: do you see yourself in that kind of situation?

Resp: no

Int: what are the challenges facing young people in this community?

Resp: unemployment and HIV AIDs is more rampant here

Int: what strategies have the young people put in place to cope with these challenges?

Resp: most of them go out there to look for work and they should work anywhere in the country

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: I have never longed to live out of here

Int: why would you want to stick here?

Resp: I enjoying living here

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: live a happy life

Int: tell me more about it

Resp: I would like to have my own things and properties

Int: what would hinder you from getting your own things?

Resp: unless I am sick or financially I am not able to commit myself

Int: what is your level of education right now?

Resp: Std 8 whereby I also didn't do my exams because I was very ill by then

Int: do you plan to go back to school?

Resp: no

Int: what career would you like to take in live?

Resp: I have not thought about it yet

Int: what does being success l mean to you?

Resp: to be successful means having cows, goats and poultry

Int: do you know of any successful person in?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: how can you identify a successful young person?

Resp: he has the money and property like dairy cows

Int: how can a young man be successful?

Resp: he has to work hard by going out there to look for employment
or start a business

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: they are upcountry

Int: why did you move out of home?

Resp: I loved Nairobi and eventually got married

Int: how old were you when you by then?

Resp: 20 years

Int: did you have any worries when you moved out of home?

Resp: no, I was just happy

Int: what challenges are you facing as a young couple?

Resp: illnesses and lack of money

Int: what do you like about being in marriage?

Resp: it is good

Int: what are your expectations?

Resp: to get children

Int: how did you first meet your husband?

Resp: he came to my home and he had so many questions but I liked his behavior, he is well behaved and a very respectable man

Int: what are your feelings about this relationship?

Resp: I feel happy and I am an adult now

Int: can you tell me about the first sexual experience?

Resp: no, I won't tell you about that, you are not through?

Int: I am about to finish, let us now talk about the post election violence. Were you affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: were your relatives affected in any way?

Resp: no, there was lack of cars to travel upcountry, many people were stranded and the people were killing each other and property being destroyed

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: nothing

Int: what didn't you like about it?

Resp: there was no transport to anywhere

Int: Ok, I have now reached the end of interview; maybe you could
ask me some questions?

Resp: n o

Int: any recommendations?

Resp: no

Int: ok, thank you very much fro your time.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V019

STUDY POINTS

187. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

188. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

189. RESILIENCE

SALIENT POINTS

3. The respondent equates adulthood to being able to depend on oneself and also change of body hormones as you grow makes her an adult
4. The respondent faces the challenge of lack of job and also her inability to pursue college due to lack of funds
5. The respondent is able to resist temptations of men waiting to engage her in sexual activities taking in account the advice her mother gives her not to give up in life

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 23

Job/Position title/Occupation: undemployed

Educational Level: Form four

Ethnic Level: Kisii

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Paradise

Background information

Int:

Resp: if I am unable to answer?

Int: I would like to ask you what is the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: a child as in youth or these small children

Int: all, the difference between an adult and a child or youth

Resp: mhh they are different in their understanding

Int: how does an adult understand differently from a child?

Resp: an adult will think of something and come up with a solution but a child will do because he has to do but has no idea why he is doing that

Int: do you think age matters or brings out the difference?

Resp: of course it does, because one is older and the other younger

Int: ok, what about education?

Resp: there is a difference

Int: what kind of difference?

Resp: an adult is educated and can make his or her own decisions better than the other one is not educated at all

Int: so an adult can make decisions?

Resp: yes

Int: and issues related to marriage?

Resp: adults are in marriage though there are some adults who decide not to get married but children don't enter into marriage

Int: ok,

Resp: even employment, adults can work but children can't

Int: what about having responsibilities,

Resp: there is a difference

Int: in what way?

Resp: if you are an adult and in employment you can rely on yourself and a child will depend on the adult

Int: ok, can sexual activities bring out the difference between a child and an adult?

Resp: yes, because for grownup, their hormones are active but the child is not there and the hormones are still inactive so they don't know those kinds of things

Int: ok, you as a person can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: how?

Resp: I am mature and I am independent and yaa, I am self reliant to some extent

Int: what else makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: there are biological changes in my body

Int: can you expand on biological changes

Resp: everybody knows that and you know. As a girl, you know I
can......

Int: examples?

Resp: enlargement of breasts, menstruation

Int: ok, that is good. What are you experiencing in your life that
makes you feel you are still a child? You have told me what
makes you feel you are an adult.

Resp: after school, they your parents have not taken you back to
school for further education and so you are depending on them
or hoping to get a sponsor to give you assistance, you don't
have a job

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: how?

Int: what things do adults do that you like?

Resp: something like hobbies?

Int: what do you like about someone who is an adult?

Resp: if you are married you feel good, employment, being a parent;
that is also good

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: stress

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: you have a family but you are not employed and you don't know how to go about with a family, giving up in life

Int: giving up in life?

Resp: yes

Int: those are the things you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: yes

Int: is there any significant event that you experienced in your life?

Resp: when my father died

Int: why is it a significant event in your life?

Resp: my mother was a housewife and my father died a week to my getting our form four results. I regret that because I was not able to go any further and my mother was a mere housewife and she couldn't help me at all.

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: my sister

Int: ok, does your mother have any influence in your life today?

Resp: to help me in life?

Int: does she offer you advice on different issues?

Resp: she encourages me not to give up on life but persevere with it for she believes one day things will be good for me. she also

advices me to look after myself and as a girl it is important to do that

Int: what does she mean when she says you look after yourself?

Resp: she means I should not get into romantic relationships which may result into me getting infected with diseases

Int: which type of diseases?

Resp: to avoid those relationships so that I don't get Aids and STIs

Int: from the partners you may be involved with?

Resp: yes

Int: in what areas of life does she also offer advice besides taking care?

Resp: be respectful to other people and behave maturely

Int: what about religion?

Resp: I should grow spiritually upright

Int: and on marriage what does she advice you?

Resp: right now I should not get into marriage because first of all I am just a form four leaver and unemployed and secondly a good husband comes from God, so I should be patient. For now she advices me against marriage

Int: are there other issues that can make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: as a girl?

Int: yes

Resp: personal needs

Int: like?

Resp: I have so many things I need

Int: what kind of needs would you approach them for help?

Resp: financial

Int: ok

Resp: advice on many things like having male female relationships.

You may be disappointed in a relationship and you need someone to encourage you that this is not a God sent one

Int: you can share that with your parent?

Resp: I can tell my mother that

Int: are there issues that you would not be comfortable telling our parent?

Resp: if you as a youth and a girl, you have had sex with someone, you cannot share with a parent. If you are pregnant, you will only tell her later possibly when she discovers and asks you about it

Int: are there personal issues that you can only tell a parent?

Resp: as a girl, I can share with her those biological changes for example your periods are not regular and the other girls' are,

you can share that concern with her. Also if you are ill, you can tell her

Int: are there issues you can share with anyone else but not your parent?

Resp: yes

Int: which ones are those?

Resp: personally or what do you mean?

Int: issues that you would not be comfortable sharing with your parents?

Resp: I don't think there is any

Int: how do your parents punish you when you make a mistake?

Resp: what kind of mistake?

Int: any, what ways do they use to punish you?

Resp: right now?

Int: yes

REsp: they will seat me down, correct me and advice me on why it is wrong to do that particular mistake and why they were not happy about it

Int: who else has influence over your life besides your parents?

Resp: my teacher or pastor

Int: do your siblings have any influence over your life?

Resp: yes

Int: in what areas of life; for example in education, marriage, etc

Resp: in education they advice me to persevere and when they get finance they will take me back to college and that I should not be in a hurry to get married. At least with a job you can be self reliant (children screaming in the background)

Int: do friends also have influence over some areas of your life

Resp: there are some friends who will advice you to get married so that I stop suffering.

Int: what about relationships?

Resp: they introduce you to boyfriends so that your life can be messed up because not many of them are serious

Int: tell me any problem a friend went through

Resp: she got into a problem and called me for I was already here

Int: a friend?

Resp: yes

Int: what did she tell you?

Resp: she had a boyfriend and they had planed to get married but this boyfriend dumped her without giving her a reason and she was feeling very stressed about it

Int: ok, do you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way

Resp: a human being passes through such things and most stresses come from boy/girl relationships; it is also easy to quarrel and mistreat one another, mistrust and many others

Int: let us talk about your life here in this community, what challenges are there?

Resp: unemployment is the major one (kids screaming even more louder)

Int: what other challenge have you noticed in this community?

Resp: without jobs, they are idle and start involving themselves into drugs, drinking local beer and because they don't have money to buy those things, they engage in stealing from other to get money to purchase those things

Int: ok, you have talked about unemployment and theft as some of the challenges in this community, how about HIV Aids, is that a challenge here?

Resp: yes because when they are drunk for example, I don't know how to put it, when someone is drunk there are possibilities of raping women or young girls and children

Int: in your opinion, what strategies can the young people put in place to cope with insecurity, unemployment, thefts and HIV Aids?

Resp: to me self respect is the most important thing of all; you should know who you are socializing with, talking to and what are you talking about.

Int: what strategies are in place to counter these challenges among the young people? (children playing around and making so much noise)

Resp: you cannot stop someone grownup from having sex unless they take the initiative of using condoms by themselves

Int: so they use condoms?

Resp: yes, but not all of them

Int: where would you like to live as a personally?

Resp: in Kenya or where?

Int: in Kenya, which area?

Resp: in an estate

Int: why an estate?

Resp: maybe people there are disciplined, there is security and you are in an enclosed environment. You don't get people selling illicit drinks all over. The environment is clean and not like here

Int: the environment is clean?

Resp: yes

Int: are there possibilities of you living in such a place?

Resp: it is possible if I am patient, continue with school and after that go to college, look for a job and then settle in a place like that.

Int: ok, what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: me?

Int: yes, what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: get a permanent job

Int: why get a job?

Resp: to be able to buy a piece of land and build my own house and live there

Int: what efforts are you doing to make you achieve that goal?

Resp: I am putting pressure on my parent and brothers to save money so that next year I can join a college

Int: what would stop you from achieving that goal?

Resp: lack of finance, being impatient and death. These are just my plans but I don't know what God has planned for me or them. I can die first or the people I am hoping can die and leave me and I would end up with no achievement at all

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve that goal in life?

Resp: I would have like to reach university and get a degree

Int: in your opinion, you think you will reach that level of education; university?

Resp: yes, I pray about it and I know it is possible if I am patient

Int: what kind of career would you like to take?

Resp: Engineering

Int: there are so many engineering....

Resp: Chemical Engineering

Int: why do you like Chemical Engineering?

Resp: ok, I don't have that much knowledge on it but...

Int: why chemical engineering then?

Resp: I wanted chemical because if I can get a company near my home, I can continue getting advice from my parents

Int: ok, have you ever talked about your career to anyone significant in your life?

Resp: I talked to my chemistry teacher in high school

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: where?

Resp: I was running an M-Pesa shop belonging to my cousin

Int: why did you want to work then?

Resp: reason?

Int: yes

Resp: I wanted to be busy and reduce idleness. I didn't have any money to use on my basic needs and so I had to look for something to do

Int: are you engaged in any employment to earn some income currently?

Resp: no

Int: what does it mean to be successful in this community?

Resp: to be independent in everything. You can....successful means being independent and can make your own decisions, you can also succeed in employment and have your own money and manage it the way you want, and spiritual uprightness

Int: can you give me of an example of someone who has succeeded

Resp: maybe my brother

Int: how has he succeeded?

Resp: he completed his university, he has a job and a car, he as his own house he built and we depend on him

Int: how can you distinguish a successful young person from the others?

Resp: he is respected, avoids leisurely life like drinking, smoking, he goes to church, and he has courage to stand before other

youths and advice them. He can correct other youths when they are going the wrong way

Int: what distinguishes a well behave young person from the others?

Resp: you can notice from the dressing code, he is dressed respectfully, his speech is sensible and does not just talk carelessly. An ill mannered person will talk anyhow irrespective whether he is harming someone or not, he only thinks of himself and not others

Int: what can a youth do to succeed in life?

Resp: be patient, God fearing, respectful to all

Int: where are your parents now?

Resp: upcountry

Int: why did you leave home for Nairobi?

Resp: I just wanted to go see the famous Nairobi. I had that urge to see what happens

Int: what else?

Resp: my parents are not able to sustain me and so I thought if I went out and stayed with someone working, I could benefit in one way or another

Int: ok, when you left at home, what were your feelings?

Resp: I felt good because it was my first time to come Nairobi to see how it looks like

Int: how do you feel living alone here, as an adult what do you feel since your parents are not here?

Resp: mhh

Int: what challenges are you going through as a youth living in this community?

Resp: there are so many tribes of people living here with different characteristics and it is very easy to be swayed if you are not principled

Int: have you been a victim of that already?

Resp: no

Int: what is the importance of getting married in a community or family?

Resp: I don't see any importance

Int: there isn't any importance?

Resp: no, I think it is because society demands that we should be married but personally I don't see the need or rather the importance of marriage in one's life.

Int: ok, when would you want to get married?

Resp: I have never planned to get married this soon. I want to get married after I have achieved my goal that is; finish college and get a job then I can think of marriage

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: someone in employment, a respected person and God fearing

Int: tribe?

Resp: I would like to get married to my own tribe

Int: ok, have you ever had a boyfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first meeting and how you proceeded

Resp: I was in high school form three

Int: how did it start?

Resp: we started by writing letters to each other

Int: after that what happened to the relationship and what were your feelings?

Resp: we are still together to date

Int: have you ever had sex before?

Resp: once

Int: ok, tell me your experience during that first sex

Resp: I don't know what to say.

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: we were at his house

Int: what were your feelings?

Resp: after?

Int: before and after

Resp: you know the first sex has its own pros and cons

Int: like which ones?

Resp: maybe you are a virgin, that pain

Int: that relationship is still on to date?

Resp: yes

Int: during your first sex, did use protection

Resp: yes

Int: which one?

Resp: a condom

Int: how did reach on the agreement to use a condom?

Resp: I suggested and he agreed with that

Int: is there any other time you have had sex without protection?

Resp: no, it was just this year

Int: do you plan to have children?

Resp: yes,

Int: why do you plan to have children?

Resp: to prove that I am not barren

Int: when do you think will be the right time to have a baby?

Resp: when I am working and self reliant, then I can decide to get married and have children. I don't want my children to suffer by missing basic needs.

Int: I would like to ask you questions related to the post election violence, how did it affect you?

Resp: personally?

Int: yes

Resp: life is a gift from God and is it not good when people just die carelessly like that, I didn't like it

Int: was your family affected in any way?

Resp: not in our family but our neighbors who are near Mount Elgon were affected, they lost their farms and their houses were burnt down and these people are still living hard life as if they are not in their own country

Int: how were you able to cope with these problems?

Resp: there was a lot of tension

Int: what did you do?

Resp: we lived by faith

Int: what didn't you like about that violence?

Resp: people dying like dogs

Int: what else?

Resp: people loosing their farms after struggling to plant their crops. There was hunger

Int: what did you like about those clashes?

Resp: there was nothing good about it

Int: ok, thanks so much for your time and participation in this research

Resp: welcome

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V021

STUDY POINTS

- 190. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 191. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 192. RESILIENCE
- 193. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 194. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. The respondent relates adulthood to being able to work, getting married and having sex
- 2. Unemployment, lack of basic needs, stealing, refusing to go to school as major challenges

3. She says it was her first time to have sex and didn't use protection because she knew nothing about protective measures

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21

Job/Position title/Occupation: n/a

Educational Level: Form 2

Ethnic Level: Luhya

Marital Status: Married

Number of children: One

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

Int: Hawa, I would like to hear your views on your understanding of the word adult and the difference between adult and children

Resp: it is the way someone thinks and acts

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: what things children do are quite different from those of adults

Int: maybe you give me examples to enable me understand

Resp: adults go to work while children don't. There are so many things they do that children don't do

Int: please give more examples of those things; you have given one like going to work

Resp: getting married,

Int: what else

Resp: silence

Int: is there any other? You've told me that adults go to work and get married, is age also a factor differentiating an adult from a child?

Resp: silence

Int: if you say someone is an adult, what age would that person be?

Resp: about 25 years

Int: why do you say 25 years?

Resp: because that is a mature person

Int: anything else related to age?

Resp: none

Int: what about having children or rather giving birth would that be also a factor?

Resp: yes

Int: and education?

Resp: with education you can get a job

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: do you know what circumcision is?

Resp: yes

Int: can you relate circumcision and adulthood?

Resp: to relate how?

Int: can you associate it with adulthood?

Resp: I don't know

Int: apart from what I have mentioned, what else is related to adulthood?

Resp: I don't know

Int: when people get married, what do they do?

Resp: they get babies, and have responsibilities

Int: before giving birth what happens?

Resp: they have sex

Int: how can you relate with adulthood

Resp: ...mmmhh

Int: from what we I have just told you to tell me, can you explain to me how a child becomes an adult, the stages he passes through?

Resp: grow up how, what he goes through in life before he grows?

Int: yes

Resp: silence

Int: ok were does a child start from before becoming an adult?

Resp: you have sex,

Int: yes, what next?

Resp: get pregnant, carry the pregnancy and then give birth

Int: yes

Resp: from there you start taking care of the baby. There are so many things the child passes through

Int: I don't want details; I just want the stages he goes through as you have mentioned the others

Resp: I don't know how to explain that

Int: tell me how you understand it

Resp: silence, I don't know

Int: you have said a mother gets pregnant, carries the pregnancy
and gives birth then what?

Resp: takes of the baby till adulthood

Int: before the child becomes an adult what happens in between?

Resp: I don't know what to say

Int: after a child is born, what next?

Resp: continues to grow until adulthood

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with an
adult?

Resp: compare?

Int: do you see yourself as an adult?

Resp: what can I say?

Int: what you think

Resp: you continue growing and becoming intelligent and doing things
adults do

Int: like what do they do?

Resp: going for employment

Int: what else

Resp: taking responsibility of your children

Int: anything else?

Resp: no,

Int: what are you experiencing currently that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: currently?

Int: yes

Resp: I don't know how to answer that

Int: just the way you understand it

Resp: repeat the question

Int: what occurrences are taking place in your life that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I am unable to answer that

Int: just tell me what you think

Resp: giving birth

Int: yes, what else?

Resp: taking care of the baby

Int: anything else?

Resp: none

Int: you are sure?

Resp: yes

Int: and are there experiences you are going through in your life
that makes you feel you are still a child?

Resp: being shouted at

Int: who shouts at you?

Resp: my father

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: they way they give advice

Int: is there anything else

Resp: no

Int: what don't you like about adults

Resp: the way they behave?

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: adults like drinking and fighting

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: can you tell me of any significant event that you went through
and cannot forget about it?

Resp: getting pregnant

Int: when was that?

Resp: last year but one

Int: which year was that?

Resp: 2007

Int: why is getting pregnant so significant in your life?

Resp: I had not planned for it

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: I didn't expect to get pregnant

Int: any other reason?

Resp: none

Int: I want us to talk about your family, currently where are you living?

Resp: my parents, father and mother

Int: biological father?

Resp: yes

Int: what influence do your parents have over your life?

Resp: they support me

Int: in which way?

Resp: by giving me advice

Int: what else?

Resp: taking the baby to hospital

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: you have said they give you advice?

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of advice do they give you?

Resp: they give me advice on life, how one can live in harmony with other people

Int: example?

Resp: no being quarrelsome with neighbours and other person and respecting them

Int: you have told me that they advice you on issues like living in harmony with people and respecting them, how about on education?

Resp: how?

Int: do they offer advice on your education

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: the way people get education

Int: can you expand on that?

Resp: you can go far if you are educated

Int: then?

Resp: you get a good job

Int: anything else?

Resp: no

Int: what about relationships?

Resp: they have never discussed that with me

Int: about religion?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me more about that

Resp: going to church

Int: how about romantic issues?

Resp: they talk to me about that?

Int: mhh

Resp: no

Int: drugs?

Resp: no

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: no, they have never advised me on that

Int: on sex?

Resp: no

Int: what are the issues that would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: if you are in disagreement with other people, they can advice you how to go about it and solve the issue

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: you don't approach your parents on any other issue apart from that of disagreement with other people?

Resp: no

Int: what would stop you from seeking your parent's assistance?

Resp: there is no way you can not afford to seek your parent's assistance

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: parents are there so help their children

Int: what personal problems would make you approach your parents?

Resp: if I want a job and maybe they know the people concerned, they can talk to them on my behalf

Int: what would make you seek help from anywhere else and not your parents?

Resp: silence

Int: did you understand my question?

Resp: yes

Int: mhh

Resp: they way you can live

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: you can approach them for advice on life

Int: ok, you as a person, what are the things that can make you seek advice from other people and not your parents?

Resp: about life

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: how you can achieve in life

Int: maybe you can explain that

Resp: how one can live with other people

Int: mhh

Resp: how you can be helped with other people

Int: when you say achieve in life, what do you mean?

Resp: someone telling you how far he/she has come in life up to present

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: from what you have told me, who would you seek this help from?

Resp: neighbours and friends

Int: why would you seek assistance from these people and not your parents (child disturbing respondent)

Resp: for them to tell me the experiences they have had in life living with other people

Int: how do your parents punish you?

Resp: there are many ways

Int: like which one

Resp: they quarrel me when I am in the wrong

Int: any other way?

Resp: none

Int: you said when you are in the wrong they quarrel with you, can you give me examples?

Resp: when you do bad things

Int: bad things like?

Resp: abusing other people

Int: any other?

Resp: nonoe

Int: apart from your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: how?

Int: is there anybody else who has influence in your life apart from your parents?

Resp: my friends but not on a very large scale

Int: tell me more about them

Resp: I don't know what to tell you about them

Int: you said your friends have influence over your life. Apart from your friends who else?

Resp: the father of my baby

Int: who else?

Resp: my relatives

Int: which relatives?

Resp: brothers, sisters

Int: who else?

Resp: none

Int: you said your friends, father to your baby and your relatives, how do they influence your life?

Resp: (baby crying) I don't know what to say

Int: you have mentioned relatives, friends and the father of your baby.

Resp: I don't know how to answer that

Int: ok, you said they have influence over your life, for example
in behavior how do they influence you?

Resp: they assist me

Int: how do they do it?

Resp: they advice me on how to live with other people

Int: how about on education?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: I am unable to answer that

Int: what about on marriage?

Resp: how?

Int: you said they have influence over your life, and you are
married, how do you life here?

Resp: I am unable to answer that

Int: can you tell me of any significant problem that happened to
your sibling or friend?

Resp: how?

Int: a worst problem that has happened to your friend or sibling

Resp: there isn't

Int: do you see yourself in a difficult situation in life (crying
baby)

Resp: it is not easy to say so because these things happen when you are least expecting them

Int: I want us to talk about your being in this community; tell me about the challenges that youth face in this community?

Resp: unemployment

Int: what else?

Resp: food

Int: what do you mean food?

Resp: looking for money to buy food

Int: any other?

Resp: none

Int: remember I am asking about the community at large and not you as an individual. These challenges that affect the youths of this community are the ones I am interested in.

Resp: I don't know any

Int: you told me that the challenges youth face in this community is unemployment and lack of finance to purchase food, what other challenges are there?

Resp: I don't know

Int: and security?

Resp: if it is there?

Int: mhh

Resp: not really

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: security is not good in this community

Int: what about ill health?

Resp: that one I wouldn't know

Int: and education?

Resp: there are some youths who are illiterate here

Int: why?

Resp: some refuse to go to school

Int: do you know why they refuse to go to school?

Resp: no

Int: others are doing what since the other lot has refused to go to school?

Resp: they are in school

Int: you said some meaning others have refused to go to school and the others?

Resp: lack of school fees

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: what strategies are in place to cope with this situation?

Resp: we have those who go to steal

Int: what else?

Resp: we have others who are working and are able to meet their own needs

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: you mentioned unemployment, lack of school fees, security and others refuse to go to school, how do they cope with the situation?

Resp: like which ones?

Int: the ones I have just mentioned

Resp: looking for food?

Int: yes

Resp: they go and look for it in anyway they can including stealing

Int: and education?

Resp: there are those who get sponsors and they go back to school

Int: any other way they face these challenges?

Resp: none

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: here

Int: why here?

Resp: It will depend on the financial situation someone is in

Int: if it depends, where would you like to live if you had the
 money?

Resp: I would not live here if I had the money

Int: where would you live?

Resp: in a good place

Int: like where?

Resp: just any nice place

Int: ok, good place, nice place,

Resp: somewhere safe

Int: and what else?

Resp: just that

Int: and such a place is where?

Resp: a place like Donholm, Pipeline

Int: where else?

Resp: only those places

Int: are there any possibilities of you living there?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you think so?

Resp: If I get a job I would go and live there

Int: what would you like to achieve in your life?

Resp: getting a job

Int: tell me more about that?

Resp: get a job and be working class

Int: what kind of job do you have in mind?

Resp: I don't mind any job

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: my interest is money and I can do any work to get money

Int: why wouldn't want to get a specific job?

Resp: I have not gotten anything to do with my talent

Int: what is your talent?

Resp: hairdressing

Int: you did hairdressing? (baby disturbing and crying)

Resp: yes

Int: what efforts are you making to achieving this?

Resp: like which one?

Int: you told me you did hairdressing?

Resp: yes and can do any other job

Int: so what are you doing to achieve this?

Resp: I am looking for a job

Int: what would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: unless I get sick or die

Int: ok, what level of education do you need to enable you achieve your goal?

Resp: there isn't much because I am already trained hair dresser

Int: ok you have done it but what level would someone need to achieve that goal?

Resp: if you get a sponsor you can reach anywhere, but then, as long as you have knowledge, there isn't a particular level of education you need.

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: are you in school?

Resp: no

Int: you told me; that is the goal you want to achieve in life

Resp: yes

Int: why that one in particular

Resp: it is the one I chose and have trained for it

Int: any other reason?

Resp: it is my talent

Int: who else have you talked to about your goal in life; someone important?

Resp: my parents

Int: who else?

Resp: the father of my baby

Int: anyone else?

Resp: no

Int: what did they say about this goal you have in mind?

Resp: they can only open for a place

Int: who are they?

Resp: the people I talked to

Int: ok, what did your parents say?

Resp: they open for me a place to start working

Int: and the father of the baby?

Resp: he also has the same idea of opening a place for me to start that

Int: ok, why are you not in school now?

Resp: there is no money

Int: is there any other reason?

Resp: no

Int: do you have any plans of going back to school?

Resp: if there was a chance I would like to

Int: why?

Resp: to learn

Int: any other reason?

Resp: there isn't

Int: I want us to talk about leisure and working. Have you ever worked before?

Resp: hair dressing

Int: when was that?

Resp: from long time ago

Int: long time ago is when?

Resp: from 2005

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: I was about 16-17 years

Int: why did you decide to involve yourself in hairdressing?

Resp: it wasn't many times, my parents were working

Int: any other reason?

Resp: none

Int: is there any other income generating job you have been doing besides hairdressing?

Resp: none

Int: what are your experiences about this job?

Resp: I would like to perfect what I am doing

Int: when you were doing hairdressing, what experiences did you go through?

Resp: to perfect the job

Int: how were you feeling about this job?

Resp: it was ok with me

Int: what did you go through while working?

Resp: sometimes the customers refusing to give you money

Int: are you involved in any income generating activity right now?

Resp: yes

Int: which one?

Resp: hairdressing,

Int: why do you involve yourself in hairdressing that much?

Resp: so that I can be able to gain more experience

Int: like which one?

Resp: to be able to do more styles

Int: like which one, give me an example?

Resp: weaving

Int: how much do you get in a month?

Resp: something like Sh1,000

Int: how do you spend this money?

Resp: I buy clothes, food and save a little for taking the baby to hospital when it is sick

Int: what does it mean to be successful in this community?

Resp: getting a job

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: tell me about someone who has succeeded in this community

Resp: there are some youths who succeeded and went out

Int: tell more about

Resp: silence

Int: went out means they did what?

Resp: they went outside the country to look for more money

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: you told me they went abroad?

Resp: yes

Int: and you have told me that in this community; that is
succeeding, are there others who have succeeded apart from
those ones?

Resp: there are many

Int: give me an example of a successful person

Resp: I don't know the name

Int: I don't want the names

Resp: then what?

Int: maybe you could tell me what kind of work they do, how they
live

Resp: we have some who are working in big companies and are living
well

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: give me an example of one person who has succeeded in this
community

Resp: I don't know what to say there

Int: you told me there are many people who have succeeded

Resp: true, they are many

Int: I would like you to name for me one person and what he is doing, I don't need to know the name

Resp: there is one working with BDF

Int: working with?

Resp: (unintelligible) is a company near here

Int: what does he do there?

Resp: I don't know what kind of job he does but he is doing well. In fact he passed through a lot of problems before he got that job

Int: now he has achieved?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: he is living a good life

Int: what do you mean when you say a good life?

Resp: he has the money, he eats well and dresses well too

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: tell what he has?

Resp: I cant say much because he moved out of this place and now lives in Dagoretti

Int: how can you identify a successful young person?

Resp: his dressing code

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: if you just see someone dressed well, he is successful

Resp: his behavior

Int: yes, what do you mean when you say his behavior?

Resp: maybe when he was jobless, he was not smart but that has changed

Int: what else?

Resp: none at all

Int: what distinguishes a young person with good behavior from the rest?

Resp: I don't know how to tell that

Int: tell me how you see them

Resp: he respects people, the way he handles himself before other people

Int: these are things he does. What doesn't he do?

Resp: bad behaviors

Int: like which one?

Resp: avoids bad company, no longer takes drugs and has stopped stealing from other people

Int: mhh, do you want to add anything on that?

Resp: no

Int: how is he able to cope with challenges of ill behavior?

Resp: avoids company of the former youths he was in if they were
using drugs, drinking and mugging people

Int: what can a youth do to succeed in life?

Resp: I really don't know

Int: are you a youth?

Resp: please repeat the question again

Int: how can a young person succeed in life?

Resp: get a job and work hard

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: just getting a job and working then you have succeeded?

Resp: he has to look after his welfare

Int: how

Resp: if he didn't complete school he can pay for evening classes
and assist his parents

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: one is in Nairobi and the other is upcountry

Int: where are they?

Resp: my father is here and mother is upcountry

Int: where is, "upcountry" where mother lives?

Resp: Bungoma

Int: and you father

Resp: he lives with my step mother

Int: ok, why did you move out home?

Resp: nothing

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: nothing really happened

Int: but you were living with your dad?

Resp: yes

Int: and then you decided to leave home

Resp: yes

Int: what made you stop living with your father?

Resp: I left so that I can stay with the father of my baby

Int: so what was the main reason you left home?

Resp: to come and help each other look after our baby

Int: I don't understand you

Resp: I left my father to join the father of my baby

Int: before you left home, were you already pregnant?

Resp: no, I had already given birth

Int: ok, tell me your experiences when you left home?

Resp: quarrelling with my husband

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 21 years

Int: what were your feelings when you left home?

Resp: I was happy

Int: why?

Resp: because I was going to start a new life

Int: and you told me that you are married, when did you get married?

Resp: this year

Int: what do you mean, when?

Resp: beginning this year

Int: why did you decide to get married?

Resp: I just decided to get married

Int: you must have had a reason why you decided to get married?

Resp: so that together we can take care of our baby

Int: what made you choose this particular spouse?

Resp: I didn't choose

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: just like that

Int: how did you become pregnant and then decide to get married to the same person and not anyone else?

Resp: he accepted me to come to him

Int: how do you feel being married?

Resp: It is neither good nor bad

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: I mean I am fifty fifty

Int: what is fifty fifty?

Resp: I don't know how to explain that

Int: at your age, what are the challenges you are facing in marriage?

Resp: I don't know what to say

Int: did you understand the question?

Resp: yes

Int: then how come you are unable to answer?

Resp: silence

Int: you mentioned you are 22 and married?

Resp: yes

Int: what challenges are you facing as a married person at your age?

Resp: I am unable to answer that

Int: and I have tried to expand it more

Resp: and still I cannot be able to answer that

Int: so there are no challenges you are facing in marriage?

Resp: no

Int: tell me more about your first sex experience

Resp: how?

Int: how you met with your husband, what happened?

Resp: I cannot be able to answer that

Int: why?

Resp: some things are embarrassing. We met and agreed

Int: then?

Resp: that was all

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: silence

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: about 19

Int: how is your relationship now?

Resp: it is not bad

Int: what do you mean when you say it is not bad?

Resp: I am unable to answer that

Int: you mentioned that before you started staying with your husband you were already pregnant?

Resp: yes

Int: why did you agree to have sex before marriage?

Resp: that was bad luck

Int: what do you mean it was bad luck?

Resp: the pregnancy

Int: and the act?

Resp: it was still bad luck

Int: what exactly did you mean? He forced you?

Resp: I was forced to

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: I wasn't ready for it but forced to do it

Int: why then did you agree?

Resp: I am unable to answer that

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: no

Int: why

Resp: we just did it

Int: you told me that you didn't want to but were forced to do it;

Resp: yes

Int: was it you first time?

Resp: yes

Int: and you got pregnant?

Resp: yes

Int: ok, you told me that you didn't use protection and it was the first time?

Resp: yes, I don't know whether there was or not

Int: what don't you know was there or not?

Resp: the protection

Int: what are those?

Resp: condoms

Int: and what else?

Resp: medication used so that pregnancy may not occur

Int: you didn't know about these things?

Resp: I didn't know that there was medication which one can use to stop pregnancy

Int: when did you get your first born?

Resp: January last year

Int: tell me more about your first pregnancy?

Resp: how

Int: your experiences

Resp: the way someone behaves or what?

Int: mhhh

Resp: I don't remember that because it was long time ago

Int: that was your first born, how can you not remember?

Resp: once you get the baby, you forget those experiences

Int: you told me that first you didn't want the sex but you were forced to do it, then you got pregnant

Resp: yes

Int: how did it affect you?

Resp: I didn't want the pregnancy

Int: mhhh

Resp: I am unable to answer

Int: tell me the reasons why you decided to get a baby that time

Resp: silence

Int: whose decision was it that you should get a baby?

Resp: I didn't want one but it just came

Int: who came?

Resp: the baby came and we accepted it

Int: how does it feel like to be a parent?

Resp: fair

Int: what do you mean fair?

Resp: I don't know

Int: do you feel an adult now that you have a baby?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: I am happy bringing up the baby

Int: what are the challenges you are experiencing as a parent?

Resp: bringing up a baby

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: what do you mean bringing up a child?

Resp: just the way one looks after a baby

Int: bringing up a baby means a lot of things

Resp: when the baby is sick I know what to do,

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all (baby crying and interfering with the recording)

Int: tell me your concerns about your age mates who are in the
process of being parent

Resp: they understand many things

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: those bringing up children?

Int: no, those who are in the process of becoming parents

Resp: for example now they are pregnant

Int: yes

Resp: they come to know more when they are pregnant

Int: what else?

Resp: how one gives birth

Int: apart from gaining knowledge and bringing up a child, do
people go through worries,

Resp: of course you are uncertain whether you are pregnant because
one is not sure whether they will give to live or still babies

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: any worries?

Resp: how

Int: just generally in life

Resp: you worry about how your life will be now that you are
expecting a baby

Int: mhh why?

Resp: you have more needs than when you were alone

Int: what about leisure?

Resp: leisure how?

Int: you mentioned that there are those who are uncertain, worried,
are there those who are excited about it

Resp: yes

Int: tell me more about it

Resp: they get pregnant

Int: what else

Resp: I don't know

Int: recently we had elections and after that there was violence,
were you affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: what about your other family members, were they affected in
any way?

Resp: no

Int: and your friends

Resp: not the ones I have right now

Int: the way of life? There are some who were living with parents and
there are those who were separated because of the violence

Resp: so what is the question?

Int: did the violence interfere with the residence or people here?

Resp: which people

Int: the ones I have mentioned

Resp: they were affected

Int: and their economic situation

Resp: people lost their homes

Int: I was asking about the economy, let me explain further, some
people also their jobs, some could not go to work because of
security

Resp: I don't know that

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: the way people were dying and burning down other people's
homes

Int: what did you like about it?

Resp: there a was nothing good about it

Int: why?

Resp: I just didn't like the way people were being killed, their property being destroyed and people being chased away from their homes

Int: what else

Resp: just that

Int: ok Hawa, thank you so much for your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSE4V022

STUDY POINTS

- 195. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 196. WHAT MAKES A YOUNG PERSON SUCCESSFUL
- 197. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 198. WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO GET MARRIED
- 199. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT OTHERS YOUR AGE OR IN A SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES BEING PARENTS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. The respondent equates adulthood to being able to make decisions, self dependent and ready to start families

2. She relates education, doing right and wrong and achieving goals to be key factors to becoming successful
3. She says there is a lot of pressure from people who would want to marry you because you are single
4. The respondent never plans to get married because she was in an abusive marriage before
5. The respondent feels that many young people who get pregnant early are affected psychologically, lack basic needs for their babies, and are irresponsible and not ready to be parents

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 20

Job/Position title/Occupation: Secretary

Educational Level: Form Four

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: Separated

Number of children: One

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

Int: what in your opinion distinguishes adults from no adults?

Resp: adults are people who are mature and the can make decisions for themselves

Int: and what else?

Resp: they can stand for what they believe; they don't have to get some advice from people

Int: what else

Resp: adults are people who are independent and maybe they ae ready to start their own families

Int: anything else?

Resp: adults can vote and stand as leaders in churches or anywhere in the society

Int: mhh, anything else

Resp: adults can become parents and can be able to take of their children because they can become parents

Int: anything else

Resp: adults are people who are mature physically and they have the masculine and feminine gender; a man can be masculine and a woman feminine

Int: mhh tell me all that you know about adulthood

Resp: that is all

Int: how can you relate circumcision to adulthood?

Resp: it is a sign of maturity in some communities, a sign of manhood and to some it is regarded as religion because there are some tribes whereby children reach a certain age they are circumcised.

Int: mhh

Resp: and it helps to keep away some disease and it helps even I the hygienic condition of men when the foreskin is removed

Int: you just told me it a sign of maturity in some communities can you expand on that?

Resp: in some communities when a boy is circumcised is considered mature and he moves out of his parent's house and becomes his own man. He doesn't depend on his parents

Int: after all these things that you have told me that differentiate adults from childhood, how does one become an adult?

Resp: for girls you become mature when you start...you have your feminine look and your breasts start growing and you get menstruation; that is when you become an adult. As for men, masculine people they have beards, they speak in a hoarse voice and the some are....when they are circumcised. When a person is independent he can be able to take care of himself, he becomes an adult

Int: ok, you just told me about transition, boys coming into adulthood; what comes before that?

Resp: before adulthood?

Int: yes

Resp: there are some physical appearances before a person becomes fully a man

Int: anything else?

Resp: they have broad chest, hair in their private parts

Int: yes

Resp: their face changes becomes rough and has pimples, and that kind of thing

Int: you have just told me that boys and girls become adult when certain things happen in their lives and you have given examples which is very good but before they becomes adults what happens; what really takes place

Resp: when they are young?

Int: yes

Resp: the way they think, the way they do their things just makes them to be adult, the way they behave

Int: how do they behave?

Resp: they cannot make the right decisions; they have to be told by their parents, the way they used to play, I mean the way they behave like playing, talking

Int: looking at yourself today, how do you see yourself in relation to adulthood?

Resp: as for me I can just say I am an adult because I can take care of myself because I have a child in school; I see myself as an adult because of that

Int: anything else apart from taking care of yourself, and the child?

Resp: I make decisions for myself because there is no one I can turn to and my physical features.....and the way I think

Int: what are the things that you currently do or happen around you in life that make you feel like an adult?

Resp: getting into a relation and I was a wife, and took care of everything as a wife and secondly as a mother, taking care of myself, making the right decisions for myself and the things that I passed through having an abusive relationship whereby I took the right decision to walk away; that is what makes me feel an adult

Int: anything else?

Resp: for being independent and after the relationship being able to take care of myself

Int: what are the things that currently happen around your life that do not make you feel like an adult?

Resp: there is none

Int: what are the things that you like about an adult?

Resp: being able to make the right decision and being able to have my own opinion in some things and again being a mother, being able to depend on myself without involving a parent or guardian to do things for me

Int: mhh, ok, now I would like us to talk about your parents and growing up in your family. Who do you currently live with?

Resp: I live with my younger sister

Int: what would you consider as the most significant event of your life?

Resp: when my mother was a life, she used to take care of us and we could depend on her for anything but the moment she passed away, many things changed, the way people around us look at us changed

Int: can you tell me more about that how things changed

Resp: you know the way our mother used to take care of us, back then we were in school and the day she passed away we were still in school and we were not able to take care of ourselves. But when she passed away they were friends and neighbors to my mother, they didn't want to take care of us or see us

Int: anything else?

Resp: nothing

Int: you just told me that your mother passed on, what about your father?

Resp: my mother was single parent so we didn't have a father at all

Int: what areas of your life did your mother advice you on?

Resp: normal issues like working hard in school and perform well,
nothing else

Int: what about things like relationships?

Resp: no

Int: marriage

Resp: no, actually my mother was not always.....we were not open as in
daughter to mother relationship, there was nothing like that

Int: ok, what kind of issues; let us say your mother was alive,
what kind of issues would you approach her for?

Resp: maybe I do remember when I was in school, when I was in
primary school you see it was my first time to have periods
and those were the times I wished I could approach her and
tell her what was going on with my body and life but because
there was no that connection, so I was not able to approach
her

Int: she didn't....because you were not close, you didn't approach
her?

Resp: no, she didn't even know about it

Int: now what are the things that you could not approach your parents for?

Resp: things like pads or maybe money to buy pad, or if I wanted to being my boyfriend at home, I would not approach her

Int: what personal problems would make you approach her?

Resp: maybe like when I was married and having problems with my husband, I could have approached her but because she wasn't there, and even if she was there because there was no that closeness, I don't think I could have approached her

Int: what kind of problems or issues would make you approach someone else other than your mother?

Resp: maybe if there is somebody who is abusing me, or there is somebody forcing me to do something that I am not willing, or maybe financial issues

Int: who would you approach and why

Resp: I would approach my aunt because we are always open and we talk all stuff so I would not have a problem approaching her for anything

Int: now, if you did a mistake, how did your mother used to punish you?

Resp: she used to beat me, and that was it

Int: you have just said she would beat you, can you give me example of things that would make her beat you up?

Resp: maybe when her money is lost in the house, you have broken something like a cup

Int: anything else?

Resp: nothing

Int: who talks to you or gives you advice when you have done something wrong

Resp: It is my aunt

Int: ok, apart from your guardian or mother, which other people have influence in your life?

Resp: my friends because whenever I do have a problem, I talk to them and they do help me

Int: anyone else?

Resp: actually no

Int: what about your sisters? You just told you me that you have a sister

Resp: what about her

Int: what other people influence your life

Resp: she has many friends

Int: what about friends?

Resp: I do have friends but we do not associate much, there is no intimacy between us as friends

Int: can you describe for me the worst trouble that your sibling or friend has ever been involved in?

Resp: I cannot remember

Int: try to joggle your mind a bit

Resp: maybe to have a debt from somebody

Int: then?

Resp: and then you don't have the money right away and the person you have borrowed from comes to ask you for the money by force

Int: do you see yourself being in a similar problem?

Resp: similar as in?

Int: the example you have just given me?

Resp: yea, I was once but I was able to overcome

Int: now let us talk about growing up in this neighborhood, tell me about the key challenges that young people living in this neighborhood face?

Resp: it is just about sex, some people just have sex for fun, they don't know what it means and again, early marriage, having babies at the wrong time, I mean when they are still too young, drug abuse

Int: what are some of the strategies that young people in this neighborhood use to cope with these challenges?

Resp: some abstain, others use contraception

Int: yes

Resp: some do abortions

Int: what about things like insecurity?

Resp: insecurity I cannot say it is a problem here, there is always security

Int: what about jobs?

Resp: many people are jobless, many don't have jobs

Int: and how do they cope?

Resp: some try to form some organizations so that they can help each other

Int: where would you want to live?

Resp: if it was my wish, I would like to have my own house

Int: where?

Resp: around Embakasi

Int: why?

Resp: I would just like to live alone; it is not just that this place is bad but I would like to be far away from everybody

Int: why would you want to be far away from everybody?

Resp: I don't like gossip; I don't like knowing about other people's businesses. People around here like meddling in other peoples' lives

Int: any other reason why you would like to live in Embakasi?

Resp: the other reasons is that even if it is not insecurity, there are things like houses are burnt down and all you have goes and you are left without anything. I fear fires because when your house keeps burning every other day, yu will be left with nothing

Int: what are your chances of living in Embakasi?

Resp: if I work hard at my work place and I am able to save, even if it is not my house, I can be able to rent one

Int: why do you say your chances are high that you will be able to live in your dream place?

Resp: because where I am working, I work with good people and when they increase my salary after every three months, there is a possibility

Int: what is the most important thing that you want to achieve in life?

Resp: just to have a place of my own, and take care of my daughter as she goes to nice a school, I would feel good

Int: that is the major one?

Resp: yes

Int: and why do you tell me that is the major one?

Resp: I do love my daughter very much and I think making her life better is the most reasonable thing to achieve

Int: wha efforts are you making to achieve all these?

Resp: savings, and not risking my life, for example my body, not doing prostitution. I am just working hard

Int: ok, what things would prevent you from achieving this

Resp: maybe if I am forced to get married, that would shatter my dreams forever or maybe I could get sick and become weak and I am unable to work

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve your life goals and aspirations?

Resp: all I want is get a Diploma in Business Management but because of financial issues it is impossible

Int: a diploma in

Resp: Business Administration

Int: but

Resp: because of financial issues, I don't think I will be able to accomplish that

Int: why do you think you need to achieve this level of education so that you can achieve your goals?

Resp: because when I have that diploma, I will be able to have a good job or even have my own business and be able to take good care of it and then I can achieve my goals

Int: ok, you told me you are working

Resp: I was and studied for computers for about six months and then...right now I am not at school but working

Int: what career do you plan to pursue?

Resp: like I said, it is in Business Administration which is all about business

Int: who is the most important person you have talked to about your career?

Resp: my employer who is a close friend mine and we talk issue with him

Int: what did he say?

Resp: if he could get a sponsor for me I can go on with my education

Int: you have just told me that you are working, before this work, were you working before?

Resp: no

Int: this is your first work?

Resp: yes

Int: when did you start work?

Resp: I started working last year in November

Int: how old were you by then?

Resp: I was 20

Int: and what do feel or how do you feel, what are your experiences?

Resp: about what?

Int: working

Resp: where I work and I feel comfortable and I meet different kinds of people everyday. The people I work with are good people, mature people and whenever I do have a problem I can count on them

Int: and how do you feel about them?

Resp: I always feel comfortable and enjoy doing my work

Int: alright, what...you have just told me that you are currently working, what do you do?

Resp: after work of before

Int: at work

Resp: it is an organization whereby they deal with clothes, they do sell clothes so I am there as a secretary and when a client comes I am able to take care of their needs and then inform the officials; that is my work

Int: how much do you earn in a month?

Resp: Right now I earn Sh10,000

Int: what do you do with the money?

Resp: I pay rent, buy food, and meet the needs for my daughter and when there is a balance, I do save

Int: in this community, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: to be success, as for me it means to take care of your own needs and be comfortable where you are and maybe you are educated enough

Int: anything else

Resp: to some when a person settles down and has his own family and a wife, some say that was a success and then when a person just graduate from university and gets a job, they say he is successful

Int: describe a person in this community who is successful

Resp: well a person how goes to primary school the passes and joins high school after which he proceeds to university then takes a certificate, diploma or degree in something. After completion he gets a good job and settle down

Int: here I am talking of a person in this community

Resp: oh, right now, there is a friend of mine, she is in university, and she is taking Law and she is about to finish

Int: can you tell me more about this person?

Resp: well she has her parents around, she always come to see them and they are not that rich enough but she got a sponsor whereby she is now learning from sponsorship

Int: how does she live?

Resp: right now she is at school and most of the time she spends at school

Int: what about her behavior?

Resp: she is a person who you can talk to and share problems and whenever you need her she comes to your aid

Int: what makes a young person successful?

Resp: you are able to go to school and know what you are doing there and you able to say no so some things where you are not comfortable. You are able to achieve your goals without going against the law

Int: anything else?

Resp: a successful young person is whereby he can be able to make the right decision

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: I mean he knows when to say no to sex, drugs or such bad things and he can concentrate on his career

Int: anything else

Resp: getting a good job and knows how to manage his money, he knows how to use it nicely

Int: mhh

Resp: and being able to save for the future

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved person from others?

Resp: a well behaved person is whereby you don't involve yourself in peer pressure where there are gangs or they take drugs, or not involving yourself in sex whereby you're still young whereby you are not able to make the right decision at the right time. you are able to say not to some things and control your body

Int: what do you mean right decisions?

Resp: let us say that someone comes and you have never taken a drug before then a person comes with cocaine for you to test and see how it feels, then right there you should make the right decision by saying no

Int: mhhh

Resp: and giving that person the advice that, the thing is not good for his health

Int: ok, and when you say he should be able to control his body?

Resp: you know as young people we are made differently and maybe a person is in the mood or feels like having sex or feels like enjoying then he should be able to take control of your body and do the right thing there and then

Int: ok, what.....you just told me that you live alone; what are the reasons that made you leave home?

Resp: actually I wanted to be alone and right then we were not in good terms with my mother so I decided just to be alone

Int: anything else?

Resp: about the issues of an abusive marriage so I decided to be alone

Int: alright, describe your experiences for leaving home for the first time?

Resp: it was tough because when you are out there all alone and you don't have a parent, you meet people with different views of things, others don't want to help you, others are ready to help but want something in return

Int: something else?

Resp: it was tough because I didn't have money at that time

Int: ok, when you say some people would want to help you but want something in return, what do you mean?

Resp: there are some who want sex, some want to marry you and that is not in your mind?

Int: what did you feel yourself?

Resp: at first it was hard for me I could feel very bad and couldn't take food

Int: how do you feel living alone?

Resp: it is comfortable because there is freedom, you have control over your life, you can make any decisions you want, and you don't have quarrel with people especially when you are living with somebody else

Int: what are some of the challenges you are facing living alone?

Resp: pressure from the outside where by there are some people who want to marry you, others don't want to see you progressing

Int: anything else?

Resp: maybe sometimes your salary is delayed and you have to pay for your house, you want to do your own things

Int: ok, you just told me that you were once married

Resp: yes

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: right now I can't answer that because I am not planning to very soon

Int: why

Resp: I just want a break and take care of my daughter

Int: supposing you were planning to get married, what kind of person would you want to get married to?

Resp: actually I would want a person who is not abusive, a person who is caring and understands and is always there for me when I need him

Int: what else

Resp: a person who is (unintelligible) and knows the purpose of having a family

Int: anything else?

Resp: a person with a sound family for there are some families
whereby the man is very far from the family so you just left
alone hanging

Int: what about his age?

Resp: he must not be more than 30; about 26-28 years

Int: what about his background?

Resp: I don't care about his background because the end result is
the two of us

Int: you just told me you were married, could you describe to me
your first sexual experience

Resp: I didn't know anything and the guy was more mature knew so
much. I was just a naïve girl and didn't know what was going
on but the guy was like using me because he knew what he was
doing. It was not good

Int: what do you mean when you say that it was not good?

Resp: because I feel that guy used me, he was smarter then men and
bigger than me

Int: he was bigger

Resp: not bigger but age

Int: can you tell me more about that?

Resp: well my first experience was bad and hurting and I didn't feel
comfortable about it

Int: anything else?

Resp: nothing

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: I was around 17

Int: can you tell me what led you to have sex with this person?

Resp: he used to sweet talk me, we were in a relationship and both loved each other

Int: alright, did you have sex with this person before you got married?

Resp: yes it was before

Int: before you got married?

Resp: yes

Int: did you use any protection any time in your relationship?

Resp: yes

Int: what was it?

Resp: it was a condom

Int: how did you come to the decision of using a condom?

Resp: both of us feared that I would get pregnant, it was all about pregnancy

Int: what about the time you did not use protection?

Resp: we were using protection

Int: mostly you were using protection?

Resp: yes

Int: so there is no time you had sex without protection?

Resp: no

Int: when did you get your first baby?

Resp: it was around January last year

Int: describe that period during your first pregnancy

Resp: it was tough because I didn't have anybody to depend on, so I had to bear all the things alone, sometimes I could go hungry without any food, I could sleep food

Int: anything else?

Resp: sometimes I could lack money to go to the clinic, I had a lot of financial problems

Int: any other?

Resp: no

Int: did you plan for this pregnancy?

Resp: no

Int: what happened?

Resp: it came by coincidence

Int: can you tell what you mean by coincidence?

Resp: because we were not ready for a child and it just happened

Int: and why were you not ready?

Resp: back then I had not settled, I was not married, I was not ready for a kid

Int: how do you feel about being a parent?

Resp: sometimes it is tough because you have to take care of the baby and she becomes hungry, she cannot sleep like that, so you have to take care of her needs, but it is good

Int: what do you mean when you say it is good?

Resp: you are proud of being a mother; you have a kid of your own

Int: anything else about being good?

Resp: you are respected in the society whereby you have your child and can take care of her

Int: what challenges do you face as a parent?

Resp: most of the challenges are whereby a child gets sick, it take time to get well, financial issues to take care of your baby needs

Int: what else

Resp: you need to save enough money to take care of her future

Int: another one

Resp: as a mother you need to take care of the child and make the right decisions especially when you know that at one point in her life she will become an adolescent so you need to explain

some things to her maybe about relationships, sex and as a parent it can be hard especially to confront a child

Int: ok, how do you feel others of your age, who, are in similar circumstances; that is being parents?

Resp: there are some who care while other don't really take care of their children, they engage in sexual immorality and they get pregnant and yet the other kid is still small, so they end up aborting, they neglect the needs of the child and the child becomes psychologically by the mother and it is not good

Int: any other

Resp: you find someone is jobless and has a baby and the baby needs to eat and it has to go hungry

Int: any other

Resp: you find that the girl was not ready to have a child and does not stop leisure when she gives birth hence neglecting the other baby and causing ill health. She goes clubbing as she leaves the baby alone in the house

Int: do you plan to have other babies?

Resp: for now no, but in future when I get married.

Int: we had elections in 2007, how did the post election violence affect you?

Resp: that is when I was having a small baby, the inflation was high and things were very expensive and the job was not good then because of the violence and there was no money

Int: what else?

Resp: I didn't feel anything else apart from things being expensive

Int: any one of your friends who was displaced?

Resp: no

Int: how did you deal with these uncertainties surrounding the period?

Resp: I had to stay in one place and not move because of insecurity

Int: what else?

Resp: I had to hoard so many things because it was not easy to go out

Int: what did you not particularly like about the post election?

Resp: just the way people were reacting, youth behaving, by stealing and burning structures down, stealing from shops,

Int: any other

Resp: the way politicians were behaving making people fight and they could not make a decision

Int: any other

Resp: I didn't like the way people were removed from their homes,
their houses being burnt, women being raped and people were
being bunt in churches

Int: mhh

Resp: I didn't like the way the votes were being counted because it
was not fair

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: actually I think as for me there was favoritism whereby the
person who was supposed to have won was not the one who was
announced

Int: ok, what did you like about the post election period?

Resp: it showed us that we can never trust our politicians and we
should think before voting people in. before going to the
streets demonstrating, we should think twice for what we are
demonstrating for or what we are fighting for, burning and
destroying other people's property

Int: mmhhh

Resp: it made this country better because now I can say that people
will never repeat the same mistake they did, they will not be
misled by our leaders

Int: is there any other thing?

Resp: I also learnt that genocide can be committed easily and many
people will die when something like that happens

Int: anything you want to add

Resp: we should not repeat the same thing we did

Int: ok, Sarah thank you very much for your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V024

STUDY POINTS

- 200. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 201. WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU FACE AS A MARRIED WOMAN AT YOUR AGE
- 202. WHAT ARE KEY CHALLENGES FACING THE YOUTH

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. She relates adulthood to being able to work, listens. Is serious and doesn't do childish things
- 2. Quarrelling with husband now and then and returning to her parents home
- 3. Lack of food, shelter and unemployment are major challenges facing the youth

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21

Job/Position title/Occupation: n/a

Educational Level: Std 8

Ethnic Level:

Marital Status: married

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Kingstone

Background information

Transcriptor's note: the respondent had a problem understanding Kiswahili very well and during the last part of the interview, the baby was really crying and disturbing the respondent.

Int: in your opinion what differentiates adults from children?

Resp: in my opinion?

Int: what is the different between an adult and a child?

Resp: diseases

Int: in which way?

Resp: when someone is healthy that is someone who is not sick

Int: I mean age

Resp: an adult for example someone older than me and anyone younger than me is a child

Int: what kind of things does an adult do that will make you feel this is an adult and not a child?

Resp: the kind of activities he undertakes, he is not playful like children (baby crying and disturbing) someone who is serious with the way he does things

Int: what else? From your understanding, what does an adult do that a child doesn't; what brings the difference?

Resp: an adult will right things to and cannot do childish things

Int: like what are childish things?

Resp: a child will misbehave in the house and throw things around but an adult will do that, you understand that also

Int: what else?

Resp: like which one again?

Int: I just want to know how you understand who is an adult and who is a child; what do they do differently?

Resp: the way he does his things

Int: like what?

Resp: he is responsible and doesn't have to depend on others. After a day's toil he comes back to the house. You want me to give you a full list?

Int: tell me all you know about an adult

Resp: when you tell an adult something he will listen and act

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: by looking at yourself, can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: I am an adult because I do things on my own; I am responsible of what happens in my house and my speech is adult

Int: what do you mean your speech is adult? Give me an example?

Resp: not talking carelessly, whatever comes out of your mouth has an answer to it

Int: mhh, what else makes you compare with an adult?

Resp: you are.....I don't know how to express it in Kiswahili....you behave maturely before other people, you can know when to joke and when to be serious

Int: do you have anything else to add?

Resp: no

Int: what are you experiencing in your life that makes you feel an adult?

Resp: you live a married life and don't behave as if you are still single, if you are speaking with someone, you are respectful and don't giggle like before you were married

Int: what else?

Resp: giving birth

Int: mhh

Resp: you respect yourself as a mother, and as a married woman, when talking to your spouse; you can discuss meaningful things in life

Int: like which ones?

Resp: we can talk about the future, about our child and the kind of life we would like the child to have and how we can go about it

Int: what kinds of things are happening in your life that makes you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: in the house?

Int: there are some things that you can do and people feel this one is not yet an adult

Resp: if you behave in a childish way then people will not respect you at all

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: like how; of course you like everything

Int: ok name for me those things you like about adulthood

Resp: things that can be bought or life in general?

Int: life in general

Resp: if you are married you accept and like the life you are leading

Int: what else

Resp: being in your own home and having the opportunity to advise others to live a good life like yours in marriage

Int: anything else?

Resp: that is all

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: as a married woman you don't let men joke around with you like standing on the street corners engaging in careless talk, you behave like a mature married woman.

Int: what significant event has happened in your life that you cannot forget about till now?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: my husband

Int: do your parents influence your life in any way?

Resp: my life now?

Int: mhhh

Resp: they would want me live a happy life, advice me on how to take care of my family and not involve myself in disagreements but concentrate on my family

Int: what else?

Resp: listen and respect my husband

Int: anything else?

Resp: they just advise me on my marriage and how to live in harmony

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents; or what kind of issues do they advice you on apart from what you have told me?

Resp: not to leave your house every now and then engaging in gossip with the other women, live in harmony

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: I have answered that before

Int: Is there any other?

Resp: no, look after my family well and respect the husband's family

Int: what kind of problems would make you go for help from your parents?

Resp: problems?

Int: mhh

Resp: just general advice like if I quarrel with my husband I will go and tell my mother, then after her advice I will come back to the house and join my husband

Int: mhh, anything else?

Resp: just giving advice on how to run my family without any problems

Int: what kind of issues would make you not seek help from your parents?

Resp: if you are living happily with your husband, you would not go to them instead they will come to visit you

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what I am trying to find out is that there are times you get a problem or have an issue but you find it difficult to go and ask your parents

Resp: I will still go to the parent and get advice

Int: are there things that would make you not go to them for help?

Resp: if there is someone else in between like my sister in law, then I can share my problem with her before I reach my parents. If there are things I cannot share with my husband I can ask help from her

Int: what kind of issues would make you look for assistance from somewhere else and not your parents?

Resp: I will go to the nearest person like my neighbor if my parents are far from me like upcountry and the matter needs urgent attention. For example if you want to run away from your husband you will tell that one, the neighbor first, before you go away and then she can advice you not to go but stay and persevere

Int: you told me that you are married now?

Resp: yes

Int: before you were married were you being punished with your parents?

Resp: yes

Int: how were they punishing you when you do wrong?

Resp: they would give me advice and tell me to listen and apply what they have told me in my life, so that I don't get into problems and regret later

Int: there is no other method she used to punish you?

Resp: no, it was only advice

Int: besides your parents, who else has influence over your life like your brothers, sisters, etc. on issues like behavior?

Resp: if I went wrong for example like walking around aimlessly and I happen to meet my brother, he would hit me before giving me advice or reporting me to my parents

Int: who else apart from your brother?

Resp: my brother can also protect us from hands of wrong people but our mother cannot

Int: tell me about one big problem either your sibling or friend was involved in

Resp: I haven't heard of any

Int: how about you personally do you think you may find yourself in a big problem?

Resp: in this world anything is possible and you cannot rule it out happening in your life. You wake up one morning and something happens when you are least expecting (a lot of interference from the family/neighbours distracting the respondent)

Int: tell me of the challenges or problems that young people come across in this community

Resp: our boys are ok

Int: I am not talking of individuals but generally about the young people in this community

Resp: they have a lot of problems when it comes to accommodation, they as for where to sleep when night falls, lack of food and clothing, they go begging from place to place and we are forced to contribute something and give them

Int: what strategies are youths using to cope up with these challenges in this community?

Resp: unemployment is one of the major ones again

Int: how do they cope with that?

Resp: they work hard

Int: in what way?

Resp: they try to find something to do and work hard at it

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: anywhere

Int: like where?

Resp: I can live anywhere, in an estate, in the slum

Int: and so where would you like to live?

Resp: in an estate

Int: what do you mean that an estate?

Resp: (too much interference from the people within that house) you
can stay anywhere that is good

Int: like where?

Resp: a place like Imara Daima

Int: why would you like to live in that estate?

Resp: it is good because you live your own life

Int: what do you mean you live your own life?

Resp: when you come in or go out, no one bothers about what you are
doing

Int: any other reason

Resp: only that (respondent complaining of time and that she wants
to go and cook. STOP)

Int: (continuation) what are chances of living in such a place

Resp: you can live where you want

Int: I am asking if there are possibilities of you living in such
an estate.

Resp: yes

Int: why

Resp: I can go there any time God willing

Int: what is the most important thing you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: something important?

Int: yes (baby crying in the background)

Resp: if I can work in my own office or own a business and employ other people there

Int: what efforts are you making to attain this goal?

Resp: my hard work

Int: what are you doing at the moment towards that goal?

Resp: I am in a housewife looking after this doll (baby)

Int: what efforts are you doing so that you can own your own business?

Resp: right now I cannot do much until this baby is big because I cannot leave it alone in the house

Int: ok, what would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: I can fail because of maybe what I was hoping to do doesn't work out

Int: like what?

Resp: maybe I was expecting finance from somewhere, then I will not be able to make it so I will continue staying at home until I get finance or I personally go out and look for it

Int: you said you would like to own a business, what level of education do you need to be able to run a business?

Resp: go for an interview....

Int: what level of education will that person attain so that he can run a business?

Resp: I left in Std 8

Int: what I am asking is, for one to be able to start their own business and run it, what level of education would they need?

Resp: form four level and above (baby disturbing)

Int: do think you will reach this level of education?

Resp: maybe, maybe not. It is not easy to determine what tomorrow has in store for you

Int: are you in school now?

Resp: no

Int: do you have a career

Resp: what career?

Int: maybe there is something you would like to do in future?

Resp: I would like to be a doctor

Int: why would you want to be a doctor?

Resp: so that I can help others by treating them of their diseases

Int: is there anyone important you have talked about this career
you have in mind?

Resp: to look for me or what?

Int: no, just to share and maybe seek advice

Resp: I have not talked to anyone about it (baby still disturbing
the respondent)

Int: are you working now?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no

Int: are you involved in any income generating activity right now?

Resp: no

Int: in this community, what does success mean?

Resp: someone who has succeeded in something

Int: like what?

Resp: maybe he was looking for a job and has now gotten it, that is
success

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: what or how can one show that someone has succeeded in the
community?

Resp: they can hold a big party and invite everyone to come and celebrate

Int: tell me about a person who has succeeded in this community.

Resp: one who has succeeded?

Int: in life

Resp: my uncle

Int: tell me about him

Resp: before he used to live a very hard life, but now he is living leisurely

Int: in what way?

Resp: the kind of life he was living before was very hard for him and I remember he really hated himself so much but when he succeeded, he is enjoying life because right now he is self employed

Int: what distinguishes a successful youth in the community?

Resp: he looks for a job and helps his parents (baby really disturbing the respondent)

Int: what else?

Resp: helps his parents and himself

Int: how can you differentiate a well behaved youth from one who is not?

Resp: if he is not walking in good company, he will be bad and if he is in good company he will be good

Int: so what differentiates them?

Resp: his behavior and he listens when you advice him against doing wrong things

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: what can a youth do to succeed in life?

Resp: his efforts

Int: in what way?

Resp: he goes out to look for employment and takes care of his own needs

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: where are your parents currently?

Resp: they are upcountry

Int: why did you leave home?

Resp: the parents are upcountry and I am in Nairobi (unintelligible)

Int: what do you mean when you say that?

Resp: so that I don't roam about, I am now living in own house with my baby

Int: tell me about the experiences you went through when you were leaving for Nairobi and your feelings about it

Resp: I didn't leave home it was my husband

Int: when you left home....

Resp: there was a celebration to that effect and then we came here

Int: what were your feelings at that time?

Resp: good because I was now going to start a new life from what I was used to before

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: 18 years

Int: when were you married?

Resp: in 2001

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: I was 18 years

Int: what was the reason for getting married?

Resp: at first I didn't want to get married but later on I got a man who was interested in me so we got married

Int: so what made you change your mind?

Resp: advice from the women in the community

Int: how did you choose your husband?

Resp: how?

Int: there were many men

Resp: no,

Int: I am just giving an example

Resp: ohhh

Int: how did you choose this particular one from the others?

Resp: he came to my home

Int: what are your feelings about marriage?

Resp: good

Int: do you feel an adult because you are married?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: life is different from before

Int: how?

Resp: I am a mother and a wife

Int: at your age, what challenges are you facing in marriage right now?

Resp: quarrelling with the husband, leaving marriage and going back to your parents

Int: what else apart from quarreling with your husband

Resp: you feel nice at times being in the house with your husband

Int: what else (baby crying more)..... you said you were married in
 2001 at 18 years?

Resp: yes

Int: before then, had you ever been involved in active sex?

Resp: no

Int: what were your feelings when you first had sex?

Resp: (laughing) I was afraid

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: how old was your husband at that time?

Resp: 22 years

Int: did you use protection at that time?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: we were already married and living together

Int: when did you get your first child?

Resp: January 2009

Int: tell me about your first pregnancy

Resp: I had two miscarriages

Int: and then?

Resp: later on I got this baby

Int: what did you feel when you got this baby?

Resp: good

Int: had you planned for it?

Resp: yes

Int: how do you feel being a parent?

Resp: good, because I was very lonely without a baby

Int: what do you feel?

Resp: proud to be a mother

Int: what are the challenges you are facing as a parent?

Resp: (baby really uncomfortable and crying)at least now I am called
so and so's mother

Int: so what are the challenges of being a mother?

Resp: at least I now be respected as a woman because I am a mother

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: what are your concerns about your age mates who are about to
be parents like you?

Resp: I don't understand

Int: what do you feel for them?

Resp: they are ok

Int: maybe about worries?

Resp: I wouldn't know

Int: you as a person what are your concerns about them?

Resp: when they have unwanted pregnancies?

Int: not necessarily, even those in marriage?

Resp: if they fail, or something happens to them I will definitely feel bad

Int: something like what?

Resp: getting pregnant outside marriage and the parents are not ready to understand her, the person responsible of the pregnancy refuses to take her and denies the pregnancies, and generally when things are not going well for them

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: in 2007 we have elections?

Resp: yes

Int: and there was the violence, how were you affected?

Resp: I wasn't affected

Int: generally, how were you affected?

Resp: I was living in scare because I didn't know what will happen next. It was a lonely time for me

Int: were any of your friends or family members affected?

Resp: no

Int: were you affected in anyway for example your source of income, was it cut off or it continued as usual?

Resp: I was not affected

Int: how were you able to cope with the uncertainties of the post election violence?

Resp: I was only happy when it was through

Int: what were you doing when you felt lonely or you were afraid?

Resp: just stay indoors and was afraid that if I decide to go upcountry I may not make it because of the insecurity on the roads

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: I wasn't happy the way people were being mistreated and killed without any good cause

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about it

Int: why was there nothing good about it?

Resp: I didn't see anything worthy being happy about

Int: ok, thank you so much for your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V025

STUDY POINTS

- 203. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 204. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 205. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SUCCESSFUL

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. The respondent relates adulthood to being able to work and be self
 reliant
- 2. She says unemployment, theft and idleness are the major challenges
 facing the youth
- 3. Have money, living well, educating your child up to university and
 for the child to get a job is being successful

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 23

Job/Position title/Occupation:

Educational Level: Form three

Ethnic Level: Kisii

Marital Status: married

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Kingstone

Background information

Int: I would like you to tell me in your opinion what differentiates an adult and children

Resp: it depends on what one is doing

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: an adult is independent and a child is still under the parents care

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: is there anything you want to add on that?

Resp: it is only adults who do more work

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: what about marriage; can that differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: in marriage?

Int: mhh

Resp: it is good because when you get children you already plan for them the two of you

Int: mhh, when you look at yourself, do you consider yourself as an adult?

Resp: yes because I have a family I am looking after

Int: what experiences are you going through in your life that makes
 you feel you are an adult now?

Resp: as an adult I need to fend for my family

Int: what else? Are there experiences you are going through that
 make you feel you are still young?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: I like being an adult because I am now a parent, they call me
 a mother of so and so, and I am self reliant

Int: and what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: what don't you like about being an adult?

Resp: there is none

Int: what the most significant event that has happened in your life
 and you still remember it till today?

Resp: I can't remember any

Int: is there anything that has happened or a problem you have gone
 through that you cannot forget about?

Resp: there are many

Int: I need only one example

Resp: bad or good?

Int: either

Resp: death of a parent can destroy someone's life

Int: when did that happen?

Resp: in 1997

Int: who do you live with now?

Resp: my husband

Int: in what way do your parents influence your life?

Resp: they always want to know how I am living with my husband

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents and on what issues?

Resp: your questions are very difficult to answer

Int: what do your parents advise you on?

Resp: on marriage and finding our how we live as husband and wife,
the problems we are experiencing

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what do your parents advise you on religion?

Resp: long silence

Int: please let us answer so that we can finish quickly

Resp: you will be advised on the importance of religion in your life
and how you should be God fearing person

Int: what kind of problems or issues would make you seek assistance
from your parents?

Resp: if I am going through difficulties in my marriage I can
approach them

Int: what kind of difficulties?

Resp: if I have any pressing issue I go to the for advice and way
forward

Int: what kind of pressing issue?

Resp: family issues

Int: what would stop you from approaching them to seek for
assistance?

Resp: none

Int: what personal problems would you approach them for help?

Resp: none

Int: what problems or issues would you approach anyone else except
your parents for help?

Resp: there is none

Int: you are married?

Resp: yes

Int: before you were married how were your parents punishing you?

Resp: just like all children

Int: like which one?

Resp: any discipline you would give any child, if it is a beating, you get one and the mistake is for warning you also get a warning never to repeat the mistake again

Int: what kind mistakes were you being punished for?

Resp: there are many things for example you are told to do some work in the house and then you end up going to play instead of doing it. When your parent comes, you will get a beating for not doing it

Int: apart from your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: my elder sister, first born in the family

Int: how?

Resp: she used to buy for me things I needed at school

Int: is there anyone else who had influence in your life?

Resp: only those two

Int: tell me of a big problem your brother has been involved in

Resp: like which one?

Int: any

Resp: none at all

Int: do you see yourself in a big problem in future?

Resp: is that really possible to know? No one knows about the future and anything can happen

Int: tell of the challenges that young people in this community face

Resp: some are jobless and hence involve in criminal activities like thefts

Int: yes, what else?

Resp: most young people just roam in the community

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: what steps do the youths take to cope up with these challenges?

Resp: they can be advised to start businesses to avoid getting into groups that engage in criminal activities

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: what do you mean?

Int: if you were to leave elsewhere, where would that be?

Resp: upcountry

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: I would like to live in my home area

Int: is there anywhere else you would like to live apart from your home?

Resp: I would like to live somewhere good so long as it is not the slum

Int: why would you want to live in a nice place?

Resp: everyone would like to live in a good place

Int: what are the chances of you living in a nice place?

Resp: God willing I will live in a nice place

Int: which place do you have in mind?

Resp: in Nairobi?

Int: not necessarily, it could be anywhere in the country

Resp: anywhere so long as it is a nice place.

Int: so long as it is nice, you don't mind?

Resp: no

Int: what is the most important achievement you would like to attain in life?

Resp: I would like to live a good life with my own business, be self independent, not looking for employment in companies and working for people

Int: why would you like to live a good life and be self
 independent?

Resp: you do things at your own pace, in your own time and without
 being forced to do something

Int: what efforts are you making to reach this goal?

Resp: I have started with small business and hopefully God will
 bless it and let it thrive

Int: what can stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: lack of finance

Int: anything else?

Resp: yaa especially when you are living in someone else home, if he
 says you move out, that will hinder progress at the rate you
 want.

Int: what level of education do you need to be able to achieve this
 goal?

Resp: if I was able, I would continue with my education up to
 university level like the rest of the people

Int: that is good but for this particular achievement, what level
 of education do you need to succeed?

Resp: going to school again

Int: not necessary you going back to school but someone who wants to run a business need to reach which level of education to be successful?

Resp: even university graduates do business that is why I am telling you that had I been able I would have continued with education and still do business

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: what type of work?

Resp: I was working in a company which manufactured synthetic hair

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 22 years

Int: why did you decide to do that job?

Resp: I didn't want to be idle at home (cock crowing, baby crying) so I looked for a job to keep me busy before I started doing what I doing right now

Int: are you involved in any income generating activity?

Resp: yes, selling these vegetables and other small groceries

Int: how much do you get in a month?

Resp: about Sh700

Int: what do you use the money for?

Resp: buying food daily

Int: what else?

Resp: buying clothes for myself

Int: what else?

Resp: it has not thrived enough to enable me to assist others

Int: ok, in this community, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: in life

Int: yes

Resp: if for example you have a business and it grows bigger you can say that is a successful person

Int: what else?

Resp: If you have educated your children up to for example university level after which they get employment, that is success

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: tell me of someone who has succeeded in this community, someone you know.

Resp: silence

Int: those who started small and they are now doing well

Resp: yes

Int: do you know of anyone who has done that?

Resp: there are there

Int: tell me a little about them, how they live and so on

Resp: you find that someone just started small and after a while the business grows and he is able to buy a vehicle, the children are in boarding schools

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what distinguishes a successful youth from the others?

Resp: how he lives, he does not involve himself in bad company and is determined in whatever he does

Int: what distinguishes a youth with good behavior from the rest?

Resp: you will not find him in groups like those who eat miraa, smoke bhang or mug people on the streets.

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: what can a young person do in life to be successful?

Resp: if he has no job, he can do a business

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: upcountry

Int: why did you leave home for this place?

Resp: I was coming to look for a job

Int: any other reason?

Resp: my husband was also living here so I wanted to live with him

Int: when did you start living with your husband?

Resp: in 2004

Int: tell me about your concerns when you first left home to come this way?

Resp: I don't understand

Int: what experiences have you gone through since you left home?

Resp: I was learning at home and reached form three and since I didn't have any chance of continuing school, I decided to get married

Int: what were your feelings?

Resp: silence

Int: what were your feelings on your moving out, were you concerned, worried, excited, and angry?

Resp: silence, I had made up my mind to get married

Int: ok, what were you thinking at that time when you left home to go and get married?

Resp: I was feeling sad because I could not continue with my education and be like my friends

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: you said you were married in 2004?

Resp: yes

Int: how did you choose your spouse?

Resp: he loved me

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: how do you feel being in marriage?

Resp: there is nothing difficult

Int: so how do you feel about it?

Resp: I am ok

Int: at your age, what challenges do you meet in marriage?

Resp: I feel I got married too early

Int: what else?

Resp: that is the only thing that bothers me

Int: tell me about the first time you had sex

Resp: mmh?

Int: your first sexual experience

Resp: It was during my marriage

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 19 years

Int: before marriage you had never been engaged in sex?

Resp: no,

Int: how old; was you spouse at that time when you had your first sex experience?

Resp: he was 22

Int: did you use any protection the first time?

Resp: no, we only went for the HIV Test

Int: before or after marriage?

Resp: before

Int: why didn't you use protection?

Resp: I was not afraid because both of us had been tested for the HIV virus

Int: when did get your first baby?

Resp: in 2009

Int: month?

Resp: January

Int: tell me about your first pregnancy

Resp: how?

Int: general information on how you felt, how did it affect you?

Resp: it was a good pregnancy and I didn't experience any problem
(loud banging in the background)

Int: how does it feel like being a parent?

Resp: good

Int: what do you mean when you say you are ok?

Resp: I feel good being a parent

Int: do you feel you are now an adult because you are a parent?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: to be a parent means you are an adult

Int: what are the challenges of parenthood?

Resp: as a parent you have to struggle

Int: struggle to do what

Resp: looking for money, food and clothing for the family

Int: tell me your concerns about people who are about to be parents
like?

Resp: if they have a problem

Int: anything

Resp: those unmarried ones?

Int: that can also apply

Resp: I can't answer that

Int: there were elections towards the end of 2007 and afterward
there was violence, were you affected in any way?

Resp: many of our people lost their property and were chased away
from their homes

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: when you say our people what do you mean

Resp: there are some people who had bought farms upcountry

Int: when you say our people do you mean your relatives?

Resp: relatives, neighbors

Int: is there any other way you were affected by the violence?

Resp: no

Int: what about your source of income?

Resp: our businesses were affected because most things were stolen
and business went down completely

Int: how were you able to cope with the uncertainties of the
violence at that time?

Resp: I don't know what to say

Int: is there anything you liked about the violence?

Resp: no

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about people being killed, property being destroyed and homes being burnt down

Int: is there anything else to add?

Resp: no

Int: Jackline, thank you for your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSE4V026

STUDY POINTS

206. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

207. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

208. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT OTHERS YOUR AGE BEING PARENTS?

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent equates adulthood to maturity and being responsible
2. She says lack of respect and not believing that they can succeed in life is the major problem facing the youth

3. Many young girls who get pregnant are not able to take care of their children and are not ready to get married hence keep on leaving their partners and going back to their parents.

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21

Job/Position title/Occupation:

Educational Level: Form four

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: married

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

Int: In your opinion what is the difference between adults and young persons?

Resp: behavior

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: you know children like playing all the time but adults have their own respect; youths like leisure

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all I can say

Int: when you say an adult, how can you relate it to age?

Resp: years?

Int: yes, what is the age of an adult?

Resp: anyone with 25 years and above is an adult

Int: why 25?

Resp: if you are 25 years you are a responsible man or woman

Int: what else?

Resp: that is when majority get married at that age, they are mature enough

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: tell me how a child grows into an adult

Resp: they grow in stages

Int: what are those stages?

Resp: they are born, breastfed, crawl, walk and then go to school. From there he is in school and then proceeds to secondary school and this child is still under the responsibility of the parents so as to be taught good behavior

Int: then?

Resp: he continues up to the stage where the parents are not able to educate him further. He can either proceed to university or go to college. The environment in which the child grows also matters, you find that in the slum, many children hardly reach secondary school because of lack of school fees, rate of poverty is high and most parents are not in employment

Int: you were telling the stages which he goes through up to college

Resp: from there he can get employment and start being self independent, and stay in his own rented or owner occupied house

Int: right now, can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: I am an adult because I am married, I have a child and I am living married life

Int: what else?

Resp: in marriage?

Int: yes

Resp: you have to faithful and trustworthy; in short, to be fully responsible for your marriage

Int: right now what are you experiencing that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: bringing up my family and other household work

Int: ok, are there experiences that make you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: ok, behavior; the way many people drink illicit beer, abuses and yet they are adults

Int: what else?

Resp: behavior

Int: in what way?

Resp: most of them are not trustworthy

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: love, trust, oneness and being happy with each other

Int: what else do you like about adult?

Resp: on that

Int: what don't you like about adults?

Resp: lies, gossip and quarreling

Int: tell me more about that

Resp: lies; of if your partner is not faithful, gossip from their relatives and that ends up in quarrels

Int: what about love and trust?

Resp: that is between me and my partner

Int: tell me of any significant event in your life

Resp: that happened

Int: in your life

Resp: the demise of my mother in law

Int: what happened?

Resp: she was ill

Int: when was that?

Resp: on 10th April

Int: why is that a significant event in your life?

Resp: she was a very important person in my life

Int: why?

Resp: she was always there for me

Int: ok, for now, who do you live with?

Resp: my husband and child

Int: are your parents influencing your life in any way?

Resp: yes, they support me

Int: how?

Resp: when I want to do something, they support me, and the care.
They love me very much

Int: what else?

Resp: they advise me on how to live as a married woman

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: they advise me to not to live leisurely life and I should put
into consideration my future life with my family

Int: what else?

Resp: how I can bring up my baby and improve on my present status in
life

Int: what do you mean improve on present status?

Resp: I had planned to start a business selling tomatoes and I must
be ready to do it so that I can improve on my life and for the
sake of the future

Int: what else do they advise you on?

Resp: how to live with neighbors

Int: how?

Resp: it will depend on the kind of neighbors I have, how to avoid
involving myself in their gossip, how I can take care of my
marriage and if by any bad luck I get into some difficulty,
how to solve it

Int: mhh, what kind of advice do you get from your parents on issues like education, religion and related issues?

Resp: they used to stress specifically on education and I also didn't let them in that. I tried the best I could and there was no single time I lacked anything related to education

Int: what about religion and romantic relationship

Resp: they stressed so much on religion for us children but they never attended church themselves

Int: what about romantic relationships?

Resp: how to keep the trust between each other as a married couple and always advice each other

Int: what would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: sickness

Int: tell me more about it?

Resp: at times the baby can be ill and I don't know how to go about it. When I come to her, she is able to identify where the problem is and we attend to the problem if we can or seek professional medical advice

Int: mhh, what issues or problems would you not approach your parents for assistance?

Resp: a quarrel between me and my husband

Int: why?

Resp: that is my personal problem and I will find a way to solve it myself

Int: what personal problems would you seek your parent's help?

Resp: if my husband is not responsible to me and maybe I am sick or have a financial problem, then I can seek for their help

Int: ok, what else?

Resp: that only

Int: what kind of things or issues would make you seek help from any other person apart from your parents?

Resp: I don't think there is any

Int: how do your parents punish you when make a mistake?

Resp: they will quarrel me or beat me up at time though rare

Int: what kind of mistakes would they beat you for?

Resp: if I keep quarrelling with my brother instead of respecting ourselves, they can beat me

Int: apart from your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: my partner

Int: how?

Resp: silence

Int: how does he influence your life; in what areas?

Resp: our living together as husband and wife

Int: what else?

Resp: if I make a mistake in the house, he corrects me

Int: apart from your partner, who else?

Resp: my sister

Int: how does she influence your life?

Resp: she usually helps me when I have a problem between me and my spouse

Int: do you have any friends who have influence your life?

Resp: I don't share my personal issues with friends

Int: can you tell me of a problem your sibling or friend has been involved in?

Resp: my brother was involved in some brawl but he was able to sort that out

Int: what kind of problem was it?

Resp: they were two men fighting and we could not understand why they fought

Int: and do you see yourself in such situation?

Resp: fighting

Int: yes

Resp: no

Int: tell me some of the challenges youths face in this community

Resp: lack of respect, they don't believe in themselves

Int: why don't they believe in themselves?

Resp: they don't believe they can make it in life. They believe their life is in the slum and they cannot go beyond that. We have insecurity issues also whereby day and night you will hear of screams and when you sort to find out what is happening you find that they are youths fighting or they have mugged someone and stolen from. They also engage in free sex and most of them are also jobless that is why there are so many small crimes and insecurity in the slum

Int: what kind of strategies have youths in this place put forward to counter some of these challenges?

Resp: the youths have formed groups and meet on Sundays after which they go collecting garbage and cleaning drainages around the community, and this has improved the situation because many youths have reduced those bad behaviors like engaging in free sex, drinking and they also have classes to teach each other. That project has really helped the youths very much

Int: is there any other strategy they have put in place to cope with these challenges?

Resp: they have also formed sporting clubs

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: I would like to up country, I love it there

Int: where is upcountry?

Resp: Kisumu, at my husband's place

Int: why?

Resp: there is progress in all aspects of life and are not badly off as a family. Their businesses are flourishing and it is a place you would admire to be and be busy

Int: what is the most important achievement you would like to have?

Resp: to own a business, live in my own home I have built

Int: why?

Resp: in my own home because I would like to be in control of my work. I will do the work at my own pace.

Int: is there any other reason?

Resp: it is good to change environment

Int: what efforts are you making to achieve this goal?

Resp: I am involved in the project I have mentioned earlier on

Int: how will that help you achieve your goal?

Resp: it will assist me because the chief had promised us that we would be brought cleaning equipment and out the whole group they will choose 20 people and I hope I will be one of them

Int: how will that help you because you said you would like to have your own business as an achievement?

Resp: it will help me because, girls have started training for a course in hair dressing and if you perform well in school, you are sponsored and assisted to open a business. If I open my own saloon, I am sure I can be able to achieve my goal

Int: you said a hairdressing school?

Resp: yes

Int: and when you perform well in college, they open a business for you?

Resp: yes

Int: who are the sponsors?

Resp: the chief

Int: what would make you not succeed in achieving this goal in life?

Resp: if I am not hardworking, lazy and not participate with others that can hinder me from progressing

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve your goal?

Resp: if I am taken for a course

Int: do you think you will achieve this goal?

Resp: of course,

Int: why?

Resp: there are some people when they go there they have no idea what is happening but I know what I want to achieve in life so I will work hard towards it

Int: what is your career choice?

Resp: hairdressing

Int: why hairdressing?

Resp: I will meet different people and I can gain some knowledge from them. Some of them may come as clients and out of them one or two maybe interested in my work

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no

Int: currently are you involved in any income generating activity?

Resp: currently?

Int: mhhh

Resp: I have a small business selling French fries

Int: why are you involved in this business of selling French fries?

Resp: I don't want to sit at home idle

Int: In duration of a month, how much do you earn?

Resp: Shs.1,500

Int: what do you use the money for?

Resp: to buy food, meet my child's needs and to improve my business

Int: what does success mean in the community and how important is it?

Resp: it is very important because those who have succeeded, they move out. As I said earlier on when you improve you also change the of environment so that you can also help those you will meet

Int: tell me more about success; before some one decides to move out, what will he have gotten?

Resp: a lot of challenges of life

Int: like?

Resp: you will be jobless for a short while....life in a slum

Int: you said when you have succeeded, most people move out and I would like to know what happens before you move out?

Resp: before success, as I said, you get so many challenges, like you get a job and loose it again; you get money and misuse it because nothing comes easy

Int: after that?

Resp: as you continue struggling, and once you meet your goal you move out to a different environment and that is success in life

Int: what do you mean when you say success in life?

Resp: it means you have a job and doing well, your salary is average. If the salary is low, there is no way you can move out for example you cannot earn Sh3000 and pay rent or Sh2500 to Sh3000, that will not be making any progress at all.

Int: describe for me a successful person in this community?

Resp: my aunt

Int: mhh, what about her?

Resp: she came here long time ago and she was living in a mud small house. When people were being given pieces of land, she got one and together with her son, they constructed a stone house. They were three pieces of land and on each piece she had 12 rooms worth Sh800 month in rent. Through activity she moved out and now is living elsewhere; that is in Muthaiga

Int: what kind of life does is she living?

Resp: a very leisurely and happy life

Int: apart from those rental houses did she have any other source of income?

Resp: no

Int: are there other rental houses elsewhere?

Resp: I don't know about that

Int: how can you identify a successful young person in the community?

Resp: in this community, his behavior, he will not be involved in bad company; he is educated and has responsible parents who are also financially stable.

Int: how can you distinguish a well behaved young person and that one who is not?

Resp: his background will tell you a lot about him

Int: how?

Resp: there are some who was born and breed in this community, but when you look back, the parent's behavior is disappointing and that means his behavior will be the same. He will not be responsible because he has copied that behavior from his parents

Int: mhhh

Resp: and that one from a stable family, parents from that kind of family will not agree to let their children get involved bad company and behavior. Parents have a lot to answer for the behavior of their children

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: what can a young person do to be successful in life?

Resp: to be involved n projects

Int: and particular type?

Resp: for example there was the census, many youths came out, during the cholera outbreak many youths were helping the patients and taking them to hospital

Int: where do your parents live?

Resp: around here

Int: why did you move out of the home?

Resp: I got pregnant and I couldn't live here with that pregnancy

Int: ok, tell me your experiences of living home

Resp: I was not happy at all but then I also didn't want to lay a burden on my parents of looking after me and the kid

Int: what else?

Resp: I was stressed for a long time but I am now used to it

Int: anything else?

Resp: none

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: 19 years old

Int: how do you feel now?

Resp: ok

Int: what is the importance of marriage in this community and your family?

Resp: in our community where I come from, a girl must be married.
Getting married also helps because it means you have to be independent. The marriage should not be a forced one and if you are not ready for it, you can also try to be on your own but not stay with your parents

Int: when did you get married?

Resp: last year

Int: how did you choose your spouse?

Resp: we loved each other and he was the one responsible for that pregnancy

Int: is there any other reason?

Resp: no

Int: how do you feel in marriage?

Resp: I have no problem at all

Int: do you feel an adult now?

Resp: yes, because I now live on my own with my family

Int: what are the challenges you have been facing at your age?

Resp: misunderstanding between me with my partner

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: tell me your experience in the first relationship

Resp: that was adolescence taking place

Int: tell me your experience during your first sex?

Resp: it was painful and that is how I got pregnant

Int: ok, how old were you?

Resp: 19 years

Int: and your partner?

Resp: 22 years

Int: how is the relationship now?

Resp: good, there are no problems

Int: when did you get your first baby?

Resp: 16th March, this year

Int: tell me your experience of your first pregnancy

Resp: my body was aching all over, I was restless and it was a very stressful period in my life. I was not happy with it like most people are with their pregnancies

Int: had you planned for this pregnancy?

Resp: no

Int: tell me why you got the baby at that time?

Resp: I was forced to because most of my friends were advising me to abort the baby but I was scared and didn't give in to their pressure. I thought if I did it I could either die or loose

the uterus and never have babies in my life, which would be the most miserable thing for me

Int: how does it feel to be a parent?

Resp: I am happy especially when I see my child

Int: why?

Resp: the experiences I went through during pregnancy and when I look at the child now, I feel good at the decision I made not to abort the child

Int: do you feel an adult?

Resp: yeaa, a younger parent?

Int: what are the challenges of being a parent?

Resp: they are many things like the baby being sick and you don't know.

Int: what else

Resp: he may cry for something and I don't understand because this is my first time to be a parent. I am still learning on how to bring up a baby

Int: what are your concerns about people of your age who are about to be parents?

Resp: most of them have left the responsibility of brining up their children to their parents. Some have not made up their minds as to whether they want to get married or not or bring up

their children. People stay for two weeks and separate ways which is not good for the baby because the baby may not know which way to follow. Three quarters of the time the baby is being looked after by the girl's mother while she herself is roaming about. Some dump the baby there with the mother who may be old and not informed and after a while they come back pregnant with second baby

Int: during the 2007 we had elections

Resp: yes

Int: how did the violence affect you?

Resp: there was insecurity and I was worried about my parents

Int: what else?

Resp: people were just fighting their neighbours for no apparent reason

Int: ok, how did it affect the economy?

Resp: I was really affected because we could not go out to buy things and they were quite expensive the few things that were available, there was no water and generally let me just say there were problems all over including hunger

Int: how were you able to cope with the uncertainties of the violence at that time?

Resp: perseverance and prayer

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: the way people were burnt in a church, it was not nice

Int: what else?

Resp: the Mount Elgon saga, I was not happy the way people were
being tortured even if they were guilty but that is not the
right way

Int: is there any other?

Resp: none

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: the way things cooled down immediately even though most people
were left with heartache

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: thank you so much

Resp: that is all?

end

TRANSITIONS STUDY

STUDY POINTS

209. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
210. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
211. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SUCCESSFUL

SALIENT POINTS

1. She equates adulthood to being able to do household chores and being reasonable
2. She says that many school dropouts get married because they don't have jobs and lack of school fees
3. She says having a good life, being able to get anything e.g. radio, building at home and rear animals is success

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21

Job/Position title/Occupation: tailor

Educational Level:

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: married

Number of children: none

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Kingstone

Background information

Int: please tell me in your own opinion, what differentiates adults from those who are not or children

Resp: that differentiates?

Int: yes

Resp: adults

Int: what brings out the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: an adult is intelligent

Int: what do you mean he is intelligent?

Resp: he is intelligent because he does not do wrongs

Int: like which wrongs

Resp: an adult can work and go to fetch water whereas a child will not

Int: what else

Resp: a child will go out to play but you don't expect that from adults

Int: give me another difference

Resp: an adult can prepare meals but a child will wait to have the adult prepare for it

Int: mhh, what else?

Resp: an adult can go to school

Int: what else differentiates an adult from a child; what can you
 tell me about circumcision

Resp: I don't understand

Int: does circumcision also bring out the difference between adult
 and those who are not

Resp: even young children are circumcised

Int: and physical maturity?

Resp: for example, I am married that means both my husband and I are
 mature

Int: why do you say you are mature?

Resp: both of us are intelligent people

Int: what else shows you are mature?

Resp: I am married

Int: mhh

Resp: I cannot continue doing childish things and I am an adult

Int: from the information you have given me, please give me the
 stages from childhood to adulthood

Resp: a child grows up

Int: how?

Resp: he goes to school and after completion of secondary education,
 he is an adult

Int: when he is through with secondary education he is an adult?

Resp: when he completes his education

Resp: what do you mean when he completes his education?

Resp: for example I am an adult, and I cannot become a child again,
I have also completed my education and now married

Int: if you look at yourself today, how can you compare yourself
with an adult?

Resp: mhh

Int: you told me that an adult cannot do things like playing with
other children

Resp: I am no longer a child

Int: so what are you?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: what makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I cannot do childish things

Int: what else? Is there anything else?

Resp: none

Int: what are you experiencing currently that makes you feel you
are an adult?

Resp: I can decide to have a baby

Int: what else?

Resp: I would want to make my own home

Int: anything else?

Resp: that is all

Int: are there experiences you are going through that makes you feel you are not adult?

Resp: I don't understand that

Int: there are things happening in your life or you are doing, that an adult would not do

Resp: no

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: being a parent

Int: what else do you like about adulthood?

Resp: having children of my own

Int: what else?

Resp: on those

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: there isn't

Int: what is the most significant event in your life?

Resp: there isn't

Int: is there anything that has happened in your life that you will never forget?

Resp: there are so many things that have happened

Int: just mention one that you will never forget

Resp: my dressmaking training, I trained and now I am working from here, and that, I cannot forget

Int: what else happened in your life that you cannot forget? You said there are many and apart from dressmaking, what are the others?

Resp: long silence, none

Int: why is this training very important in your life?

Resp: because I know how to stitch clothes

Int: any other reason?

Resp: no

Int: who do you live with now?

Resp: I live with my husband

Int: how do your parents influence your life?

Resp: they don't

Int: do you talk to your parents often?

Resp: yes

Int: what do they advice you?

Resp: yes

Int: do you ask them before doing something or you do it by yourself?

Resp: yes

Int: what do you usually talk?

Resp: like what?

Int: you mentioned that you talk to your parents often and when you have a problem you seek their advice

Resp: my parents or parents in law

Int: your parents

Resp: there is nothing to talk to them about

Int: when you said parents, did you mean your parents in law?

Resp: yes

Int: so your parents don't influence your life at all?

Resp: no

Int: on what issues do you get advice on from your parents? Right now you are living with your husband but before you were married, you were living with your parents. You also mentioned that you talk to your parents; what do they advice you on?

Resp: silence

Int: they don't advice you anything?

Resp: they do

Int: give me an example of what they advice you on

Resp: how we can keep our marriage strong, and if I was to live upcountry, how I would stay there

Int: what do they tell you?

Resp: they advice me on how to live in the village

Int: how do you stay in the village?

Resp: that when you live in the village, you are better off than being in Nairobi

Int: tell me more about that; what do you, mean, when you say that when someone lives in upcountry is much better off than one living in this community?

Resp: when you are upcountry you can own sheep, goats, cows and even poultry

Int: What kinds of advice do your parents on romantic relationships, education, and behavior?

Resp: they used to tell me to work hard at school

Int: what else

Resp: to be well behaved everywhere I go

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: long silence

Int: what do you mean when you say everywhere you go you should be well behaved?

Resp: everywhere because like for my schooling I was in Nakuru and while there they told me to be obedient

Int: what kind of problem or issues would make you look for help from your parents (noisy background, people talking and children shouting at each other)

Resp: I don't think so

Int: something happening to you or maybe you want something and you have to go and ask them?

Resp: no

Int: what can stop you from going to seek for help from your parents?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: what kind of personal problems would you go to seek help from your parents?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: what kind of issues would you go to seek help from friends or other people?

Resp: you cannot go to friends if you have a problem; you go to your parents

Int: what kind of problems would you go to tell your parents?

Resp: if I quarrel with my husband, I will go to my parents and if it is a child, I will take it to my parents not neighbours or friends

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: there is no one else you can seek help from apart from your parents?

Resp: maybe my brothers and sisters

Int: what kind of problem do you approach your brothers for?

Resp: it will depend on the problem

Int: give me an example of the kind of problem you would face your brothers or sisters with

Resp: if I wanted to look for a job, then I will tell my brother or sister

Int: ok, you told me that you are now married?

Resp: yes

Int: but before you were living with your parents?

Resp: yes

Int: how were they punishing you when you make a mistake?

Resp: they tell you the mistake and correct you and you are supposed to change

Int: is there any other method they used to punish you apart from talking to you?

Resp: you get a beating

Int: mhh

Resp: that is all

Int: give me an example of the mistakes you were beaten for

Resp: maybe you were told to sweep the house or wash the dishes and you forgot and went to play, you will definitely be beaten

Int: apart from your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: there isn't any

Int: not even your brothers and sisters?

Resp: maybe my brothers

Int: how?

Resp: if your mother dies when you are at a tender age, your brothers will bring you up

Int: how do your brothers influence you on behavior?

Resp: he has to advice you on how you can lead your life

Int: what else do they do?

Resp: they will bring you up as your parents would do

Int: you mentioned that they advice on how to lead your life, what else?

Resp: how you can lead a happy life

Int: apart from that what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: do they influence you on employment?

Resp: they advice me to look after my job when I get into employment

Int: how do they influence you on issues like marriage?

Resp: they advice you on how you should live

Int: what do they tell you about marriage?

Resp: they tell you how married life is

Int: what about your friends, do they have any influence over your life?

Resp: they give me advice

Int: what kind of advice?

Resp: how you can live with your husband or your parents

Int: tell me a major problem your sibling or friend experienced

Resp: for example I am still in school and I get pregnant, friends will advice me on what to do

Int: supposing it was your friend in that situation?

Resp: I will advise her also

Int: when you were at school did any of your friends get pregnant while still pursuing her education?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about her

Resp: she got pregnant but she didn't abort it

Int: mhh

Resp: she got a baby and continued with life

Int: in which way?

Resp: the man who was responsible for that pregnancy married her

Int: how old was she when she got pregnant?

Resp: 18 years

Int: did she continue with her education?

Resp: we were with her in training

Int: which year was that?

Resp: last year

Int: do you see yourself in a similar situation?

Resp: how can that happen to me and I passed that stage?

Int: what do you mean when you say that you have passed that stage?

Resp: I cannot go back to school again right now

Int: tell the challenges that young people in this community face

Resp: children don't perform well at school because of lack of school fees

Int: what else?

Resp: they drop out of school and get married

Int: why do they drop out of school to get married?

Resp: if they are not working, what else can they do apart from getting married?

Int: are there other challenges that young people in this community face

Resp: silence

Int: what strategies do the young people put in place to counter those challenges?

Resp: I don't understand

Int: you told me that youths are dropping out of school due to lack of school fees, early pregnancies and so on, how are the youths able to avoid these things happening to you?

Resp: to avoid that?

Int: yes

Resp: it will depend on life

Int: give me an example

Resp: you plan on how to live your life

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: living?

Int: you live in this community, maybe there is a place you would like to live away from here?

Resp: I would like to live in an estate

Int: like which one?

Resp: I would like to move out of this place and stay in a place like Huruma

Int: why Huruma?

Resp: we have stone houses there and not like this tinned ones

Int: is there any other reason as to why you would like to live in Huruma?

Resp: no

Int: what are the possibilities of you living in Huruma?

Resp: yes

Int: why

Resp: when I get money, I can go to live there

Int: what is the most significant thing you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: I would long for children

Int: that is the most important thing you would like to do in life?

Resp: yes, if you don't have any children then your life is unworthy

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: I am just a human being with instincts

Int: you have said the most important thing you would like to do is
have children?

Resp: yes

Int: what efforts are you making right now to have children?

Resp: getting married and having children

Int: what would stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: if you don't have a husband you cannot have children

Int: what level of education do you need to have to attain your
goal?

Resp: silence

Int: do you need any education?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me more?

Resp: it will depend on the ability of your parents up to what level
of education they can take you

Int: you told me earlier on that you went for a course?

Resp: yes

Int: is that the job you would like to do in your life?

Resp: no, I only did that because there was no money

Int: what would you have liked to go for before?

Resp: a meaningful course not this one

Int: like which one?

Resp: to be a saloonist but I didn't have the money but I will still go for it

Int: when do you intend to go?

Resp: after delivering my baby

Int: you said you would like to go for a saloon course, is there any important person you have talked to about this?

Resp: my husband

Int: what did he say?

Resp: he told me that I would go for it

Int: you are not in school currently?

Resp: no, I just left school last month, I was on attachment

Int: and now?

Resp: I don't have

Int: do you plan to go back to school?

Resp: school how? I will be a student when I go for my saloon course

Int: when?

Resp: by next year in July

Int: why do you want to go back to school?

Resp: to continue with my education

Int: is there any other reason?

Resp: no, I just want to pursue my education further in saloon work

Int: have you ever been involved in any income generating activity
or employment of any sort?

Resp: yes, in January this year

Int: what kind of work was it?

Resp: stitching

Int: why were you doing this kind of work?

Resp: I know how to stitch

Int: any other reason?

Resp: I wanted to help my parents

Int: how?

Resp: I was getting money and sending some to them

Int: before that, had you ever worked before?

Resp: I told you I was on attachment

Int: not attachment, I mean where you were being paid money for the
work done

Resp: no

Int: and now

Resp: I do stitch and also repair people's torn cloths

Int: how much do you make in a month?

Resp: I have never kept record because immediately I get the money;
I usually spend in the house

Int: roughly, what do you get in a month?

Resp: about Sh1,000

Int: how do you spend the money?

Resp: I buy necessities in the house like paraffin, salt, flour and
the rest

Int: what else?

Resp: silence

Int: in this community, what does success mean? If you say someone
is successful in life, what would that mean in this community?

Resp: he leads a good life

Int: how?

Resp: he has everything

Int: what is this everything he has? Give me examples of everything

Resp: anything he needs that is if he feels like having anything, he
will just go and buy because he has the money

Int: what other things will he have?

Resp: he can afford to buy anything he wants because he has the money

Int: what else

Resp: he can buy a home or build upcountry and keep some domestic animals and poultry

Int: tell me of someone who has succeeded in this community

Resp: succeed how?

Int: you told me that someone who has succeeded has money to buy or do what he wants, now in this community; do you know of anyone like that?

Resp: there are many

Int: tell me about one and what he has

Resp: you cannot know whether they have other properties upcountry

Int: just tell me what you see and how he is living; what does he do

Resp: he is works

Int: what kind of work?

Resp: he works in companies

Int: what kind of life does he lead?

Resp: he can afford what he wants

Int: does he have children?

Resp: of course

Int: tell me about it

Resp: his children are in school

Int: which school?

Resp: in primary

Int: how does that person behave?

Resp: he is of good character

Int: how can you identify a young person who has succeeded?

Resp: he has a family

Int: what else can show he has succeeded?

Resp: with a family that means he is successful

Int: what else?

Resp: there is nothing else

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved young person from the others?

Resp: it will depend on how he was brought up by his parents

Int: that is what I want to know

Resp: the one with bad behavior will definitely be a thief

Int: and the other one?

Resp: he leads a good life

Int: how?

Resp: he will live his life the way he wants

Int: how can a younger person be successful in life?

Resp: be educated

Int: what else?

Resp: nothing

Int: where do your parents live now?

Resp: mine or parents in law?

Int: your parents?

Resp: they live upcountry

Int: when did you leave home and started living away from your
parents?

Resp: last year

Int: why did you leave?

Resp: I got married

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 20 years

Int: tell me your experience when you left home for marriage, what
did you feel?

Resp: I was happy

Int: why?

Resp: I was going to start a new life

Int: how important is marriage to you, your family and the
community at large?

Resp: you start a family tree

Int: what else

Resp: have your own children

Int: mhh

Resp: that is all

Int: why is marriage important or not important?

Resp: it will depend on individuals on how they perceive marriage

Int: when did you get married?

Resp: last year

Int: why did you get married last year?

Resp: mmmhh

Int: what were the reasons of getting married?

Resp: I wanted to have a family of my own

Int: why did you choose this particular person to be your spouse?

Resp: I loved him

Int: how do you feel in marriage?

Resp: I feel happy

Int: why?

Resp: I have a husband

Int: and?

Resp: if we want we can have children

Int: at your age, what challenges are there in marriage?

Resp: what kind of challenges?

Int: challenges in marriage; you said you are 21 years old?

Resp: yes

Int: at that age what are the challenges or problems you are facing
in marriage

Resp: none

Int: tell me of your first experience of sex

Resp: I had it here

Int: when was that?

Resp: when I got married

Int: had you ever had sex before you got married?

Resp: no

Int: why did you decide to have sex?

Resp: how?

Int: why did you have sex?

Resp: I was married

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: no

Int: why didn't you use any protection?

Resp: we were married and didn't see the need

Int: is there any time you.....you have children?

Resp: no

Int: do you plan to have a baby?

Resp: yes

Int: when?

Resp: in January next year

Int: why do you plan to have children?

Resp: we have planned to have some

Int: after the general elections in 2007, there was violence. Were you affected in anyway?

Resp: while here?

Int: anywhere you were?

Resp: we were not able to go to school

Int: what else

Resp: people were being killed

Int: and you personally, how were you affected?

Resp: I was not able to go to school because where would the teacher pass through?

Int: ok, is there any other way you were affected?

Resp: my friend was burnt to death and we were in the same school

Int: where?

Resp: in Nakuru

Int: my sympathies; anything else?

Resp: none

Int: how were you able to cope with the uncertainties related to the violence?

Resp: I was not happy about it

Int: what did you do about it?

Resp: there was nothing to do because I was in school at that time

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: the way people were burnt and property destroyed, business premises broken into and a lot of damage took place

Int: what did you like about it?

Resp: nothing

Int: ok, thank you so much, I do appreciate being with you

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V031

STUDY POINTS

- 212. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 213. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 214. RESILIENCE
- 215. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 216. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. An adult is 18 years and above, this person has children and talks in a mature manner
- 2. "Theft, AIDS, early marriage and pregnancies, abortion, unemployment and dropping out of school are the main problems facing youth in this community."
- 3. "I don't have friends because they have nothing to tell me, I avoid them, my parents and auntie will tell me how to live well."

4. Business will bring money, I will be able to marry and given birth and support my children, it does not require much education, I am able to do it"
5. None

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 22 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed

Educational Level: Primary class 7

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Jamaica

Background information

Int: to start with, in your opinion, what things bring out the difference between adults and people who are not adults?

Resp: a child is about 8 years old and those from 9-18 years also behave like adults though they are still children. Real adults start from 18 years

Int: what do you call this person between 8 years and 18 years?

Resp: it is a child with an adult mind

Int: why do you say an adult should be 18 years and above?

Resp: a girl child does not have breasts but they start growing them at that age of 12 years. At the age she has interest in romantic relationships

Int: apart from years, what else can differentiate an adult and a child?

Resp: yes, giving birth. Anyone who has given birth irrespective of the age is now considered as an adult

Int: why?

Resp: because she has given birth like her mother

Int: being a mother is being adult?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: she is more or less like her mother

Int: apart from age and giving birth what else brings out the
 difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: intelligence; adults are more intelligent than children

Int: how?

Resp: there are things that one can only speak before adults and not
 children

Int: why

Resp: when talking to a child you have to talk appropriately because
 this someone you are still bringing up

Int: and an adult?

Resp: an adult knows everything and you can learn many things from
 an adult which can be beneficial in your life

Int: what about marriage, can that bring out the difference between
 an adult and a child?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about it

Resp: an adult can be married but not a child

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: how can you marry a ten year old child?

Int: what is the right age for marriage?

Resp: 18 years and above

Int: how about physical maturity?

Resp: you need intelligence not physical maturity

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: I really don't know how to explain that. For example a friend comes and gives me advice on how I can get married if I am single and related issues

Int: I don't understand how that explains intelligence; does that mean you are intelligent?

Resp: yes, you know everything

Int: what about circumcision; does that also bring out the difference between adults and children?

Resp: a man is considered as an adult now

Int: what makes you say that a circumcised person is now an adult?

Resp: he changes and starts behaving like an adult, he stops childish ways

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: Yes, I am an adult

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: first of all I am over 18; secondly I think like an adult and stopped thinking like a child

Int: how were you thinking when you were a child?

Resp: very childishly, I didn't know anything

Int: what do you mean you didn't know anything?

Resp: I didn't know anything about romantic relationships; I used to see them as strange things

Int: what are you experiencing now that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: first of all I am married

Int: what are you experiencing now?

Resp: I am mature both physically and intelligent

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: what comes out of my mouth is more adult and not childish stuff when you reach that age of adulthood

Int: which age is that?

Resp: if you put it on the higher side, about 21 years, these days most people are getting married at a very early age

Int: why 21 one years?

Resp: if we say 18, that is the age when young people are supposed to have national identity cards signifying they are mature and adults

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: there are very many things

Int: like what?

Resp: marriage, living a good life with my husband, friendship
 between the two of us

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: giving birth early in life, early pregnancies and the man
 refusing to take responsibility of that pregnancy and third
 abortions which make people grow older faster.

Int: what else?

Resp: there is nothing else

Int: what is the most significant event in your life that you
 cannot forget?

Resp: I don't know what to say, let me say the first time I was
 asked for a relationship with this man

Int: why is it a significant event in your life?

Resp: it was my first time to enter a relationship and as an adult I
 was able to decide what I wanted

Int: I would like to know a little bit more about your parents and
 you life with them. Who do you live with currently?

Resp: my uncle

Int: how do your parents influence your daily life?

Resp: they want to know what is happening to me and when I can go to
 visit them

Int: how involved are they in your life; do they give you advice?

Resp: yes, on how to live in my marriage

Int: can you explain that further

Resp: I should be very careful with me so that I don't get pregnant
out of marriage

Int: what experiences would make you seek help from your parents?

Resp: if I have problems in my marriage, maybe I don't have food,
clothing for the children then I have to go and approach them

Int: how about this time when you are not married, what kind of
problems would you approach your parents for?

Resp: they cannot give me any assistance right now because it is
their duty to take care of me like the other children, I am
their responsibility

Int: for example you are away from them, what would make you go
back there for their assistance?

Resp: unless I annoy my uncle or his wife and they tell me to go
back to my parents

Int: and what reasons would make you not go to them for help

Resp: if I have a problem

Int: like which one?

Resp: if I am pregnant and where to get accommodation or food

Int: why would you not go to them if you are pregnant?

Resp: I would be afraid to be asked who is responsible of that pregnancy and why I decided to get pregnant out of marriage and wonder why I didn't follow their advice

Int: are there reasons that would make you seek help from anyone else apart from your parents?

Resp: if I am afraid

Int: what reasons are these especially when I have a problem?

Resp: to help me how to abort the baby or carry the pregnancy

Int: and where would you get this help from?

Resp: my friends and aunts

Int: how do your parents punish you when you make a mistake?

Resp: they will beat me

Int: apart from beating you how else would they punish you?

Resp: they can send me away from them until they cool their tempers

Int: besides your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: my aunt and uncle

Int: anyone else?

Resp: only those two

Int: what do they advise you on?

Resp: they advice me to go to my mother and apologize first

Int: for example, you were living with them, how do they advice you?

Resp: I have to respect them and be obedient

Int: do your friends have any influence over your life?

Resp: which friends now?

Int: the girls you have grown up with

Resp: those ones are there to spoil for you. They can never advise you anything positive (end of recording)

Int:

Resp: getting pregnant before marriage. It was not a good thing because the man refused to take responsibility

Int:

Resp: no, it is just bad luck. I am trying my level best to follow advice from my uncle and aunt so that I don't fall victim to these things

Int:

Resp: there are a lot of problems here related to thefts, HIV Aids, early marriages and separation, unwanted pregnancies, abortions, poverty and school dropout. There is also unemployment

Int:

Resp: We have Kazi kwa vijana whereby they do environmental cleaning in the community, though the pay is not very good. We also have officers from Afya Social Workers through the chief and village elders, who come to talka to us on different issues especially those related to diseases within the community. The chief is also trying to reduce theft cases by using the administration police patrolling in the community. As for the youths themselves, it is not easy for them to do much because things have been so difficult for them. It is only your behavior and trying to live a good life that can save you from all these problems

Int:

Resp: I would like to live in a place like Buruburu. Life there is good and there is security. All those people who live there are rich

Int:

Resp: I am unemployed and the people I live with are also poor, they don't have money

Int:

Resp: I would like to have my own business when I have money. This way I can be independent and be able to take care of my children in case I get married and we separate and he leaves me with the children.

Int:

Resp: for now, there isn't because I don't have money to enable me do that; I am living a very difficult life here

Int:

Resp: lack of finance and a job

Int:

Resp: even here is ok, even though I reached class seven, I can still run a business; all I need is finance which is hindering me from doing anything.

Int:

Resp: I would like to continue with my work in tailoring or run a shop

Int:

Resp: I have talked to my parents, aunt and uncle and they also encourage me to go ahead when I have the money

Int:

Resp: I have never worked before. I only help in the house but if I get a job like being a house help, I can do it or run my own business.

Int:

Resp: success means doing well in life whereby you are able to provide for all your basic needs, you have a house and money

Int:

Resp: a successful person has wealth, helps those around him, has a permanent job in a factory, and lives a good lie. He does not borrow or steal from others, but he works hard to get his own money

Int:

Resp: a young person who owns a house, is working for a living, is dress code is good, lives the way he wants and his behavior in the community and those around him is good

Int:

Resp: (Q37) this young person has only one girlfriend, and one boyfriend. He is well behaved and does not steal or disrespect other people and even the older people will admire him and always refer to him as good model for youth. He can maintain good behavior by avoiding bad company, avoid leisurely life and respect the adults. An ill mannered young person will not do that, he is always finding himself in problems within the community.

Int:

Resp: (Q38)working hard, earning money and investing it into a business so that he can make more money and live well in his own house

Int:

Resp: (Q44) I will live here till I get a spouse to marry me, a good job or have my own business. I won't put a time limit because I don't have the finances and I must also share this idea with my parents, aunt and uncle

Int:

Resp: it is important to me because I will be having a husband and children. It will also be good in the community for me to start my life by getting children

Int:

Resp: If I get a good friend who is older than me by one year, but I won't stay for long

Int:

Resp: I would like a well behaved man, who, when I get pregnant he still takes care of me and the pregnancy. A Kamba like me would be ideal that way we will be from one community whereby we can understand each other well. He should be about 25 years old

Int:

Resp: ndio

Int:

Resp: (Q52) I was sixteen years when we first met with him. He used to come to our house when my aunt and uncle are away. We could sit and chat but later on we separated because I found out

that he had so many girls including some of my friends. I felt so used by him and refused to continue with the friendship.

Int:

Resp: yes, I had sex at the age of 16 years and the man was older than me. He was 20 years by then, even though we separated he still insists on us having sex with him but I don't want to continue with that. I had the first sex with him because I loved him.

Int:

Resp: no, we didn't use any protection. I loved him and it didn't occur to me to use protection nor did he suggest that we use one.

Int:

Resp: because of the violence I was caught and harassed by men here. We were not able to move around and most of my friends who were travelling upcountry were really suffered because there was no transport, people were not sure of what was going to happen next. There was no money and people had to economize on the little food they had in the homes for they were not sure of what is next

Int:

Resp: I didn't like the way people were fighting, burning each other's
houses and the way children and women suffered under the cruelty
of men

Int:

Resp: I didn't like anything to do with the way people were
suffering and dying. Nothing was good by the way

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTsf4V032

STUDY POINTS

- 217. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 218. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 219. RESILIENCE
- 220. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: Restaurant Attendant (Cashier)

Educational Level: Form Four (secondary)

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: Nil

Number of children: Viwandani

Name of Slum: Jamaica

Name of Village:

Background information

The respondent was female aged 21 years. The interview took place at her mother's house the recorder was on from start to the end. However, there were some interruptions during our discussion from the respondent's mother but our discussion was successful

Int: ok, Lucy, can you tell me briefly about yourself?

Resp: I am Lucy Waithera Kimani, I was brought up here in this slum,
I have gone to school both primary and secondary here and I am
not married yet, and I live in Tasia now. I am in college

Int: I would like hear your views about who is an adult

Resp: an adult? That is difficult

Int: adulthood?

Resp: ok, there are responsibilities you are supposed to undertake
as an adult, you don't depend on parents but they give a hand
when necessary and you are self independent

Int: what is the different between an adult and a child?

Resp: sometimes behavior, age, and character

Int: let us look at the years, how does that bring about the
difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: I am 21 years right now and I behave differently from the way
I was behaving when I was 13 years old. At that time my mother
could order me around but today the decision depends on me on
what I want to do and what I feel is best for me

Int: for a person to be considered adult, how old must he be?

Resp: about 18 years

Int: why 18 years?

Resp: from 17, 16 and below you are still underage and under your parent's responsibility but once you reach 18 years and get a national identity you become a Kenyan citizen and free to do your own things

Int: what about someone who is self independent?

Resp: no,

Int: why?

Resp: we have orphans who don't have a choice but have to look after themselves so it doesn't matter whether you are adult or not. It depends on where you are and the situation you are in

Int: you mentioned earlier on that are can be self independent, what do you mean by that?

Resp: you can live away from your parents, pay your own rent, buy food and you can also take care of your parents instead of them taking care of you. You are responsible of what goes on in that house

Int: what about circumcision, does it differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: we have many people who are circumcised and yet they still behave like children while we have another set of people who are not circumcised and behave responsibly

Int: physical maturity?

Resp: physical maturity, big bodied person or what do you mean?

Int: if someone tells you this person is mature physically, what do you understand by that?

Resp: We have people who are big in body because it is their physical make up but that doesn't mean they are mature in body, they are still depending on their parents and have no worries. For example I am 21 years old, I have a smaller frame and it is not possible to tell whether I am an adult or not unless after talking to me you can be able to place me in the right bracket. I could be mature or not

Int: how do you determine a mature person?

Resp: someone who is not still childish in their ways. A person can be an adult but the things he does can be compared to that of a child and yet in his own way he thinks he is being mature. When a person is mature, he/she is respected by many and they classify him/her as an adult

Int: how about someone who is sexually active, how do we place that kind of person?

Resp: no, that is not possible because today's children are more knowledgeable in these things; they see them on TV every day and so most people have taken up the habits they see on TV that is why it is not easy to differentiate an adult and a

child when it comes to sex. They all engage in sex at a high level.

Int: What about education; can education differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: yes, that is possible because an educated person can decide on what is wrong and bad, what the repercussions are but a child is not aware of such things, he just does things the way he sees fit until he is told that is bad from someone else.

Int: tell me the stages one goes through from childhood to adulthood

Resp: ahhh, surely what is that?

Int: I mean, what are the experiences a child goes through up to adulthood?

Resp: the goes through many experiences like normal problems, trials are many, mistreatment until he gets used to them until he is able to handle them. He will continue like for sometime until he is able to make independent decisions then he becomes an adult.

Int: For example you are saying when he is born, he goes through many stages in life before being an adult, in vie of all this, where do you fall, are you an adult or still a child?

Resp: I am an adult, I am self independent, I can make my own decisions and there are those situations I am not able to

handle whereby I have to consult with my parents for assistance because they are more experienced than I.

Int: what are the reasons that would make consult with your parents?

Resp: there are situations in life that you cannot handle without their help, for example, you get employment which is not satisfying, and you will still go back to the parents for advice on what to do as you look for other alternatives. There are many reasons that can make you consult your parents.

Int: what else is happening in your life that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: that is difficult, it can be personal life, I can do things on my own

Int: are there any reasons or experiences that would make you feel you are not grownup?

Resp: there are one or two things that you may experience and you are forced to seek advice from other people

Int: what kind of things are these?

Resp: personal problems

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: you can be self reliant; you can make your own decision without someone over your shoulder to criticize you. I can decide what to do at the right time whether it is wrong or right

Int: what don't you like about being an adult?

Resp: like, I don't like being an adult is that you are forced to be a role model and maybe you feel you have not attained that stage where you can fulfill that. Younger people than you will come to you hoping that you will be able to sort them out by offering good advice and maybe you have no idea of what you would do in such situation. It gives you a hard time to make sure that you are doing the right thing so that you can be a good role model

Int: what is do you consider as the most important thing that happened in your life that you won't forget?

Resp: there are so many things I would consider

Int: the most significant thing in your life

Resp: my life in this place has been so hard, I have been through temptations, the trials, and the problems I have gone through, I don't think I can forget that.

Int: why do you think it is difficult to forget that? Why is it so significant to you?

Resp: I have passed through hell, maybe I have gone through days without food, you have gone two days without a shower and you are like I am going to do this so that I can be able to get that shower. You cannot tell me that it is easy to forget those hungry days you used to go through

Int: I want us to talk about your growing up in this area. Who do you live with?

Resp: I come to visit my parents here but I live in Tasia

Int: how are your parents currently involved in your life; do they assist you in what you do about your life?

Resp: they assist a lot because they are always there when I need something. If maybe I am in kind of a problem, they assist me to decide doing something and insist on telling me how things are and how I am supposed to control them

Int: in what areas of your life do your parents advice you on?

Resp: an area like my personal life, there is an area that I can reach and they can also tell me to slow down and know this person I am dating well and do what is wise. They also advise me in my commitment and about my working place. They tell what do in my working place so that I don't loose my job and respect my seniors

Int: do they advice on issues related to education?

Resp: we talk a lot with my parents especially when it comes to social behavior, religion we are of one religion so we don't talk about that. We all go to the same church

Int: which one?

Resp: we all go to Baptist. And marriage we don't talk about that much but we do talk when I have something to talk about or

when I tell them I am seeing someone, but with education, that is current, they have to keep telling you about that every day. I am working and in school, keep going to school, don't skip your school, education is the key; everything.

Int: there are some issues that would make you go to your parents and ask for advice, what issues can you seek advice from your parents?

Resp: education, that is a must, I have to talk and ask them questions, and then we have commitment, i.e. that is like my life partner. Those are key things I talk to my parents almost daily

Int: what issues would not talk to your parents about?

Resp: there are issues like sexual behavior, however free you are with your parents; I don't think it is easy to talk to them about it

Int: I understand that; but there are some people who are willing to go and talk to their parents, how come you find it difficult to talk to them about your social behaviour?

Resp: I can but I have to start in a very far place, I give a story and tell all this and that, or I tell you, mum; you know your mum will understand you better if you are a girl, the mum can talk to dad and after they have talked you two can sit down and talk; all of but it would be very hard for me to go and say, wow, I have this and this in this area. Seriously, it is hard.

Int: ok, there are some issues that would make you approach you friends, teachers, colleagues and pastors and not your parents, do you have such issues?

Resp: yes of course, like making a certain decision in your life or maybe you are pregnant and don't want to....you can not directly tell your parents, you have go to your friends and talk about those relationship problems

Int: how do your parents punish you?

Resp: they kind of don't talk to me for about three days then they will ask you what went wrong and then advice you. So; the main punishment is the parents keeping quiet, they are not talking to you, and you are just there like an idol.

Int: and now that you are living alone, when you go wrong, who gives you advice?

Resp: I have got so many people; I am free to my pastor, so that is the person who keeps telling me what to do and also maybe my boyfriend. Those two but I can also seek from my brother; we are very close with him

Int: let us talk about the pastor; on what area of your life does he offer advice to you?

Resp: ok, my pastor, he understands every kind of girl, and he understands that I have to pass through so many things like all those relationship problems, commitment, a marriage that maybe come to a failure so what he does, he listens to every

kind of problem and tries to encourage and tells me how I should behave in certain circumstances as a girl. He also advices me how I should be as girl to any other persons, to my parents, to any person that I am relating to even if it is not my parent

Int: what about your boyfriend?

Resp: my boyfriend; we talk about school, our relationship problems and what we call work, like you are feeling you are tired of this thing, I talk to him and he is telling me what to do, something like that and school related issues

Int: what about your brother, on what areas does he advice you on?

Resp: my brother, we are so free and I can talk to him everything, my education, personal life, and every problem both of us have, we share between ourselves

Int: maybe, can you describe the worst problem that any of your friends experienced?

Resp: I have a girl here; she didn't finish like form....she went to high school and like after form three she ran away, and she got married, now she is pregnant and the husband just kicked her out. It is a problem because she cannot face her parents and tell them how sorry she is because she left money in school, she doesn't know what to do now, she is pregnant and cannot abort, I told her it is not a good idea; she is in kind of a dilemma on what to do.

Int: can you see yourself in the same situation?

Resp: hell, no,

Int: why?

Resp: I have passed through so many situations and I know how to make a decision. Being pregnant is not a problem, how to handle it is the problem, for example whoever had that.....whoever you did with him is not in terms with you, you can talk to you parents if you have a good relationship with them; so that is not a problem at all.

Int: I would like to talk about your growing in this area or community; I know you grew up here from what you have told me. What challenges are young people facing in this community?

Resp: they are many; harassment, you are there going to ask for a job and you are asked where you do live, you say Jamaica, hell no, nobody can give you that job. Like your education you go and get a job and you are asked where did you go to schooling and you say a school in this place, ok people think those people who live here are not good enough, so you face many challenges including your working place, your education when you want to go to a higher level, and they look at your paper and they ask you which is this school, where is it. And you tell them the name, no, the refuse; there is a big difference.

Int: why do you think that is so?

Resp: I have passed through that problem like I passed my form four and got a B+, but going to any college it is like cash first, people asking which school is this, why did you decide on going to this school, where are you born from, where do you live, in your working place you are asked the same questions and wonder why, does that mean we are a different race from other people like those living in Buruburu. We are the same that is why I say that is a major problem to me.

Int: you have also talked about harassment, is it in communities, at what level?

Resp: I think it is in communities but at house level I have never found harassment. It is the community that I find they don't take you well

Int: how?

Resp: they take you like you don't know anything. She is from the slum; her habits are those of the slum. And then you are like, what kind of behavior is found in the slum? They take you like you are useless, careless, you cannot do anything right, wherever you are right, they will have to prove you wrong and you are right remember that. So it is very hard for us here; we are stigmatized

Int: apart from harassment, and the situation in schooling and all that, what other challenges do young people face in this community?

Resp: like in everything?

Int: everything in the community.

Resp: poor housing, the roads, you are just here because you cannot afford somewhere else

Int: for people who stay away from this place cannot understand about housing, can you explain about the housing?

Resp: imagine you are here and there is no toilet, ok, you have a room, it is poorly done, when it is raining, you are rained on and you are saying you are in a house. There is poor housing in this place. No toilet and bathrooms, the health conditions are also bad

Int: how bad is it?

Resp: everywhere is a dumping site for garbage and flying toilets, and the water pipes pass through the sewage system. This place is a health hazard

Int: and security?

Resp: It is now improved

Int: how was it?

Resp: people killing each other looking for food, police harassment as usual and those people who think they are the head of this slum; they call themselves chairman, they can beat you and nobody will ask you them anything. They will beat you in the name they are chairman, security is so poor

Int: ok, let us talk about school dropouts

Resp: yaa, dropping out of school is there although in never passed through that like my friend, the one I told you about she dropped out of school.

Int: why do you think there are these cases?

Resp: lack of finance, and other personal problems

Int: how about HIV Aids, is that a problem in this area?

Resp: it is

Int: same the youths?

Resp: yaa, because people have not legalized that area of...when you tell people to abstain it is like you are abusing her and they are that useless they cannot use a CD (condom)because someone is jobless and is involved in sex without taking care or precaution with different people of whom they don't know the status, it is a problem

Int: how the youths able to cope with all these problems facing them in the community?

Resp: what they should do?

Int: what mechanisms have been put in place so that they can be able to cope with them?

Resp: you try to be careful in what you are doing, listen to you elders as they are more experienced than you. Just live a

simple life like any other person, respect yourself, do that right thing at the right time, and that is for me; that is what I do

Int: how do you cope with security problem?

Resp: like in this place, we all came together as youths, and what we did was, to contribute Sh20 and at night certain youths take charge, the next day, another group does that and the policemen here are so corrupt, so we take charge by ourselves

Int: what about HIV Aids?

Resp: we try to tell people about HIV, its effect and if they find it hard to abstain, we tell them to use a condom

Int: are there groups on the ground which does these?

Resp: there are many groups and we do meet a place called Hope Worldwide. We assemble and there and we try to talk to them. There is another set of us who go round talking to them and whoever wants to listen can do that. There is also another person who supplies CDs (condoms) for free somewhere for the boys

Int: how do you deal with harassment in the community?

Resp: that one I cannot even answer, I don't know

Int: how you see, how do you cope with this?

Resp: the harassment?

Int: yes?

Resp: just try to be cool and do the right thing at the right time.
Avoid the wrong things and you will be safe

Int: as you grow up, I would like you to tell me where you would
like to live

Resp: living in a place does not determine who you are

Int: what is your dream place?

Resp: I won't say a particular name to where I want to live but I
want to live at a place where I am safe, peaceful and feel
safe. I cannot say that I will move from here to Buruburu and
I don't know what the community here face

Int: maybe that place you have it in mind, can you equate it with
some place

Resp: oh God, I cannot say a particular name, which is why I am
saying I cannot name a place

Int: but in your mind, you feel a place like this and that can do,
just a guess

Resp: far away from town, like upcountry where you feel secure for
example, let me say a place like Kiambu and it is interior
place. In that place you only do your own thing and nobody
will ask you; but in town, hell, no!

Int: do you see yourself living in a place like that?

Resp: yaa,

Int: why?

Resp: because those are my dreams and I am doing everything possible to achieve what I want

Int: and Lucy, what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: the thing that I want to achieve in life?

Int: yes

Resp: I want to be successful in life, to help anyone that needs to be helped; I want to do something that my parents never did for me. I want to tell my children what to expect in life, I need a secure life.

Int: what efforts are you doing to secure this?

Resp: I am in school, I have so many volunteer things that I do, I also want to achieve my goals. I am doing so many things that at my free time I try to cope with that, at Sunday school I tell them what they would face when grown up so I do many things

Int: what things could prevent you from achieving this?

Resp: challenges, employment and health. When you are not healthy, you cannot achieve anything, you also need to be stress free, you need to put your frustrations out, and you need to be in employment. You also need to continue with your education to make sure you overcome the challenges

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve to be able to reach your goals?

Resp: O level because I am now in college and once I finish my college I want to do something else

Int: what is this something else that you want to do?

Resp: I am doing a Diploma and I also want to achieve something like a degree and it is the in thing now. Get those papers so that when you take them to an office somewhere, they can be looked at although life is how intelligent you are whereby you look at a thing and say, ohh thank you, this is my sweat!

Int: do you think you will achieve this level of education?

Resp: yes, I know I will do that

Int: you said you are now in college, what are your career dreams?

Resp: I am taking something in civil engineering. I want to be an engineer, I want to pass so that the thing I want to do and deal with construction. This place, I went through hell with this how, so I want to change this, dealing with construction, growth of houses, at least that will satisfy me

Int: have you talked to anyone about your dream career?

Resp: I have talked to my dad, friend

Int: what did your dad say?

Resp: good career but I have to put in more effort

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: they told me much the same thing and others said you are a girl, you cannot do that but I did not let them discourage me

Int: you have told me you are working?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you on your first job?

Resp: I was twenty, and it was so hard for me

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: so young, getting some challenges on the job. I was still like I need to continue having those leisure time to go those parties/discos, and I still needed money and the money that I was being paid was so less. That is why I am saying it was little

Int: why did you have to work at that time?

Resp: I needed my parents to pay my brother's fee, he is in form three now, and it was like I wanted to promote them. I needed to do something so that I am not idle, something like that

Int: and you are working now?

Resp: yes

Int: what do you do?

Resp: I work in a restaurant in Westland, I am kind of cashier, that is what I do

Int: how much do you earn in a month?

Resp: Oh God, I am not supposed to tell you that, am I?

Int: it is not a must but we are just comparing people who are living in the same setting

Resp: I get Sh22,000.00

Int: how do you spend your money?

Resp: use on myself; help my parents to pay my brother's fees and also to help dad pay for my fees. You know the general take care of the house and the rest for school fees

Int: how does it mean to be successful in this community?

Resp: how?

Int: like if you say that person is successful, what does that refer to

Resp: ok, he is like how do I put it, he is healthy, stress free and wherever he is living, is a place that you can see this person has no problem though a problem might be any problem but at least he has that thing that you can say this person is healthy. He doesn't have those small problems

Int: when you say that where he is living this person has not problem, where in the community is that?

Resp: let me tell you something, you enter house and you see what is there, and you go to another place like Lavington where behind

the yard, there is a swimming pool, while here we bath in the house, when you look at those differences, it is well living. The kind of problem that we have, the minor problem that we have, it is not a problem to him

Int: for example, let us look in the community here, Viwandani

Resp: there are those who earn more, there are those people who have residential plots with corrugated iron sheets, and you see, that kind of person can say this is mine. But someone like me or my dad, he doesn't have anything, the only thing he has is his house and it is not even his, but rented.

Int: so a person who is successful in this community, will possess what?

Resp: he can possess these houses, owns something like a public vehicle (matatu) on the road and he has other kinds of businesses like shops and the like

Int: what makes a young person successful?

Resp: a young person; thinking capacity. You may have good thinking capacity but you are thinking non sense but if your good thinking capacity is thinking of something that will make you successful, that will take you far if you want....if you are young, rich and retire young and rich, that is what I call it.

Int: that is a vibe, you are looking there?

Resp: yes, when you are rich and you retire when you are young and you have got what it takes to be that person

Int: how can you identify a youth with good behavior and the others?

Resp: in this place we have so many things, we have those things that you call bad behavior like drugs taking, you know you are not supposed to be told this thing is bad, you already know it is bad yourself. From that you can know if this young person is good or not. There are those characteristics for those who are addicted to drugs and they are very young. Then most of the youths here are thieves. When you see one with those characteristics and the other doesn't have, that is a difference

Int: what makes this person avoid taking drugs, not be a thief, how does he cope with that pressure from the others?

Resp: I know there is a lot of pressure but what he does is to sit down and know what he wants in life because life is what you make it. If you want to be like a professional thief, that is what you will be, if you want to be someone somebody will see as a role model, you can be, so you just sit down, think of what you want to achieve and put your mind there and the support you can get whether it is from you friends, or parents, just try and do that and avoid the bad company at all costs. Avoid anyone that is going to put you under pressure to go back to the behavior of taking drugs

Int: how can a young person be successful in this place?

Resp: just do what your parents tell you because you are young and they have seen far, go to school or rather take our education seriously, avoid every bad company that you may come across, and live your life to a place you know that you are doing the right thing. You will be successful seriously

Int: I would like us to talk about living alone, which you are currently are?

Resp: yes

Int: what made you leave your parents and start living alone?

Resp: in our taboo, there is place that a girl can reach and she cannot live in her father's house. Like in this place, my bed is there and mama's bed is there, I cannot avoid closing my ears, I will have to hear whatever is going on, so what you do take a step and say this is what I want to do. Try and tell them this is what I want to, if it is a good idea, and that is what I did. If this is a good idea then move on

Int: so according to you, what idea is this?

Resp: when you know what you are doing and are mature like an adult, you know right thing to do at the right time

Int: and what were your feelings the first time you started living alone?

Resp: I was lonely, seriously because I was used to living with my family, chatting this and that, having fun, watching television and discussions but here there was no one to talk to. I was just on my phone trying to do things that were not there

Int: are you happy, unhappy, harassed, how did you feel?

Resp: honestly I was happy because I was given that time to think on what I want in life. I knew I was to face the challenges alone like that house was my responsibility, everything that I eat is my responsibility there so I had that courage to take it up and I said I will face this challenge and I know I will win

Int: how old were you?

Resp: twenty when I started working

Int: now that you are living alone, how do you feel now?

Resp: how?

Int: how do you feel living alone?

Resp: it is not bad, the only thing that you have to go avoid is; don't do anything because you are hiding someone, you have to do it for your own sake, so what you do is try and avoid anything bad, just do as you are doing you're your parents house; respect everyone, now that you are living alone, you have neighbors there, and not respecting them just because your parents are not there, respect them, do what is there for

you to do at the right time, of course, maybe, that is what I call living alone.

Int: what challenges do you face living alone?

Resp: sometimes you don't have anyone to talk to, and sometimes you don't know what to do on certain issues, maybe rent is not yet paid and you have not taken our salary and it has delayed somewhere, you will have that stress. And also maybe your person life is bothering you, you cannot go and hide somewhere else, they will find you there and you are alone.

Int: when you say personal life, what does that mean?

Resp: maybe you are having a difficult time with your boyfriend/girlfriend

Int: you are single and not married, when do you plan to get married?

Resp: when the right time comes

Int: when is this right time?

Resp: When you are through with commitment, you have known each well and ready for that, you have visited every parent and you see this time you are not getting younger, talk and have this benefit on each other and I think that is the right time you need to be with someone.

Int: why do you think having time with your boyfriend and visiting parents is the right time?

Resp: because you know there, I would have known your behavior, like I know the differences between you and me, I know what you like and don't like, I know what you like doing and don't like doing, I know when you get angry, when you are happy and that time I will try to differentiate myself and yourself and then when it reaches when I know everything, then we sit down and say this is the right time for us to get married because we have known each other's differences.

Int: what kind of person do you want to get married to?

Resp: eehh, nyadhiwa! I don't know (expression of being bored, tiredness, etc and respondent pauses the recorder). I have paused! Ok, a person that will have that character that I want, and actually everybody has a physical, not physical but the quality that you want in a man, you don't just take everyone because your differences are there and what, I don't want someone who will bother me, I want someone who is financially stable, well educated and he can talk to someone well, not that one; where have you been....and so on. Ahh, no way! At least someone who will understand me; and will also take care of me. Money cannot be the problem, but how you view the people you are going to live with, the understanding that you have of each other

Int: what should be the age difference between you and that person?

Resp: older than me of course and of only five and downwards in years but not older than that

Int: from which community?

Resp: any community, I am not tribalist, I take anyone from any community

Int: why do you say that you can take anyone?

Resp: someone who will impress me, someone who can understand me well

Int: mhh

Resp: someone who can understand me, someone who will not have trouble with my tribe that will be good for me, I don't care which tribe he will come from

Int: now, you have told me you have a boyfriend, can you describe to me how it was the first time you met?

Resp: shy at first, not that good because everyone was still shy of each other, we were talking general, nothing about us. We talked everything general like politics, education and everything because we were still shy and then we started being friends

Int: after friends what happened?

Resp: everything continued, we developed feelings for each other and we had to tell one another, this is what I am feeling

Int: are you still with the guy?

Resp: yes

Int: how is the relationship?

Resp: growing strong now for the fourth year; it is still there and strong

Int: what marital aspirations do you have for your relationship?

Resp: aspiration? What does that mean?

Int: do you have any intentions of getting married in future?

Resp: we have met all parents and it is not just time yet for us to get married. We want to have fun a little bit before that.

Int: you told me that you have a boyfriend and that this is the fourth year, have you had sex?

Resp: yes, of course and don't ask me that again

Int: Can you describe your first sexual experience?

Resp: oh my God, what are those, seriously? You want me to describe that?

Int: maybe you can tell me about the age when you had that?

Resp: I was 17 and it was damn painful, that is what you want to hear? It was very bad actually, it was not good for any of us and I don't call that sex on that day, I call it trying to have sex

Int: what about your boyfriend's age?

Resp: what? He was 21

Int: did he use any protection that time?

Resp: yes...yaayaya, he can not just go that way he would die soon

Int: maybe you can tell me how that decision was made?

Resp: we were green in that because we feared something like pregnancy, we didn't know each other's status so we had to go like, we used a condom (sarcastic laugh) please stop asking me those questions, I don't want

Int: which type of protection did you use at that time?

Resp: condom of course. There are types? If they are, then I didn't know about them that time.

Int: ok, Lucy I would like to know your views about the post election violence last year. How were you affected?

Resp: I was not affected but I have met people who are affected, relatives who live in Molo were killed. Also people who live in this place, they had that tribalism attitude like the Kikuyu and Luo, and it is very funny to hear that my boyfriend of four years is a Luo and we are committed.

Int: what happened in this community?

Resp: they were not united and there were arguments here and there although there were no fights. Had they been given a chance to start fighting each other here, they could have done that. They were not united at all

Int: what about your income?

Resp: it was affected because I didn't to go to work because I was afraid. Every time I went to town, there was violence so we were forced to stay at home

Int: there were a lot of uncertainties at that time, no one knew what would happen tomorrow, or later that day, how did you cope with that?

Resp: I tried to be around anybody that I know, anybody who is a friend, tried to talk the issue like talking to people and telling them we are the ones who are being hurt and killed while the one we are fighting for is safe. We tried to give each other courage and hope that things would be ok.

Int: what didn't you like about those post election violence?

Resp: people were killing each other and the way the election was rigged, so the massive killing of people the destruction of properties and yet everyone knows we are poor in Kenya which was not good at all

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: at least we knew about some people's characters like we came to realize our politicians are not to be trusted at all, they can bring so many things, you also realize who your true friends/enemies are. At least I knew the leaders we have

Int: thanks so much for your time Lucy and these contributions will be good for our research report. Thank you

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V033

STUDY POINTS

- 221. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 222. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 223. RESILIENCE
- 224. WHY THEY COSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 225. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Being independent, marrying and leaving home
- 2. Prostitution, poverty, insecurity, HIV Aids, and dropping out of school are major challenges here
- 3. "I live well, I avoid pre-marital sex, and I follow guidelines form my parents
- 4. "I have a cousin who is also an askari, this is a good job with security and I will work for good pay like Ksh40,000.00
- 5. Youth to be provided with jobs so as to stop being prostitutes

Transcriber's note: where gap is indicated I am depending on the notes, if any, so as to fill the spaces especially where the gap appears in an answer. Continuous dot i.e. means interruption by the interviewer

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: Informal/casual

Educational Level: Secondary

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Riverside

Background information

The respondent was a female aged 21 years and the interview took place at her sister's house. The interview was successful despite some interruptions from friends who kept coming in and talking to her. Moreover, the venue was a bit noisy due to children playing within the neighborhood but I kept on reminding the respondent to talk louder so as to capture what she was trying to say. The recorder was on from start to the end of the interview.

Int: I would like to know your view on who is an adult. What do you understand by the word adulthood?

Resp: to be self independent, others depending on you, marry and be working

Int: what do you mean when you say to be self independent?

Resp: if you are not married you can take care of yourself

Int: in your opinion what differentiates an adult from a child?

Resp: marriage

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: you get married

Int: what exactly do you mean?

Resp: an adult get married but a child cannot be married

Int: let us look at physical maturity, can that also be a difference?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: a child will definitely have a small body frame whereas a an adult will be big bodied

Int: what other difference do you know?

Resp: for the boys; circumcision

Int: what happens when they are circumcised?

Resp: they become mature

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: they are able to produce children

Int: what about sexual activities, can that be a determining factor
also on the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: an adult can make a woman pregnant but not a child. A child can
not have sex with a woman and pregnant her

Int: why can't a child pregnant a woman?

Resp: because of the age

Int: can you expand on that?

Resp: an adult is 19 years and a child is ten

Int: why do you say a child is ten years whereas an adult is 19
years?

Resp: it is just like that, children are about ten years and adults
19 years and above

Int: can a child take responsibility of its actions?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: an adult can control his behavior and also not to have sex but when a child is allowed to do it will find it fun

Int: what about procreation?

Resp: for an adult, it is giving birth but for a child that is not possible

Int: how about leaving home and staying on your own?

Resp: when you leave home you are on your own and will have to be responsible for everything you undertake

Int: what about a child; I would like you to give me a clear distinction between an adult and a child? Can you tell me the stages a child will go through to become an adult?

Resp: a child will start by crawling, walking, talking and then circumcision.

Int: when does the child stop being a child and become an adult?

Resp: it will depend on the years

Int: how?

Resp: at 15 years the child will now be an adult

Int: why 15 years?

Resp: 15 for a child?

Int: why do you say when he is above 15 years, he is an adult and below, he is a child? Why not 16 or 17 for a child?

Resp: anything above 15 is an adult

Int: if you compare yourself today, are you a child or an adult?

Resp: I am self independent, (gap) I can by cloths on my own because
I am responsible

Int: today, are you an adult of a child?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: when you say the age matters, how many years are those?

Resp: I can control myself on sexual matters and behavior. Am
responsible and I have a job

Int: what else

Resp: a child cannot give birth

Int: what else

Resp: getting married

Int: is there anything else that makes you feel you are still a
child since you cannot get married now?

Resp: nothing

Int: you don't have anything else to add on to that?

Resp: I don't want to get married until I am 24 years old

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: an adult will be self independent, if you are not married.....

Int: how about you as a person....what do you like as an adult?

Resp: being married

Int: why?

Resp: when you get married, you are required to be responsible

Int: in what way?

Resp: you will live on your own, and take responsible of everything
then when you get married, you start taking responsible for
the children and get respected in the community

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: being irresponsible, untrustworthy in marriage

Int: what is the most significant event in your life today,
something you cannot forget? And please speak louder

Resp: I remember being educated by my parents I appreciate the life
we have had together

Int: let us look at your life in this community; who do you live with
here?

Resp: (gap)my sister

Int: what role do your parents play in your life today? In what way
are they involved in your life? Do they advice you on how to
live?

Resp: get money.....(gap) they advice me on how to respect other
people and be responsible person. Work hard, get a job so that
I can also assist them and save for the future

Int: what about advice on being responsible?

Resp: they tell me to respect people,

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents?

Resp: for now, they advice me against use of drugs, they are harmful, and as for sex, they advice me against it until I am of age that is when I can......

Int: what age is this?

Resp: until about 24 years

Int: why wait until when you are 24 years when you can involve yourself in sex?

Resp: (unintelligible) and my husband an..... (up to this point, interviewer interrupting the respondent before she can give a complete answer)

Int: what are the issues that would make you go to seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: Feelings

Int: mhhh

Resp: they will not lie to me

Int: why would you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: they have been through many experiences in life and they will tell me the truth and they will do this because they want me to have a good future

Int: what personal problems would make you seek their assistance?

Resp: ways in which I can know when my husband is unfaithful to me,
I can also ask them if my age allows me to and how we can live
in harmony with my husband

Int: what can stop you from approaching or parent for assistance?

Resp: maybe if I marry early, I will fear facing them. Maybe I can
contract HIV Aids that will also make me feel guilty and not
approach them for assistance. If you also don't respect your
parents, you cannot go to seek for assistance.

Int: (unintelligible) to be able to get assistance?

Resp: if I have HIV Aids they will conclude that I was untrustworthy
and at the same time I was a loose girl

Int: what private problems can make you approach your parents for
assistance?

Resp: for example if I become a spinster then I can also ask them what
the problem is, if I have a problem with getting children or God
blesses me then and maybe they have these inherited diseases, I
can consult them for assistance

Int: what kind or reasons would make you approach someone else and
not your parents when you have a problem?

Resp: maybe if I have a married elder sister, and she is a
responsible person, I can go to her for advice and also if I
trust her

Int: what kind of advice you seek from her?

Resp: for example if I want to get married, I can find out from her how she was able to determine this is the right man to live with as a husband

Int: how do your parents punish you?

Resp: they correct me and advice me not to repeat the same mistake again. They also give me examples of other people's lives and how they live

Int: when you say they correct you, in what way

Resp: they tell me my mouth, they call me and we sit together and discuss the problem

Int: give me an example

Resp: for example if I don't respect other people, they call me, seat me down and advice me on how to live in harmony with other people so that we can work together

Int: besides your parents; who else is concerned about your life?

Resp: my elder sister

Int: what role does she play in your life?

Resp: Her advices on marriage to me is that I should not be in a hurry

Int: apart from marriage, what else does advice you on?

Resp: she advices me not to involve me in sexual relationships before marriage

Int: how are your friends involved in your life? Do they advice you on anything at all?

Resp: on marriage, we discuss and share opinions. For example if you have an older sibling married, you review their marriage

Int: what do they advice you education?

Resp: to work hard in my education and behavior wise, they tell me to be respectful and obedient with others

Int: can you tell me of any significant event that either your siblings or friends have been involved in?

Resp: I have a friend who has a child and she has no finances o enable her look after her baby

Int: do you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: no.

Int: why?

Resp: I am not in a hurry to get married or get involved in early sex and get unwanted pregnancy.

Int: let us talk about your life in this community, what are the challenges young people encounters here?

Resp: in Viwandani when a child reaches Std 8 (gap, not sure whether it is the recorder or what) to get money before they reach that age when the can be employed

Int: to be employed one needs to be how old?

Resp: one is supposed to have completed fourth form and then join college

Int: mhhh what do they do when they drop out of school?

Resp: they involve themselves in sex to get money

Int: any other challenge?

Resp: they get involved in..... (gap)

Int: what about HIV Aids patients?

Resp: most of the youth need to get a job to keep them busy

Int: when you say youths what age do you have in mind?

Resp: about 18 years and above

Int: those who have been affected by this disease are in which age bracket?

Resp: about 30 years, (gap) and some of them get married when they are already infected

Int: what about security?

Resp: when moving around and you come across the youths and don't have any money for them to take, they get annoyed and beat you.....

Int: what about poverty, do you think of that in comparison to the youths in this community?

Resp: most of us are in employment and we are able to take care of ourselves.....

Int: let us look at the strategies that have been put in place so that the youths can benefit

Resp: to be able to be self reliant

Int: those are views you are giving but I would also like to know what is on the ground, how are youths able to cope with this problem for example for a problem like sex?

Resp: for those who are not in employment, they do commercial sex especially from the age of 18 years. This applies to both single and married

Int: what strategies are in place to curb this?

Resp: when we go to church, we tell them to give them guiding and counseling which takes place at the church sanctuary. When there are projects the youths are involved so that they can earn some money for their upkeep and also.....

Int: you also mentioned about school dropouts; what strategies have been put in place?

Resp: the youths go to the MP and they are given assistance. Sometimes they are sponsored so that they can continue schooling

Int: where do they get sponsorship?

Resp: there are some foreign agencies or the Member of Parliament

Int: how has this problem been solved in the community?

Resp: those over 25 years and above, they provide security in the slum

Int: what about poverty, how this issues catered for?

Resp: they look for sponsorship

Int: I would like to know more about where you would like to live; your dream place

Resp: I would like to live in an estate like Buruburu

Int: why?

Resp: when you compare that estate and Viwandani, it is not easy to get disease outbreaks like cholera which broke here recently. The environment is clean and not polluted like here and they have clean drinking water

Int: what are your chances of living in Buruburu?

Resp: it can be possible if I get a well paying job and be able to afford paying that rent

Int: what is well paying job to you?

Resp: to be employed by the government

Int: what occupation?

Resp: a police/security officer or a teacher

Int: what would you like to achieve in your life?

Resp: I would like to be a security officer

Int: why?

Resp: you are employed by the government and you have job security

Int: what efforts are you making to make sure you attain that goal?

Resp: I have tried filling in those forms and I am waiting for the results.

Int: what other efforts are you making to ensure that you achieve that goal?

Resp: I will be joining National Youth Service

Int: what can stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: if I have money to bribe, it may not be possible to be selected

Int: why bribe?

Resp: that is what most of them ask for

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve your goal?

Resp: form four

Int: you told me you are in school and at the same time doing casual jobs.

Resp: yes

Int: you have also mentioned you want to be a security officer?

Resp: yes

Int: what is the main reason that makes you want to be a security officer?

Resp: it is not easy to loose your job when you are a security officer, I will be paid well and there are allowances

Int: when you take the allowances and the salary, how much do you think that is?

Resp: about Sh40,000 and above

Int: have you ever shared this dream of being a security office with anyone else?

Resp: I have shared it with a cousin who is a security officer and he has asked me to look for that money so that I can get the job

Int: how much money is that?

Resp: the bribe, how much it is?

Int: when you say he said you look for that money, what do you mean?

Resp: he encouraged me to work hard and save some money

Int: when you told him that you want to be a security officer and he told you to look for the money, besides that, what else did he say?

Resp: he told me according to my height, I can be enrolled

Int: what kind of job is it; is it an important or less important job?

Resp: he told me it is an important job according to the salary scale

Int: you told me that you are not in school, why?

Resp: I am through with my education and I am working

Int: what level of education have you attained?

Resp: form four

Int: do you plan to continue with school?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: if by next year I had collected enough money, I will have enrolled for the security job

Int: how old were you when you started your first job

Resp: 20 years

Int: what were your feelings about working?

Resp: it is nice because when I am paid, I am able to buy what I want for use in the house and the rest I put in my savings

Int: why did you decide to get into your first employment?

Resp: I had just completed school and I didn't want to stay idle and then I would start thinking either about marriage or commercial sex

Int: you are still working now?

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of job are you doing now?

Resp: packing these synthetic hairs

Int: how do you spend your money?

Resp: I send to my parents, cater for my personal needs and put the rest on savings

Int: in this community, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: they move out and to go live elsewhere

Int: how about those who remain in the slum, how can you identify one?

Resp: you will find most of them running businesses like wholes shops, clubs and the children are well educated.

Int: how does that kind of person live in his family?

Resp: his family is well maintained because finance is not a problem to them

Int: how can you identify a success young person?

Resp: he will be married and if the wife is jobless, he will put up a business for her

Int: apart from getting married and putting up a business for his wife, what about his education?

Resp: he will be educated to a higher level like the university and in employment

Int: what kind of job does do?

Resp: Accounts

Int: how do you differentiate a successful young person from one who is not?

Resp: he is not a drunkard, respects his parents and does not take drugs

Int: how does he cope up with these challenges?

Resp: if he has a drunkard friend he or

Int: you mentioned that you live with your sister here, where do your parents live?

Resp: upcountry

Int: when did you start living with your sister?

Resp: this is the second year

Int: why did you decide to come and live with your sister instead of living with your parents?

Resp: (gap) to look for a job

Int: (gap)when do you plan to get married?

Resp: at the age of 24 and I will respect whoever I will get married to. I will be responsible

Int: at what point will you decide that you want to get married to him?

Resp: after knowing his character so that we can live together
as.....

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: one who is working but not a drunkard because I don't want to
start following him to clubs and fighting over finances
because he is not responsible in the house

Int: tribe?

Resp: any tribe is ok

Int: what would be the age difference?

Resp: about five year

Int: five years above or below your age?

Resp: above my age and I will respect him more

Int: have you ever had a lover?

Resp: no, I have not had one

Int: many people have lovers and why did you choose not to have
one?

Resp: I just decided I will have one when I reach 24 years.

Int: I would also like to inform you that whatever we discuss here
is not for public consumption and is it strictly for our
research; we don't also use names or people. I would like to
ask you if you have been in any sexual relationship.

Resp: no, my age does not allow me

Int: what do you mean age does not allow you?

Resp: I have set myself to start at 24 years and I am not yet there.

Int: how does it feel like not to have had sex in your life?

Resp: I feel good

Int: why?

Resp: because when I am 24 years, and get married, my husband will appreciate me

Int: do you remember last year when we had the post election violence?

Resp: yes

Int: how were you affected?

Resp: I was still in school and was affected in my education.

Int: how?

Resp: it started when we were just about to start our exams, our teachers wanted to go on strike

Int: apart from the teachers wanting to strike, were you affected by the post election violence? Were any of your relatives or friends affected?

Resp: my friends and their relatives were displaced, some of them lost their jobs and properties

Int: there were a lot of uncertainties, people didn't know what next, and how were you able to cope with that?

Resp: in school we formed prayer groups

Int: apart from prayer groups how else did you help the affected?

Resp: we used to encourage them to face the new and go on with life

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: I didn't like how people were killing each other, others were displaced and lost their jobs

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about it

Int: ok, thank you so much for your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V034

STUDY POINTS

226. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

227. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

228. RESILIENCE

229. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

230. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Someone aged 18years and above, being mature and able to behave well and living independently
2. Unemployment, harassment by police, early pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, insecurity and dropping out of school are the major challenges here
3. "Am married, I have learned through the hard way and I now control my lie and resist any pressure to do what is wrong
4. "I will pursue Sales and Marketing because it will help me in my business"
5. none

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 23 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed

Educational Level: Secondary (form four)

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: married

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Donholm

Background information

The respondent was a female who is married with one child. The interview took place in her house and she cooperated throughout our discussion despite her answering in low voices. The discussion was severely interrupted by the baby who was playing in the house but I managed to carry out the interview despite this.

Int: Can you tell me what differentiates an adult from a non adult, in your opinion?

Resp: the way someone acts according to his behavior and age

Int: what do you mean when you say his age?

Resp: at the age of 18 years you are an adult

Int: and physical maturity?

Resp: when someone is an adult there are some physical changes that take place; for male, they have a deep voice whereas the girls start growing breast and for both cases, their body enlarges in all areas

Int: what about the behavior?

Resp: an adult behaves differently from a child because a child can talk of anything without really caring because a child doesn't know the seriousness of certain speeches

Int: how about circumcision?

Resp: anyone getting circumcised is considered an adult because he is taught many things like how to behave like an adult after the cut

Int: And education; does it bring out any difference between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: of course it does, anyone learned will be able to do what an adult is supposed to do and behave.

Int: and for those who have moved out of home can they be considered adults or children?

Resp: anyone who has moved out of the parent's home is a mature person who should live alone and be self reliant. He cannot rely on the parents for any kind of provision at all.

Int: and things like having sex and taking on responsibilities, do they also contribute to the difference between adults and non adults?

Resp: on an adult person can move out of the home and start being self reliant. Because he is 18 years and above, living alone; he has to be responsible to be able to make it in lie, he is self reliant already.

Int: what about sex?

Resp: it doesn't show any difference because these days, children are much more aware of sex and how to go about it than adults. Most of them even have more experience than adults.

Int: could you tell me the stages one goes through from childhood to adulthood?

Resp: first a child is born, taken care of (bringing up) the baby, goes to school from class one to eight

Int: how old will he be at that time?

Resp: in class 8 the child is about 14 years of age, and at that age is when boys get circumcised, before joining secondary school

in form one. By the time he completes secondary education; he is already an adult and can actually be self reliant if he chooses to.

Int: when you look at yourself, can you relate yourself to an adult?

Resp: I left home and I am relying on myself, and that means I am an adult

Int: what else makes you believe you are an adult?

Resp: I have a baby and I also know how to take care of a husband

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you feel you are not an adult?

Resp: none, I feel I am an adult for finances whereby I depend on someone else because I am not working

Int: and what makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I am independent; I don't wait for orders from anyone to make a move. I am no longer in the care of my parents.

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: being self reliant, there are times I have collided with my husband and that, I don't like

Int: let us now talk about your parents and your growing up here. Who do you live with here?

Resp: my mother passed away and I was brought up with my step mother who we quarreled with; and that is why I had to move out

Int: how much influence do your guardians have over your life?

Resp: they have been telling me how I need to be educated and education is a very important thing in my life

Int: yes, what else?

Resp: they advice me on how to make my marriage work

Int: what else?

Resp: financial help for example like when the baby is unwell, they give me money to take the child to hospital, and also pay my rent

Int: Q12 (notes)

a) When we have a domestic quarrel I go to my father's house and stay there. Even if I don't have any money, when I go to him, he will assist me.

b) None, we trust each other and love him

c) None

Q13 if I am not doing anything correctly, they do correct me, he advices me to leave bad habits and live a straight life

Q14 my uncles advice me on many issues like use of contraceptives so that I can plan for my family

Int: what about behavior, do they advice you on that?

Resp: they know my character is good, they only tell me to avoid bad company so that I don't encounter problems in future

Int: can you tell me of any significant problem a friend or sibling was involved in?

Resp: he left school and started taking cigarettes and other drugs, eventually he ran away from home. When he got married, after a while he ran away from home

Int: can you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: no, I learnt from him

Int: what are the challenges facing young people in this community?

Resp: framed by police as possessing bhang even when some of them are innocent, unemployment, early pregnancies

Int: do they involve in other things?

Resp: yes, they also take drugs and drink local brews like chang'aa

Int: and HIV Aids?

Resp: that has been killing even very young children.

Int: what else?

Resp: they drop out of school and start involving themselves in drugs and prostitution as a means of getting money.

Int: is security also a challenge to the young people here?

Resp: very much, those youths mug people passing here and they steal from them

Int: what strategies are the young people putting in place to help stop these things happening in the community?

Resp: we have Kazi kwa Vijana which was introduced by the government, it has been keeping them busy. Some start other projects in the community

Int: what about things to do with early pregnancies?

Resp: they are usually advised by counselors within the community to go to family planning clinics

Int: and school drop outs?

Resp: they are encouraged to continue learning beyond secondary school so that they can get good jobs

Int: what else?

Resp: the chief with his administration police have been patrolling in the community so that there can be security

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: an estate like Buruburu or Savannah

Int: why would you like to live in those places?

Resp: the environment is clean, there is good sanitation

Int: what else?

Resp: those people who live there are people who have made it in life

Int: do you see yourself living there?

Resp: if I get a well paying job, I will stay there. Right now, I cannot say much because I am not in employment and don't have any money of my own

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: have a successful life, have my own business so that I can earn some money and educate my children to university level

Int: what efforts are you doing towards achieving this goal?

Resp: I will join college when the baby is slightly older

Int: why can't you join right now?

Resp: I don't have anyone to leave the child with

Int: what career would you like to have in life?

Resp: go to college and do Sales and Marketing so that I can manage my business well when I start one

Int: have you ever talked to anyone about that dream?

Resp: I have only talked to my father and he said it is ok, he will even assist me start my own business

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: yes,

Int: where?

Resp: in a cafe

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 19 years after completing my fourth form

Int: how were your feelings when you left home?

Resp: I was comfortable and I knew I was coming to be self reliant

Int: what does success mean in this community?

Resp: have a job or run a business without getting any assistance from anyone

Int: can you describe for me a successful person in this community?

Resp: he has money, a car, a house he owns or it can rental and the children are well taken care off and they are a happy family. You can see that he is comfortable in life and doesn't have any financial burdens weighing him down.

Int: do you know of a successful person in this community?

Resp: he is clean, he interacts with anyone and gains respect from many people, his conversation does not dwell on problems only and he has his own business; a cafe

Int: how can you identify a well behaved young person from one who is not?

Resp: he does not drink or smoke anything from cigarettes to bhang, he is well educated and he avoids bad company at all times

Int: what else?

Resp: he focuses on the future by joining savings groups that save money on monthly basis so that they can develop themselves and also goes to church

Int: how can a young person in this community do to be successful?

Resp: be employed or have his own business where he can get a loan from the financial institutions and improve himself.

Q35 (Gap on recording.) here

Q41 I was happy because I was now able to do what I want, go anywhere I want and I was 20 years by then

Q42 I happy because I am independent

Q46 Last year in August. I was 22 years. His discipline and the way he treated us was good because I had a small baby even though it is from someone else

Q47: I am now an adult because I have a family; I can now get anything I want.

Q48 a) I would learn if given the opportunity.

b) Disagreeing with my husband

Q53 I was 20 years and he was 35

Q58 I was 20 years. It was under pressure and I didn't enjoy it. I had to do it to get a job

Q59 it was my first time to do it, I was also drunk and we didn't use any protection that is why I got pregnant

Q62 last year in 2008, it was not planned for (this question is captured earlier in Q58 and Q59)

Q64 I am happy even though it is hard raising a baby

Q65 I don't feel much of anything, because we are many and I am not the only victim. I am happy

Int: let us now talk about the post election violence in early 2008. How were you affected?

Resp: I lost my relatives in Molo, there was no food because there was no where even the traders could pass

Int: were you personally affected in any way?

Resp: apart from having no food and security, I tried to avoid those areas that there was heavy fighting by staying indoors

Int: how did you know about the areas that were bad?

Resp: I watched the news on Television and was able to determine where there are problems

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: how do you like when people are being killed, destruction of property and people living in camps as if they didn't have any life before? It was too expensive for the country and up to date we have never recovered.

Int: what did you like about the war?

Resp: there was nothing good about it at all.

Int: I am now through with my questions; would you like to add anything?

Resp: no

Int: any recommendations?

Resp: none

Int: thank you

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM3V001

STUDY POINTS

- 231. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 232. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 233. RESILIENCE
- 234. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. An adult is a person who understands him/herself and conversant with surrounding and day to day happenings in the country. He is responsible for his life and actions. He is one who is mature in his reasoning.
2. Employment, insecurity and lack of employment coupled with school dropouts.
3. I try much as possible to continue with my education against the high cost of education and only being brought up by my single mother

4. The government though the police offices should stop harassing the youth in this area

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 17 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: unemployed (student)

Educational Level: Secondary (Form 2 continuing)

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: zero

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

The interview was conducted in the house i.e. the boy's mother house. The respondent answered all my questions although he was not understanding most of my questions and so I had to make clarification. The interview was generally fairly done. He is 17 years old. The location indicated in the sample is different from where the person lives. In location V037074004 has the person interviewed whereas Nelson Gikandi Njoroge is in V037074001. This is where they have always lived. Nelson is a 14 years old boy going to school. He could not be found at home.

Int: before we start please tell me briefly about yourself

Resp: I was breed here

Int: here; were your born here?

Resp: no, I was born upcountry and came this side when I was in
class three

Int: which year was this?

Resp: in 2004

Int: in your opinion, what distinguishes an adult from a child?

Resp: an adult is a person who understands himself and he is
responsible for his life

Int: and age?

Resp: people grow at different rates, there are those who mature
very fast and yet their age is still low

Int: so age doesn't matter when it comes to differentiating an
adult from a youth?

Resp: maybe from the age of 15 years is an adult

Int: what about someone who is employment?

Resp: it is important because you cannot be employed below 18 years

Int: but there are some people who work below 18, where do you
place those kinds of people; for example house helps, farm
boys, they are usually employed when they are still very young

Resp: I was thinking in terms of company employment but to me anyone employed below 18 years that is child abuse

Int: and what about if someone is affected by the HIV Virus?

Resp: no, most adolescents are very active in sex and they understand things like blood transfusions so they can get it anywhere, so that does not matter, it can affect anyone

Int: what about that one who has responsibilities to take care of?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: I am an adult right now

Int: what shows you that you are an adult?

Resp: I have a vision

Int: like which one?

Resp: I am getting my education to be somebody important not just for the fun of it

Int: what would you like to study for?

Resp: to be an engineer

Int: on what side?

Resp: for vehicles

Int: we have mechanical engineer, electrical engineer....

Resp: electrical engineer

Int: what do you like about adults?

Resp: the way adults do their things

Int: like what?

Resp: behavior

Int: maybe you could tell more about that?

Resp: he does not look down upon the younger ones but usually
advices them about future life

Int: what experiences in your life make you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I am past adolescent age

Int: how old are you?

Resp: I am 17 years old

Int: which year were you born?

Resp: 1992

Int: which month?

Resp: July 28

Int: what are the things that you don't like about an adult?

Resp: no

Int: you enjoy being an adult

Resp: yes

Int: but adult have stresses like children being sent home for school fees, rent and so on

Resp: oh, I was thinking in terms of myself

Int: in your opinion are there things you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: I don't think so maybe lacking money like for example you don't have school fees and have been sent home and here is your mother she has no money

Int: is there any significant event in your life that you can't forget about?

Resp: no

Int: nothing like a death, illness

Resp: NO, I don't remember so much maybe the death of my grandmother

Int: but it was not significant in your life?

Resp: she was an important person but I just didn't want to dwell on that

Int: you told me you live here with your parents?

Resp: I live with my mother,

Int: mama?

Resp: but she has rented a small room for me

Int: so you come for your meals on this end

Resp: yes

Int: and your studies?

Resp: I do that from my room

Int: and your father

Resp: they separated long time ago, and I don't even know who he is

Int: does your mother give you advice?

Resp: she advices me not to enter cults like Mungiki but should
concentrate on things I know that will help me in future

Int: does she give you advice on schooling?

Resp: she advices me to work hard at school

Int: what about having friends, it doesn't matter whether they are
boys or girls

Resp: we don't talk on those issues

Int: what about religion?

Resp: I pray

Int: but she doesn't talk about it?

Resp: she does

Int: what about sexual behavior?

Resp: no

Int: drugs?

Resp: she talks about them

Int: about marriage?

Resp: no, she has never talked about it

Int: there are things you need to ask for assistance from your
parents only, what kind of things are these?

Resp: how?

Int: maybe you have something you want to do or you have heard
about and you want information?

Resp: no

Int: you don't have anything you ask from her?

Resp: no

Int: but you usually have some personal problems you can ask for
advice from her?

Resp: no, I don't have those personal problems

Int: maybe issues like some girl is pregnant and she needs your
advice, would you talk to her or come to mother for advice
first before you make any decision?

Resp: you talk to her first before you come to talk to your mother

Int: there are times when we make mistakes and our parents have to
discipline us. Have you ever been disciplined by your mother?

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of discipline does she give?

Resp: a beating but that was when I was in primary

Int: since primary you have not been beaten again?

Resp: no, these days I know what is good and what is bad. I know when she is annoyed and what to do so about that so that we don't get into conflict with her

Int: does your mother influence your life in any way?

Resp: I would not like my children to live with their mother in the same way I did, there is something I lack from a father so I would not like my children to go through the same thing like me.

Int: are there other people who influence your life like your uncles or aunts?

Resp: no, they don't

Int: can you tell me of the worst trouble you have ever had?

Resp: any problem I have had?

Int: mhh

Resp: no

Int: in this community of Viwandani, are there challenges young people faces?

Resp: the environment is not good and it is the biggest challenge,
you cannot bring a visitor from the estates to come and visit
you

Int: why?

Resp: the environment is not good

Int: I don't understand

Resp: life in this community is not good, you cannot be proud of
bringing your visitor here because of embarrassment. You just
lie to them about where you live

Int: why lie and yet it is where you live?

Resp: because you don't want to be known you live in a slum and that
is a challenge

Int: to live in the slum is a challenge?

Resp: that is why you need to work hard, get a job and move out of
here, it is not a good place to bring up your children.

Int: what about violence?

Resp: that is a common phenomenon here. You keep hearing of gunshots,
people are killed here and there

Int: what about harassment?

Resp: harassment with whom?

Int: by people in the community?

Resp: yes

Int: what about insecurity?

Resp: at times it is there and very serious

Int: and lack of employment?

Resp: very many people here are not working

Int: what about children dropping out of school?

Resp: yes

Int: at what level do they drop out of school?

Resp: at secondary level because of lack of school fees

Int: what about HIV Aids?

Resp: I have not noticed that problem and these days it is not easy to spot people with Aids.

Int: but there is ill health in the community?

Resp: no, people are healthy

Int: what are the strategies young people are using to cope with these challenges we have mentioned like insecurity, etc?

Resp: we have these water tanks whereby they get their income from that

Int: there is no other?

Resp: that is the only one I know of

Int: what about insecurity?

Resp: it is there

Int: what strategies have the youths put in place to cope with
 this?

Resp: they ask for ten shillings per house in a week and the take
 care of security in the community, they are a vigilant group

Int: is that the mungiki group?

Resp: no, there are just young persons in the neighborhood who came
 up with that idea of taking care of our own security

Int: what about poverty?

Resp: I don't understand

Int: maybe I have a family and I am not able to take care of it,
 people would say I am poor

Resp: that problem is here

Int: and what are people doing about it?

Resp: to avoid that problem?

Int: mhh

Resp: they help each other

Int: in what way?

Resp: they form groups and buy things for each other

Int: in your opinion, or if you had a choice, where would you like
 to live?

Resp: I would like to leave the slum

Int: even if you decided to stay in the slum where would you like to stay? Or you can decide to move out of the slum to somewhere else; where would that be?

Resp: I would like to live here so that when I do better I can also help the people I have seen struggling with me in life. I would like to help them and uplift them to another level

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: achieve?

Int: is there anything important you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: I would like to change the environment in which I live

Int: to change?

Resp: for example you are educated, get a well paying job and then come and change the status of people here, if you own a company you employ them so that they come out of their problems

Int: and what efforts are you making to reach this achievement?

Resp: I am working hard at school

Int: is there anything that can hinder you from reaching this goal?

Resp: lack of school fees to further your education

Int: but you will achieve the goal?

Resp: yes, I can see myself being able to do that

Int: what kind of career would you like to have in life?

Resp: what I have just told you before

Int: and what are you doing about it?

Resp: working hard

Int: have you talked to anyone about it?

Resp: how?

Int: have you ever discussed with anyone about wanting to become an engineer?

Resp: yes

Int: who was that person in your life?

Resp: a friend

Int: not anyone related to the family?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no

Int: you have never done anything to bring in income like selling vegetables, scrap metal and so on?

Resp: no

Int: in this community, there are some people who have succeeded?

Resp: yes

Int: what have they done to show they have succeeded?

Resp: they live a good life, dress and eat well

Int: what is a good life?

Resp: there is no food crisis in the family, the children are in school and they don't lack school fees

Int: can you give me an example of someone who has succeeded but not necessarily give me the names?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me

Resp: he has rental houses, his children are in school and you cannot compare him with someone living in a house like this one and paying rent

Int: but a young person?

Resp: mhh

Int: are there young people who have succeeded in life?

Resp: yes, they are determined in life and they support parents

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved person from the others?

Resp: behavior

Int: what does he do?

Resp: it is what he does that makes him distinguished. You cannot compare a well behaved person with one who is not

Int: what does a well behaved person do?

Resp: that is a person who can advice others

Int: what would a young person like you and those guys I was walking with do so that they can be successful?

Resp: getting a job and being self reliant

Int: for how long do you think you will live with your mother?

Resp: until I complete school

Int: you now in?

Resp: form two?

Int: and you have how many more years to go?

Resp: two more

Int: and then you leave home?

Resp: yes

Int: why must you wait until you leave school before you move out?

Resp: so that she can be able to pay for me school fees

Int: mhhh

Resp: I don't have a job and I need to eat

Int: so that means after school you can move out, any other thing?

Resp: when I get a job

Int: when you complete school and you have not gotten a job, will you still move out?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever thought of getting married in future because right now you are still in school so I don't expect you to marry or they do it?

Resp: I will marry for continuity of the family

Int: mhhhh

Resp: you need to grow the family tree

Int: when do you intend to get married?

Resp: after completion of school, I get a job so that I can be able to provide for the family

Int: is there any particular type of person you would like to get married to?

Resp: no

Int: you will just meet a girl and propose?

Resp: I would like to get married to a beautiful girl, a good looking woman

Int: tribe?

Resp: I won't choose that because all of us human beings

Int: what about age difference?

Resp: I have to be older than her

Int: by how many years?

Resp: two to three years

Int: what about the economic situation in their home?

Resp: that does not matter

Int: I know you might still be young and it may be hard but have you ever had a girlfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: when did you have your first girlfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: when was that?

Resp: 2008

Int: tell me about your relationship

Resp: it was good; she was my class mate

Int: older than you?

Resp: no, I was older by one year

Int: where did you meet with her?

Resp: at school

Int: you were not punished for that?

Resp: no

Int: how did you meet?

Resp: we just met at school and it is not a romantic one, we just help each other in education matters. If she is good in a certain subject and I am not, I can get help from her

Int: besides education, is there any other thing beyond that?

Resp: no

Int: have you ever had sex?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I don't see myself doing it

Int: when do you plan to have sex?

Resp: when I get married

Int: you know others don't wait for that

Resp: people are different and they do things the way that pleases them

Int: how do you feel about it since you have never done that?

Resp: I feel nice

Int: when you get married, do you plan to get children?

Resp: yes, children are very important in marriage

Int: how many children?

Resp: four will do

Int: why?

Resp: according to our customs that will be my parents and her parents

Int: two named on your side and the othe two on her side

Resp: yes

Int: what other reason do you have for having only four children?

Resp: children?

Int: reason to get children

Resp: continuity of the family

Int: even one can do that

Resp: if you get girls only, you might end up without anything and you will be laughed at with your brothers because if you die, you will be left alone

Int: last year we had the post election violence, can you remember?

Resp: yes

Int: were you affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: maybe it affected your mother and she couldn't go about her business, so there was no money, no transport? Your source of income was not affected?

Resp: no, her company was not closed down and we were upcountry at that time

Int: where is upcountry?

Resp: Gatundu South

Int: you were not affected at all?

Resp: we just saw it on TV but there was nothing going on at our place

Int: even though you were not affected, is there anything you didn't like?

Resp: people were just being forced to move out for example, youths were fighting each other on tribal lines and yet the adults were not doing that

Int: is there anything you liked about the violence?

Resp: no

Int: I am almost through. Tell me about yourself?

Resp: how

Int: you told me that you were born upcountry, went to school up to class four but there are other things you have not mentioned. Do you have siblings?

Resp: I am the last one and I have one elder sister. We are only the two of us

Int: now that we are almost through with this interview, what recommendations can you give to help the community?

Resp: how?

Int: generally what would you like happening in this community

Resp: this area is good apart from security

Int: what should be done?

Resp: these youths need to eat; there are other families who are not able to afford that Sh10.00 to pay for security

Int: so what would you like to be done?

Resp: If the government could do something about it

Int: everyone or youths?

Resp: only youths

Int: so that they don't ask for the Sh10.00?

Resp: something like a job; youths to be given jobs

Int: but you said the Sh10 is not for Mungiki?

Resp: they are not mungiki, they are just fellow youths here

Int: you don't have any other issue?

Resp: no

Int: do you have any questions?

Resp: how am I going to benefit from this interview?

Int: this is research after which we will come up with a report which will take the government. You know the government is the one which makes the policies?

Resp: yes

Int: so we tell them what you have given us and later on the government will decide what to do to the community to improve the situation there.

Resp: ok

Int: you have understood?

Resp: yes

Int: ok, thank you so much for sparing your time to talk to me

Resp: ok

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STUDY POINTS

- 235. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 236. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 237. RESILIENCE
- 238. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 239. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 5. Respondent equated adulthood with to changes in one's behavior and conduct, e.g. adults smoke cigarettes, bhang and the way they address any gathering.

6. The security is a threat in the area. Another challenge as a young man is competing for a girlfriend with other boys from another estate. They end up fighting over a girl and whoever wins will have the girl
7. The respondent said she resists the bad company by being committed to his duties of a casual job since he tries to add onto what the aunt provides for their upkeep.
8. The government should open up employment opportunities to absorb the idling unemployed youth. Would wish to be a driver because he has always wanted to drive.
4. Would want to get a steady job to enable him plan for his future

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 22 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: INFORMAL CAUSAL

Educational Level: primary not completed Std 8

Ethnic Level: kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Uchumi

Background information

I have learned up to class 8. My father and mother died. My father died in 2000 and mother died in 2005. As the mother died in July, that was the year I was supposed to do KCPE, I left for rural home in Murang'a for burial and that is how I stayed home without coming back to school. Therefore, I never did KCPE. We are five siblings and I am the last born. The first three girls have been married and my brother whom I am following we are still with him, here I am staying with my aunt.

Q1 An adult you see by the changes he/she has undergone and by his behavior, for example he goes to smoke cigarettes or bhang, which he/she never used to do. An adult when he comes to a place where there are other people and maybe he needed somebody from there, he will point at him and they get out talking something. Unlike a child who will come and just begin to talk. Age contributes, say, a person of 15 years and above is considered as an adult. Employment also determines an adult because some duties cannot be performed by the young persons. HIV is for the old men and only adult people have the HIV AIDS virus.

In most cases you will find the young ladies going for older men who have the money and thereafter contract HIV AIDS. For the young boys who go for these ladies they end up getting HIV AIDS. Circumcision is for the adults and if your younger brother/siblings has not been circumcised, there are some things you cannot talk to him/her since he is considered to be young

Q2. I feel I am an adult since I can do all the heavy duty assignments including for quarry stones. Even the debts I had while in school and I feel I can now clear the arrears since I can work just like an adult. Moreover even my girlfriend is now pregnant and I feel I am a real man now

Q3. I can do heavy work or example a truck has come with sand, they just sent for me to go and offload the sand from the lorry

Q4 even the way I used to talk is now different, these days I feel more responsible

Q5 I like football, you have the freedom to watch soccer for example I am an Arsenal fan.

What about local teams?

There is no other team but it has to be Harambee Stars

Q6 I don't like the idea of being shot at by police officer every other time and being accused of stealing something

Q7 last year in 2008 when my great friend was shot and although he was a thief, he wasn't so much into it. that day he was just called by others to go and steal from Tetra Pak company but by bad luck he was shot when he was crossing to get into the company. I never liked that day

Q8 say with aunt

Q9 my step parents advice me on very many areas and they are involved in my life in some areas like my aunt connects me to people to

get jobs and sometimes even provide security like I did during the census and also they play as your security

Q10. She advices me on not to go for sex with village mothers and not to have bad company in the community.

Q11. She also advices me against bad sexual behavior and the church also because it where we go.

Q12 a) if I get a girlfriend and I would want them to take the girls roots and see if she is good in character

b) If by bad luck I get STI from a lady I would just persevere and to the doctor but never let my parents (aunt) know about it

c) If I have like a business to do and I want financial support

d) When looking for employment, under the informal and casual employment I would ask for help from somebody else by asking for national identity card

Int: you have given a couple of ID, don't they say it is a forgery?

Res: Usually they are not keen so long as you have the ID and leave it at the gate then later when leaving for home you collect it. No one will know whether you are the owner of that name or not. They never look at the pictures

A person like you (moderator) because you are a man, I will come to you for help to give your ID. It is because of work

Q13. In most cases they tell me good tings and the right way to live.

My friend who stays in the estate (Kingstone), a radio technician (repairer) advises me on some of the issues.

Int: like on what issues?

Res: don't go for old sugar mummies

my brother is a matatu (public vehicle service) conductor and he is a drunkard, he stays in Dandora so mostly I don't sit with him like I am doing with you. Occasionally I go to see in Dandora on Sundays but you find him very drunk. Really there is no advice I get from him

Q15 the plot at home, there was tension between my dad and my uncle about the land and even now still the cases is still in police hands

Q16 if I go to claim the land I will be in a similar situation, but I am hoping if God blesses me with money, I will buy land elsewhere.

Q17 of late there is so much violence and harassment. Earlier there were insecurity but of late things have calmed down

Q18 in case of insecurity, we just decide to fight the enemies

Q19 we fight until all the aggrieved parties get satisfied with the war

Q20 to live in Ngong. It is a high cost place and very quiet area. Only birds are singing in the air

Q21 as a young person I am still looking for money and I hope one day I will get there. Another place I would wish to live in is Nyeri. It is also costly.

Q22 a job, wife and two children

Why two children?

Having many children is stress

Q23 I am trying my best

Q24 because of Satan

Q25 I am already a school drop out and really I cannot say so much about my education. But all the same when I get an opportunity I may go to school

Q26 am already out of school and I am planning to go on with my life

Q27 not in school

Q28 don't plan for any career because I am out of school. But I would choose to go to a driving school

Q29 got advice from my uncle (my aunt's husband)

Q30 due to parent's death

Q31 may go to school if I get the money

Q32 yes, I have worked before. I begun when I was 18 years, working to keep going because I cannot get everything from my aunt

Q33 from the company to offload trailer/truck

Q34 this is the only option I have since I am not trained in any field yet

Q35 there is no specific amount because it depends on the work available. Sometimes offloading a trailer is Sh500 and a truck is Sh200 a day. It may take long before another vehicle comes so you end up trying other option like other trucks/lorries

Int:what other work do you do when waiting for the trailer/lorry?

Res:I always work in the vehicle sometimes the lorry carrying sand/or any other load comes and we offload

Q36 he has houses or rental, educates his children, has got money

Q37. Has money, has rental houses, has vehicles, pays his children's fees and his children get jobs

Q38 (He repeats Q37 and 38). His children are educated and have good jobs. Have enough money to sustain his needs

Q39 goes to live in a good estate not "ghetto" slum

Q40 salvation distinguishes. Talks of good marriages

Q41 should not engage in bad behavior like prostitution, stealing, wish/lust for other people's property

Q48 nest one month. Would want to be independent

Q49 it is good to marry. Since you were born you also have to give birth. This can best happen if you are married

Q54 still no plan, but when I get a stable job, I will marry

Q55 No plan

Q56 not brown/black - chocolate, kikuyu and should be five years younger than me

Q57 chocolate i.e. not brown and not dark

Q58 yes

Q60 I was 21 met at KICC grounds then in Uhuru park, we talked on the same day but the relationship became dormant, later it picked up. I hope to get married since it is going on well. It is known by other and I feel good about the relationship

Q61 yes

Q65 Valentine day, I was 21. We feared each other be we gathered the courage and did it (sexual intercourse)

Q66 on the first day we used protection. We used a condom and it was me who suggested we use a condom because currently you cannot just meet a new person and have unprotected sex with her. But later in our relationship we have not been using protection.

Q67 we have gotten used to each other and we now know and understand ourselves well

Q71 yes, we hope to have children in future since I was horn, I must also give birth to somebody

Q75 after I will have married because at that time I will be independent and able to take care of my family.

Q76 it never affected me in any way. Not even my friend or family members were affected. This was because in this area (Uchumi) it was very peaceful during that time and no demonstrations or protests were witnessed.

Q78 I did not like to see people being killed/injured or property being destroyed during the violence.

Q79 there was nothing I liked about the violence. I even vowed never to vote if that the consequences of voting.

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STUDY POINTS

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241. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

242. RESILIENCE

243. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

244. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

5. **FOR IDIs:**

Age of Respondent: 20 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: N/a

Educational Level: Form four

Ethnic Level: Luhya

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Uchumi

Background information

- Q1. An adult is a married, responsible person, 18 years and above, self dependant with his/her own family which he takes care of. Allowed to have since he/she is married and even the bible allows that; they should know what is right and wrong i.e. good moral and are parents. Circumcision is a transition from childhood to adulthood hence important in some communities e.g. Luhya and prepares boys for the next stage in life i.e. marriage (adulthood).
- Q2 I am an adult because I am 20 years old, looking for a job so that I become "self reliance"9reliant) I also have an ID
- Q3 left home and came to Nairobi with a goal i.e. look for work
- Q4 nothing apart from being unemployed and living with my sister
- Q5 being self dependant, having own family. Good reasoning since one is mater and knows what is right or wrong
- Q6 being unemployed and not being able to fulfill your duties as an adult
- Q7 there is a day I cried the whole and night because I was chased form school due to lack of fees. I went home but my parents told me to go back to school. It is when I realized how important education is but lackof finance can make one not to go to school
- Q8 I live with my sister

Q9 not much apart from helping out financially since they are my parents and brought us up; we involve them when making decision but my sister takes care of accommodation.

Q10 they advise me on good behaviors and to be a good Christian. To avoid criminal activities and bad things like taking alcohol

Q11 work hard in school and pass exams, go to college, get a good job and become self dependant. To know and have good friends who do not do criminal things. Be good Christian and avoid sex because it is for married people and wait until marriage. Avoid drugs because of their repercussions

Q12 when making decisions or in I am having problems due to peer pressure

Q13 none since they are my parents and brought me up, if I have financial problems, health problems or about my education

Q14 they would cane me deny me food or tell me things that would make suffer mentally.

My pastor encourages me to be a good Christian, my teacher in school differed with me one and it really affected my performance.

Q15 none

Q16 No, because I am a Christian and adult and know right and wrong

Q17 No violence, no harassment, and no insecurity because we have security officers. Many are port and lack education because of lack of finances hence many are unemployed. I know nothing about

HIV Aids because I am not a doctor and people don't go around telling you they are HIV Positive. People fall sick often because of poor drainage system. There was cholera breakout in Mukuru Kwa Njenga. Sanitation is poor and sometimes when you walk around you see faeces.

Q18 for cholera there was a campaign on awareness. The youth also took part in cleaning the environment as part of the campaign.

Q20 I would like to get a job, save and go upcountry to do farming. If I had money then I would stay in an estate

Q21 if I get a job and I have been promised one, I will work and save and achieve my dreams.

Q22 I want to live a "standard life" i.e. a better life. I want to work, buy land and have a family. We are eight in our family; four girls and four boys and we only have four acres of land at home, and that is I will only get one acre which is too small.

Q23 like I told you, am expecting a job on Monday, if I get it I plan to save money, open an account and deposit it. I will go to college next year

Q24 the main issue is money. But like I said am expecting to start working on Monday

Q25 a diploma; because if you have good education you will get a good job and good money too.

- Q26 Yes. If I get a job on Monday I will work, save and go to college next year.
- Q28 a diploma in animal husbandry. I did well in agriculture at school and the exams were simple. I also see myself as an animal (mammalia)
- Q29 I have talked to my parents who supported the decision, teaches too supported me. Friends encourage me and my Member of Parliament but he never fulfilled his promise
- Q32 I was selling kerosene last year when I was 19 years old. The business was done well and I even used to get good profits. I could get a profit of about Ksh600 after buying and selling a jerrican. The problem was that sometimes people would take on credit and never pay their debts.
- Q36 a person who is self reliant i.e. has a job and get money
- Q37 there is an engineer; he has a good job own, some houses here and also has a tailoring shop. Has a family but I don't know much about his personal life.
- Q38 one should be determined, responsible and self reliant
- Q39 one should be a good person and avoid criminal activities. He should live a "standard life" take care of his family and is admired by others.
- Q41 avoid peer pressure, alcohol and bad things e.g. sex and early marriages.

- Q42 parents stay upcountry
- Q43 finished school and came to Nairobi so as to look for a job
- Q44 there was no fear or harassment since his parents agreed and knew he was leaving. He felt excited because he knew he would be working and support himself.
- Q48 I will be leaving next year, if I start working on Monday, and that is, if all goes well.
- Q49 it is very important since one is regarded as an adult. Like in my community, a family i.e. wife and children are considered as wealth. It also shows that I am responsible even the Bible says people should get married and multiply.
- Q54 I plan to get married in the year (2010) because I will have experience in life and be self dependant. I also want company and my own family
- Q56 A tall Luo lady or 22 years; a well behaved girl with good education. I don't mind if she will be working. This is my personal decision.
- Q57 No
- Q58 because I am a Christian and also to avoid bad things like early marriages
- Q59 No
- Q60 it is against the Bible (Christianity) sex should only be for married people. It is wrong (How can a youth keep his ways clean)

- Q61 when I get married
- Q62 he is happy because he does not like repercussions e.g. unwanted pregnancies, HIV AIDS and STIs
- Q63 yes. I plan to have two children when I get married due to bad economy. Even the Bible says "Go and multiply"
- Q64 I plan to get children in 2017, since I plan to get married in 2016. I will be self reliant and married by then.
- Q66` yes, I was at one time hijacked and knifed. It also affected me psychologically and my education performances i.e. form four. One friend from Rift Valley never came back to school and I don't know whether he is alive or dead. One of my teachers never came back to school and I don't know what happened to him either.
- Q77 I was guided and counseled. I also read the Bible a lot. We economized the little that we had.
- Q78 everything because it affected many things like agriculture and prices of basic good like unga, sugar went up
- Q79 nothing but "there is collaboration" at least we have power sharing government. Decision making involved both parties.

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STUDY POINTS

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SALIENT POINTS

1. Adulthood is defined and understood as a time when one is independent. One must first have a job, a farm and buy items in the house. After this, then he can marry and have children. Independence is key
2. lack of employment main challenge facing the youth
3. Nil
4. It was a dream I had from the time I was in school. I just like it. No one told me to do it
5. The youth should be assisted to do courses like jua kali and mechanic so that they can self employ themselves.
6. **FOR IDIs:**

Age of Respondent: 19 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: N/a

Educational Level: Form four

Ethnic Level: Kisii

Marital Status:	single
Number of children:	nil
Name of Slum:	Viwandani
Name of Village:	Uchumi

Background information

- Q1. Adults are family people. I don't have a job and I depend on parents for all my needs. I would need capital to be able to start some kind of business so that I can be self employed. An adult is employed and has a piece of land, he has children. He doesn't think like a child but thinks maturely. An adult has a home he calls his and I don't have one because I just completed school last year.
- Q2 I am not an adult because in the first place I am depending on my parents for all my needs and currently I live with my brother. When I get a job, get a place of my own, and be independent, the I can say I am an adult
- Q4 I am currently looking for employment though at times I spend my time sleeping in the house during the day because there is nowhere to go. Was telling my brother the other day that there is no point in living here, I am better off upcountry. Until I get a job and be independent then I will say I am an adult but for now, I am not because I am helpless
- Q7 My father died when I was still very young and I used to wonder where my father had gone and kept asking my family and other people about him. We used to depend on our father for almost everything, he could till the land, and grow some crops and that is how we were living and it was hard on us when he died because we could not go to school anymore
- Q8 I live with my brother

Q9 none. I live with my but when I was coming to Nairobi, my mother advised me to be a well disciplined boy and never to steal from anyone.

Maybe when I am married and my wife makes mistakes then I can consult with my mother for advice.

Q10 when I want to get married I will inform my mother

Q11 my mother has always told me to listen to what my brother tells to do

Q12 a) if my wife makes a mistake

b) if I pregnant a girl

c)

d) if I want to get married I will share it with my friend first before I inform my mother and if I pregnant a girl, I will not tell my mother immediately

Q13 usually I ask for forgiveness and I am forgiven otherwise I would be asked to go fetch water from the river and fill a 100 litre tank. Alternatively I am given a piece of land to till or I am denied food.

Q14 my friends don't influence me

a. my brother always encourages me not to give up and that I will one day get a job. My sister who lives near us also encourages me not to give but continue hoping. Sometimes I wish the space she has for selling her vegetable was big enough, I would have liked to help her instead of sitting idle at home

- Q15 at school my friend had two girlfriends, and one day when they discovered that they were sharing him they really fought but he ran away.
- Q16 I was also a victim one day, two of my girlfriends really made me get into problems with my teachers
- Q17 security here is good though most youths here are not employed. Again most youths in this place don't like going to school. Girls lust for men including other people's husbands, I remember of a case where a man took a girl to his house, unfortunately for them his wife had come to Nairobi on some job assignment so she decided to visit her husband. The two women fought and it was very embarrassing. Those incidences are very common here
- Q18 they do work as mechanics and if they can be given finance, they can start something of their own like having small businesses to keep them busy
- Q20 a good environment that is clean, water shortages is not experienced there and there is electricity. When I get employment I would also like to live where there is good security which we don't have here. It is very easy for you to be snatched your cell phone, when you lock your door going to some other place the chances of getting your house broken into and property stolen are very high
- Q21 if I can get employment and earn about Ksh10,000 I would move out of this place and live elsewhere.

- Q22 I would like to live a good life, have a well paying job, eat well and provide my children with a good educational background
- Q23 I will look for employment
- Q24 if I don't get employment
- Q25 one is supposed to complete high school and proceed to college
- Q26 I did not perform well in my form four exams, I got a D minus. I wanted to continue but there was no school fee, so I am hoping that if I can raise some little money I will go and train as a mechanic.
- Q28 I always wished to be a mechanic when I complete school, it is long time dream and I love the job. No one has ever advised about mechanics but I just love it that is why I wouldn't mind going to train and gain skills on it
- Q29 there was a teacher at school who used to advise us on career choices and he looked at my subjects and performance and said I can make it as a mechanic
- Q32 yes. After my fourth form, I used to grow tomatoes and sell them at the market. Every month I used to get about Sh2,000. I remember doing that for some time and saved Ksh6,000 which I used to clear school fees balance to enable me get my result slip and school leaving certificate.

Q36 a successful person is one with a TV set, sofa set, has good breakfast i.e. bread and tea every morning. He has a family and his children are in school.

Q37 already answered.

Q39 that is a person with good cloths and shoes, has an expensive phone and is found in drinking places like a bar having a good time

Q40 a well behave youth has good words, he is not rude, he doesn't shout when he is speaking and usually greets people. You will not find him roaming in the estate or going after girls in the community.

Q41 he can be trained in jua kali, driving, mechanics and get a job

Q48 when I get employment I will first get a house and then buy my own stuff

Q49 I can only get married when I am working and have a piece of land so that I can be able to buy my own things and be self reliant

Q54 answered in Q49. It is good to have a family. Children make a home happy

Q56 a girl who has just comleted fourth form and is not a single parent

Q58 yes I have

Q60 I was 16 years and the girl was 12 years. We were just playing at home when the girl removed her cloths and I also did the same so

we had sex but we really didn't know what we were doing anyway. I don't even remember whether I felt anything. When our parent came to know about it we were really beaten. The relationship ended, because there wasn't any in the first place.

Q61 answered in Q60

Q65 we were children and didn't feel anything at all

Q66 we didn't know anything related to protection

Q74 yes, in our Kisii culture, when a man/woman gets married, and get children you are respected very much, children make a home happy.

Q75 when you get married. Between 24-30 years because at that time you will have been prepared yourself to start a family

Q76 I was living with my uncle in Molo when that happened and we hid in the bush and walked for long distances until we were able to get our way back to Kisii. My uncle had lived in Molo for 20 years and he lost everything. Now he is just in Kisii town trying to see how he can make ends meet for he doesn't have a farm there

Q777 I just stayed at home

Q78 I didn't like the violence, loss of property and the deaths that occurred.

Q79 there was nothing I liked about the post election violence.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSF4V001 pilot3

STUDY POINTS

- 250. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 251. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 252. RESILIENCE
- 253. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 254. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 6. Adulthood is having a sense of responsibility and has an ID. The respondent does not equate circumcision to adulthood as some tribes circumcise their children at a tender age. He equates adulthood with having children, leaving alone and feeding oneself.
- 7. attending school as many parents are unable to pay for their school fees as a first born he opted to drop out of school for the sisters to excel in education
- 8. The police like harassing the youth, they arrest them often. Some friends can influence peers to drop out of school. He feels if he gets a sponsor he would wish to be a mechanic. The respondent also felt that because life has subjected him to work, he opted to be a tout so as to resist pressure from gangs who steal
- 9. He intends to be a mechanic because it has a lot of income. He recognizes it is a hard job but it pays well than the tout job. It was for sustainability and also to keep away from trouble.
- 10. no recommendations

7. **FOR IDIs:**

Age of Respondent: 19 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: N/a

Educational Level: Form one

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Uchumi

Background information

Q1 an adult has brains and education. You know children cannot grasp anything at all but an adult is someone who is serious, has an identity card and can work without supervision, they grasp things very fast than the children. Adults are also people who can manage families, they can get children. They earn a living and have completed schooling. He can plan for tomorrow. Circumcision goes with ethnic groups, there are some ethnic groups who when a boy is circumcised, it is a sign that he is an adult and can marry but in others, they circumcise small babies who have not even started sitting or crawling. Generally circumcision was supposed to be a sign that a child is growing up into adulthood, but these days, it is mostly used to prevent diseases like STIs and HIV Aids that is why even communities like Luos are not doing it. I remember when we were being circumcised, we were now being treated as adult and we could emulate our parents. If you were a drunkard, then the child will also be the same.

For children to grow to adulthood, they must breastfeed well, eat well after being weaned and continue growing up to school age going. From school he will get a job and he is mature enough to be self reliant.

Q2 when I look at myself, I cannot say I do what I used to do before. I do different things today. When I was a child I could not call anyone by name, cry all the time, refuse to go to school but now things are different. Despite the fact that I am over age, if I got a chance I don't mind going back to school

Q4 before, I used to depend so much on my parents for all my needs but now I am growing up to an adult. Even those bring me food view me as an adult including my parents.

Q5 people like my adulthood because right now I cannot embarrass them anymore

Q6 an adult gets arrested and can be jailed and you can also be mistaken as a thief but not a child.

Q7 I remember when I was about seven years old went for a party and we drunk soft drinks, something that was very rare for children and then afterwards we were driven in a car. It was fun

Q8 I live with my aunt but only when I need to eat, the rest f the days I am on my own

Q9 I have my own house, I live with a friend.

The way life is today; my father wanted my life to be ok. He wanted my life to be a success. I stopped school for my sisters to continue because the fees were high for the parents to take all of us.

We still hang with him; he is concerned about my welfare. The bill was high at school

Q10 since I was a child, he taught me that partying and drinking lifestyle is wrong. A child emulates the parents

Q11 the teachers are the ones who talked about relationships. They taught about the dangers of engaging in early sex and how to prevent getting HIV AIDS

Marriage - I would talk to my father because he is available for me and he is the one who should come to my wedding being my biological parent. It is a must he knows and avails himself for that occasion.

Q12 I get any problem that I cannot solve on my own i.e. I am married. The parents of my spouse need a shopping and I don't have money. I would ask from my father.

- i. If I want to go back to school or I am sick
- ii. Some problems just come maybe you go to hospital and get diagnosed. You can't tell your father because they will be shocked or a wife's problem I can solve that on my own
- iii. Maybe problems that would involve police, I would send guys or when I need to open a business, I would look for him
- iv. Maybe I open a business I would call a friend or I would like to go some places with someone, I would look for a person

Q13 for now when I am wrong it is my auntie who advises me. She can punish me but only a child can be spanked not me

Q14 I have friends apart from my parents. We have a mechanism of solving our problems before it reaches my parents

- v. behaviors are emulated from parents
- vi. stealing is a bad habit

vii. So if a parent never influenced a child positively they will languish in poverty. A parent is the cradle of behavior.

viii. No friend has told me that marriage is bad

Q15 the problem my friend was involved in is stealing. I told him to stop later he accepted because in this community stealing is not allowed. Many young people have died because of that.

Q16 I wouldn't steal as I am content with what I have. The little I get I save to the last penny for my own use

Q17 I grew up with difficulties, food was cheap but in 2003 the economy got spoilt and we used to get donations of food but I don't see that these days. That is when I started knowing the world is a cycle and I adapted that

ix. thuggery and sex has made boys go astray in this community. And all this is due to lack of employment. To get a job you have to be ready to bribe some big guys and. All these activities are emulated from being asked to bribe and get a job. Jobs have remained for the old and the youth also need the same jobs

x. when we hear there is a construction and we want to go and get jobs, the old guys are the ones who are given and we are left out

xi. Kazi kwa vijana has really helped us much but I wish we could get access to other jobs too

xii. Stealing has been a challenge in this community but since we got involved in the fight against crime, stealing has

stopped in the community. When a youth is caught stealing we talk to him and he if he continues, we hand him over to the police

Q20 I wouldn't like to live in this neighbourhood, I just want to live places like where politicians live. In the slum there is air pollution, there are always diseases outbreaks like the one we had recently, cholera, and this is brought about by poor drainage system, open drinking water pipes etc. It is not easy to treat these diseases and have people live a health life, not when they are congested like this

Q21 first I see myself in a new neighborhood where my wife can come and live with me. In this neighborhood, it is difficult to invite anyone to come and visit you. The environment is bad

Q22 what is important is to help myself because I would not like my children to go through the problems I had. If I age money I wouldn't want to waste on alcohol; I would rather use it in addressing other important things like sustenance in life, buy property and get rent from them

Q23 I must put more efforts from my own sweat. One day God will bless my sweat

Q24 one can get shot if he steals, drinking also can lead to many things like prostitution

Q25 College; like wiring and mechanics. Mechanics is a good job

Q26 since nowadays one doesn't have to be a form four leaver, one can do many things. Girls can also get jobs and training in saloon work which can sustain them.

Q28 I would like to be a mechanic because even though it is a hard job, it has a lot of money

Q29 my father and he told me to wait and that was last month

Q30 I can't go to school because when I needed it I didn't get it. My sisters can continue with that.

Q31 I have tasted life outside and life is sweet

Q32 after school I started being a tout at the age of 18years. I felt I was grown up and so I thought I should start being a tout as a beginning. It is a tough experience because when you see traffic police you duck otherwise they harass people and it is very easy to loose a day's collection if you are going to keep bribing the police

Q35 it is not easy to say how much one gets because you get Sh200 or more depending on how the day was.

xiii. I live alone and buy my own food and the balance of the money I use on clothing

Q36 successful means that one can depend on self for everything whether you are employed or running you own business

Q38 the person who is successful is a person who has rental houses and has employed other people to collect the rent for him. He can

live the way he wants and his family is taken care of because he has the money. Their behaviour is good but not all of them. Some of them their behavior is wanting

Q39 - his traits maybe bad and good

xiv. the clothes are clean

xv. he doesn't borrow from people anyhow

Q40 a person who has good behavior and understands, he should have a good lifestyle and not drinking. He is not isolated like a bad behaved person

Q41 education can make a person be well behaved. A child who was well taught and listened to his parents is usually well behaved. He must not be lazy and at these days they don't steal because you do it and you are burnt to death. So I don't expect a well behaved youth to steal

Q42 Live in Eastleigh. It is now a year since I started living alone apart from my relative, but I have a friend we share things with and I trust him. The reason I moved was because of school and the distance from here was far to Eastleigh and I had to move to my aunt's place which was a bit nearer to school.

Q44 at the time I moved out, I had joined the wrong group so I had to drop out of school. Later one I reformed and rejoined school and completed my primary education

Q45 I was about 17 when I moved to my aunt's place and 19 when I moved to be on my own. The other thing was in Kikuyu tradition, a

circumcised man is not supposed to share a roof with parents. I was a very bad person because I could not control the hours of coming back home in the evenings, I used to come at my own pace.

Q46 I feel nice because I am in charge of myself and no one can ask me where I am from or what I am doing

Q49 I was arrested for being late out and since then I come back early in the house

Q54 I will marry when I am 30years of age at that time I will have planned and ready for a family

Q55 so that when I get children they have a home and a someone to call a father

Q56 a kikuyu like me so that it is easy to communicate with my parents in the village. I don't have that time to start teaching someone my language before I take them to my home. She can be from any background, all that matter is that we are compatible.

Q55 yes

Q60 on my first experience we had to agree and make love. I was about 19 years and she was about 15. We met on the road. For some time we used to communicate before we decided to become friends. She is a good girl and we trust one another. My friends and family knew about her

Q61 yes

Q65 I felt very good, it was my first experience and I didn't know how it felt before. It was something I had always longed to do

Q67 I used protection because none of wanted unwanted pregnancies and diseases like HIV ADIS so I went a bought a condom. The only thing we hadn't done was to test for HIV virus. Anyway she was also fearful about getting pregnant so she also suggested we use protection.

Q74 yes, but not now, when I attain the right age, I will get married

Q75 the right age is 28-30 years, at that age, I will be read for children

Q76 Education wise

xvi. food, parents were not able to go out to look for food for the family

xvii. I was able to go to school only twice but the other days it was risky and I had to go out and look for food.

xviii. Our house got burnt and we had to buy new household things

xix. Q71 what id it was to ask my parents to take me home so that I go back to school, I had to repeat the same class but later on the subjects weren't interesting and I was performing badly

Q78 I didn't like the way people were being killed especially when we voted with one heart and they got burnt in churches, it was very sad

Q78 there was nothing good about the post election violence. There was a lot of bloodshed and many innocent people suffered so much.

I still don't know why people were fighting or killing one another. I hope there will not be such a thing again.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4V002

STUDY POINTS

- 255. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 256. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 257. RESILIENCE
- 258. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. An adult is one who cannot do wrong things. One who contributes to the society by giving something material or ideas. Should be 14 years and above
- 2. Police harassment and lack of employment
- 3. I always try much as possible to listen to my parents although sometimes they harass me and turn violent on me. I try to preserve and this is why I have rented my house am staying on my own
- 4. The government though administration police should stop harassing us (youth) in this areas

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: informal casual

Educational Level: secondary form two

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

Int: to start off with, you will tell me briefly about yourself,

Resp: that is ok

Int: where were you born, education.....general information on our background

Resp: I was born in Nyeri at a place called Mukurweini

Int: and education?

Resp: I came from Nyeri and my mother was living in Limuru so I went to a school called Thigio primary

Int: that is where you completed you Std 8?

Resp: no, I completed my Std 8 here in Nairobi

Int: which year was this?

Resp: 1995 in class two

Int: till St 8?

Resp: yes

Int: which school

Resp: St Elizabeth

Int: there is this issue people refer to as adults and none adults, I would like to hear your views on that, who is an adult?

Resp: in my family?

Int: no, generally for everybody, what can differentiate an adult from a child?

Resp: intelligence

Int: how?

Resp: an adult is supposed to do things that are understandable to others whereas what children really do is not viewed seriously as that of an adult

Int: does age contribute to that difference?

Resp: yes

Int: in what way?

Resp: the age will differentiate the kind of things you do as an adult. You cannot continue to do things you did when you were a child, you now determine what is wrong and what is right

Int: what age is considered as adult?

Resp: about 15 years

Int: employment; does it contribute

Resp: in relation to the age?

Int: res

Resp: no

Int: but in your opinion how old should an adult be?

Resp: about 16 years and above

Int: and being employed does don't play any part in that?

Resp: it does

Int: in what way?

Resp: it also depends on the intelligence of the person because there are some young people who are not yet mature and when given work, they will not treat it seriously and possibly mess it up whereas an adult will follow the laid down rules and do the right things

Int: what about moving out of home and going to live on your own?

Resp: it contributes to the difference between an adult and a child because when you reach of age you are supposed to move out and live on your own.

Int: how does that apply (noisy background, goat bleating)

Resp: (unintelligible, goat) at 16 I was able to live on my own and when my mother was renting out rooms here, she gave me one at 18 years

Int: what about romantic relations?

Resp: yes

Int: and sex

Resp: it means you are adolescence almost to adulthood

Int: how about taking responsibilities, does that mean you a young person or adult?

Resp: at the age of 20 and above you should be able to take responsibilities and not below

Int: what about circumcision; there are some communities who do circumcise their boys while others don't, does that contribute to difference between adulthood and childhood?

Resp: that is not easy to answer

Int: it doesn't mean you must have passed through that, but generally, does it play any part in differentiating who is an adult and who is not?

Resp: someone who is adult and is not circumcises is very childish in his behavior.

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: me?

Int: yes

Resp: where I am about to reach?

Int: right now can you compare yourself as an adult?

Resp: I am an adult because I already have a child

Int: mhh?

Resp: yes

Int: I can't disagree with that

Resp: ok, I have a child

Int: and a wife?

Resp: but they don't live here

Int: where do they live?

Resp: she is in Uganda but she comes to visit and goes back

Int: she is from Uganda?

Resp: no, she is a Luo

Int: what does she do in Uganda?

Resp: she is a business woman

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you think you are adult?

Resp: my behavior, I go out to look for employment here and there for myself and my family

Int: are there things you like about adults?

Resp: no

Int: and are there things you hate about adults?

Resp: yes

Int: like what?

Resp: some adults are very childish, they are not mature

Int: is there any significant event in your life that has happened to you?

Resp: no

Int: maybe a wedding or anything at school, there is nothing significant that happened in your life that you still remember today?

Resp: maybe what I can say, when I was in secondary school, a girl got pregnant and the father of the girl put me behind bars because I refused to own up to that pregnancy. When I came out of the cell, I was warned about her and I had to change schools because of that

Int: when was that?

Resp: it was in 2006

Int: how long did you stay in the cell?

Resp: a week

Int: and how did you come out?

Resp: my father worked it out for me

Int: he paid a free bond to enable you come out of the cell?

Resp: yes

Int: how much was it then?

Resp: Sh3,000

Int: what did the girl do?

Resp: she aborted the pregnancy and continued with her education

Int: this was your first girlfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: you get your meals at your parent's house and come to sleep here?

Resp: no, I am responsible for myself

Int: you are self independent?

Resp: I rest and spend my nights here but I don't eat there unless they call me when they see me around but I don't like it

Int: they call you when?

Resp: they call us maybe when we have been quarreling as siblings and advice us to live in harmony and we should realize we are adult now and so on

Int: how do you get your meals?

Resp: most times I don't cook here, I eat out

Int: ok, but you don't depend on them?

Resp: no,

Int: how much influence do your parents have over your life?

Resp: If I have been caught by the beasts, I call them and they take me out of their custody

Int: who are beasts?

Resp: the police officers who patrol here

Int: you call them

Resp: and they come to my aid

Int: what kind of aid is that?

Resp: money. When in am out they call me and find out what I had done to find myself in the hands of the law and they advice me against getting involved in criminal activities

Int: apart from being on the wrong side of the law, is there any other way they are influencing your life?

Resp: no

Int: what other advice do you get from them?

Resp: I don't like

Int: why?

Resp: I told them that when they start quarreling I go out and come back later

Int: but again you see as a young man, there are certain times you need them for advice or certain decisions in life; on what issues would approach them?

Resp: like now when I don't have money and I need to send to my wife something, I can tell my father about that and If he is on safari, I ask my mother and explain the situation to her before she decides to assist me

Int: are there issues that you feel you cannot be able to face them but would rather go and seek advice elsewhere?

Resp: no

Int: you don't have secrets from them?

Resp: no

Int: they still punish you when you are in the wrong?

Resp: when I come late in the night they scold and want to know why
I came in at a late hour like that.

Int: they advice you....

Resp: not to come those late hours it is not good for me and it
keeps them worried as to where I am

Int: you told me that you have siblings?

Resp: I am the first born and then her

Int: does she influence your life in any way?

Resp: no

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: those ones are there

Int: tell me of any problem your sibling or friend has been
involved in?

Resp: there was a time she got lost from home

Int: lost?

Resp: she went her own ways and came back after three days and she
never told mother where she was going

Int: what happened when she came back?

Resp: she was scolded and I beat her

Int: as a brother you knew where she was?

Resp: yes

Int: you talked to her and she has changed?

Resp: yes

Int: has she ever been in that problem again?

Resp: no

Int: getting pregnant?

Resp: no

Int: dropping out of school?

Resp: no

Int: what is her level of education now?

Resp: she is in form one in Jogoo Road

Int: you have not passed through any problem yet?

Resp: no

Int: Everywhere you go you get challenges, what are the challenges facing young persons in this area?

Resp: related to work?

Int: work, harassment, insecurity, HIV Aids, dropping out of school, generally what are the challenges facing youths here?

Resp: unemployment. Very few of them are employed

Int: no work?

Resp: no, and so they keep busy with things like sports i.e. football, acrobatics, boxing and the like

Int: what about violence?

Resp: no

Int: people fighting here and there?

Resp: that has cooled down; we have security whereby it is not easy to snatch phones and handbags these days

Int: who are in charge of that?

Resp: the youths organized that through the chief of the area

Int: does the chief pay them?

Resp: there are those youths who clean the trenches, they have been contracted to carry out security in the area

Int: they are not paid?

Resp: they are employed by the City Council

Int: removing garbage they are paid by the Council but security, who pays them?

Resp: they are just volunteering; they don't want the place to have a bad reputation

Int: that is good. What about dropping out of school?

Resp: some drop out because of lack of school fees; others because they are orphans and their guardians are not so concerned about them.

Int: what about HIV Aids?

Resp: I can't tell you about that because it is not easy to know who is infected or even affected. Anyway, of late I have not heard of anyone going down because of that

Int: what about ill health generally?

Resp: no

Int: what strategies have been put in place by the youths to cope with these challenges?

Resp: we depend on contracts here and there, we have these community toilets that have been constructed, and the youths are put in charge so that they don't go to mug people on the way

Int: that is good. Where would you like to live?

Resp: anywhere away from my parents. I remember before I used to live in Maringo but the insisted that I should live near them, but I still don't like the idea. When I have a wife and she keeps hearing these scuffles between me and my mother, the

situation will worsen. They insist on living with me because I am their only son, so they reason.

Int: where would you like to stay?

Resp: I don't mind going back Maringo

Int: why Maringo?

Resp: there are jobs and the place is not bad. When I was living on that end, I had money and the jobs were there

Int: do you see any possibilities of you going to live in Maringo?

Resp: I can go back if I wish to do so

Int: you have not made up your mind?

Resp: it is just a question of hiring a vehicle to carry my belongings back there

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: I don't know what to answer that

Int: for example I would say in my life I would like to have my own house in Nairobi; that is what I mean

Resp: ok, if I get money, I would like to buy a piece of land and built rental houses

Int: you would like to have rental houses?

Resp: yes

Int: what efforts are you putting towards that?

Resp: I can if I want to

Int: if you want to; meaning that you have not yet decided?

Resp: I haven't put in any effort but I will

Int: what would stop you from doing that?

Resp: there isn't anything that can stop me

Int: when did you complete schooling?

Resp: 2003

Int: what level?

Resp: primary

Int: did you do your Std 8?

Resp: yes

Int: what career would you like to have in your life?

Resp: Boxing, which is what I do

Int: have you ever talked to anyone about this?

Resp: yes, there is a coach who lives in this community

Int: where do you do your practice?

Resp: in the community next to the fence

Int: you have not reached that level of being paid?

Resp: no, I am still practicing

Int: you told me that you work, is that what you do only?

Resp: I do practices

Int: what about something that can bring in income?

Resp: I would like to be a driver

Int: you haven't trained?

Resp: no

Int: currently, how do you get income to cater or your daily needs?

Resp: I usually work

Int: what kind of work?

Resp: carrying luggage for people

Int: on average, how much do you earn in a month?

Resp: I can get as much as Sh3.000 because that is not the only work
I do. I do anything that can bring me any income

Int: it is not a must you have carry the luggage only?

Resp: NO, there was a time I was employed by Mombasa Maize Millers
and I worked there for two months

Int: how much were you earning there?

Resp: I getting Sh300 a day

Int: in a month that was how much

Resp: about Sh9000

Int: do you plan to go back to school?

Resp: no, there was a time I was in secondary school but dropped out at form two

Int: in your opinion what is success in life?

Resp: success?

Int: you have heard people say this guy has succeeded in life

Resp: I wouldn't mind succeeding so that I can just come and do visit

Int: for young people like you and me, what can make us succeed in life?

Resp: come together and work as a team

Int: what kind of work?

Resp: any kind of work even if it means opening a small eating house

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved young person from one who is not?

Resp: if you walk with someone who take drugs and dome

Int: what is dome?

Resp: bhang, you hear people say so and so was a good boy now he is spoilt because of the bad company. As long as he walks with this other guy, he will have those bad behaviors and spoil his CV

Int: you told me that you were living in Maringo, what I didn't understand from you is the reason why you left and went to live there

Resp: I didn't want to hear my parents quarreling and then I was also living with my wife. When she went away to Uganda, I came back here

Int: how do you feel living on your own right now?

Resp: I feel good

Int: what is good about it?

Resp: I would like to live on my own so that when I think of bringing my wife here she cannot stay with me in this house because it belongs to my mother. I would rather live far and cater for her and the child

Int: are there challenges people pass through

Resp: not much when I feel down I go have a drink

Int: you drink?

Resp: yes

Int: a bit of bhang here and there?

Resp: no just drinking, the money I would have spent on rent, is what I use for drinking

Int: you told me that you have a wife

Resp: yes and she is in Uganda her home

Int: she is a Luo from Uganda?

Resp: no, the father is from Uganda but the mother is a Luo

Int: she stays in Uganda with her father?

Resp: yes

Int: so you said God willing you will move out but she is your wife

Resp: yes

Int: she is recognized by both parents?

Resp: yes, her mother is the only one who is not aware but the rest of the people are aware of that.

Int: she is still your fiancée, she is not official yet?

Resp: yes

Int: how do you feel being in that marriage?

Resp: I feel good with her

Int: what challenges are you facing in marriage?

Resp: there is none

Int: If it were your choice, would you like to officialize the marriage?

Resp: yes

Int: when?

Resp: when I am 30 years

Int: how old are you now?

Resp: 22 years

Int: and you still have 8 years to go?

Resp: yes

Int: If it were your choice what kind of person would you like to have?

Resp: a kikuyu

Int: from your tribe?

Resp: yes

Int: now that you have hooked up with this one what will you do?

Resp: I am planning to go and hook up with her

Int: age difference?

Resp: she is younger than me

Int: how old is she?

Resp: she is 19

Int: what about the economic situation, would that matter to you?

Resp: no, I don't mind any so long as we love one another

Int: can you tell more about your first romantic relationship?

Resp: the Luo lady?

Int: you said the first lady was that one?

Resp: no, it was another one

Int: tell me about her, how old was she?

Resp: we were the same age and in the same class

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: we were in the same class and we used to do our things together like tuition, going back home after school and in the process she was found pregnant and when asked whose it was, she said it was Micheal's, so the father put me behind bars for a week

Int: at least that is some time back and I hope the pain is now gone?

Resp: I am over that

Int: did you use any protection during sex?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I think she had it in her mind that she is still too young to get pregnant, unfortunately it was not so.

Int: but later on you used protection?

Resp: not on a regular basis, she used to refuse

Int: what was her reason?

Resp: when she was already pregnant, she said there was no need to do that

Int: you said the Luo girl has your child?

Resp: yes

Int: can you remember when the baby was born?

Resp: the baby was born on 14th June, 2009

Int: how does it feel like being a parent?

Resp: I don't want to live under stress with a wife right now, I am better off now and I can do what I feel like because if she was here, I would be having the stress of looking after her and the baby

Int: you don't have any challenges as a parent?

Resp: no

Int: when you meet your age mates in the same sate as you, what do you feel?

Resp: I don't feel anything bad, I feel nice

Int: If you had a choice how many children would you want to have?

Resp: that my mother, father and her father

Int: you told me that you don't intend to stay long before getting children and

Resp: when I am about 25-26 years I think I will be ready to stay with my fiancée as a wife

Int: ok, last year there was the post election violence. People were killed; others lost property and so on. Hwo were you affected by the violence?

Resp: I was not affected at all

Int: and your friends?

Resp: no

Int: were you able to continue getting income during that time?

Resp: yes, I was

Int: nothing affected you completely including your family and friends?

Resp: no

Int: there was no problem?

Resp: no

Int: where were you by then?

Resp: in Viwandani

Int: how come you were not affected?

Resp: we were affected but not much, it is only on the other side of Viwandani that some youths had collected and went burning other people's houses, stealing their things, I didn't like that

Int: you didn't like that?

Resp: no

Int: is there anything you didn't like about the violence?

Resp: I didn't like anything to do with it because too many innocent lives were lost, children were orphaned, I just didn't like the way things happened.

Int: we are about to finish and I would like general view from you about this; what would you us researchers, the government and other stakeholders do or the people of Viwandani?

Resp: the government to stop harassing young people especially the administration police and they want money from us. Like today morning they came and started harassing them, they don't like seeing young persons especially men and if we are relaxing somewhere, they should just ask us what they want and leave us alone

Int: what did they want from you?

Resp: it is one way of getting money from us because if you find people just chatting, what wrong have they done to give you cause to go after them?

Int: are these ones on the patrol?

Resp: yes, they don't want to see youths in particular hanging around so we have to play hide and seek with them just because in their mind they think every young person here is mungiki. Police feel very uncomfortable when they see young people in a group

Int: so you want them to reduce harassing youths in the community?

Resp: yes

Int: ok, thank you so much

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4V008

STUDY POINTS

- 259. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 260. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 261. RESILIENCE
- 262. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 263. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Defines adulthood by being 18 years old and one who is married and is taking responsibilities
- 2. Does not see so much challenges in the area but says insecurity was a problem earlier in the year
- 3. Resists pressure from his peers not to engage in bad company e.g. those chewing miraa/hat and drinking alcohol
- 4. Has passion for being a driver

5. Would like to see the youth at least everyday to be engaged in something constructive rather than just sit idle and chew miraa/khat and smoke bhang and drink alcohol

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 22 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: employed

Educational Level: Primary

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

The study was conducted in the respondent's house. He answered questions generally well and sought clarification from time to time on areas he did not understand. As interviewer, I tried to simplify the questions and make them understood well by the respondent although in some questions he could give answers which were quite far of the topic. But I would bring him back on track by probing. He generally had low understanding of the questions and I had to do a lot o clarification during the interview in order to remain relevant within the questionnaire. But we did fairly well up to the end of the interview.

Int: as we start of, I would like you to tell me a few things about yourself, possibly where you come from, what you are doing

Resp: I come from Kitui District

Int: ...is that where you went to school?

Resp: I was at a place called Mutikyo Primary School

Int: what level of education?

Resp: Std 8

Int: year?

Resp: 2006

Int: good. In your opinion.....what is adulthood?

Resp: I don't understand that question

Int: what differentiates children from adults? Is there any difference?

Resp: they grow beards whereas girls grow breast to differentiate between man and woman

Int: what about age?

Resp: 18 years

Int: are you referring to 18 because the government registers persons at 18 and considers them to be adult?

Resp: yes

Int: why are saying 18 years?

Resp: because the government issues Identity cards

Int: what about someone in employment

Resp: that is an adult because he/she uses an identity card to get employment

Int: what about house girls and herds boys, some of them are not 18 yet

Resp: that one is brought about by poverty in the family and the children are forced to work for food

Int: how about getting married?

Resp: yes

Int: having responsibilities?

Resp: that is an adult

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: these days even children are circumcised

Int: when you look at yourself, right now, are you an adult or a child?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: what shows you are an adult?

Resp: anyone above 18 years and above is an adult. I over 18 years, in fact I am 20 heading to 21

Int: what else can show us that you are an adult?

Resp: silence

Int: what are you experiencing in your life that makes you feel you are adult?

Resp: beards, and this hairs here (showing interviewer)

Int: what else/

Resp: those ones

Int: what is it you like about adults?

Resp: how?

Int: for example when you look at adults, are there things that impress you about them? When you were young were there things you used to long for that only adults were doing and not children?

Resp: yes

Int: like what?

Resp: getting married and having my own home away from my parents

Int: are there things you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: no

Int: are you experiencing some things that make you feel you are not adult?

Resp: no

Int: what is the most significant event in your life and you still remember it

Resp: no

Int: do you live here alone?

Resp: I live with a friend here

Int: between the two of you who is older?

Resp: me

Int: he depends on you?

Resp: yes

Int: what influence do your parents have on your life?

Resp: they are really of great help especially when I am broke; they send me some money for upkeep

Int: they send you money?

Resp: yes, when I am broke

Int: after how long do they take to send you the money?

Resp: they send once in a month

Int: on a monthly basis?

Resp: yes

Int: is that what you pay your rent with?

Resp: yes

Int: ok, are they involved in your decision making?

Resp: yes

Int: decisions like which ones?

Resp: silence

Int: what kind of issue would they help you make a decision on?

Resp: they have helped me construct my house by lending me some money but I later refunded the money back to them

Int: do they give you advice?

Resp: not very much

Int: not very much but at least the do give you some advice on certain issues?

Resp: yes

Int: like which ones?

Resp: they tell me to avoid bad company and being idle in the community

Int: do they talk to you on issues related to romantic relationships?

Resp: yes, they advice me to keep one girlfriend and not a crowd

Int: what about marriage, do they talk to you about marriage?

Resp: no

Int: what about education?

Resp: no

Int: do you have some issues that you usually approach your parents for advice?

Resp: no

Int: but there are times when you have issues but seek help from somewhere else?

Resp: I don't hold any secrets from them

Int: do you parents ever punish you?

Resp: in what way?

Int: when you have made mistakes, do they punish you in some way?

Resp: they just scold me and warn me never to repeat the same again

Int: so there is no other form of punishment except scolding and talking to you?

Resp: no there isn't

Int: are there other people who influence your life in some way or the other

Resp: yes

Int: who?

Resp: my sister and brother

Int: how do they influence your life?

Resp: my brother usually provides for me when I am broke financially

Int: do they give you advice on behavior?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: he doesn't like finding me in the company of bad boys

Int: what about behavior; does he talk about it?

Resp: no, he has never told anything about it

Int: and on education?

Resp: no

Int: employment or being employed?

Resp: we have never discussed with him such issue

Int: do your friends ever influence your life in any way?

Resp: no

Int: what the most significant problem you have experienced in our life?

Resp: I have never experienced something big

Int: how about dropping out of school?

Resp: the problem was lack of school fees immediately I finished my Std 8

Int: If you got money right now, would you go back to school?

Resp: yes

Int: what would be your career?

Resp: I love driving

Int: why do you like driving?

Resp: that I just love driving

Int: do think one day in future you will achieve that dream?

Resp: yes

Int: what efforts are you putting in to enable you achieve your goal?

Resp: I have already started driving lessons which I take ever Saturday

Int: do think one day you will be a driver?

Resp: yes

Int: what strategies have you put in place to cater for this?

Resp: I have been saving a little from the little I earn and once it will be enough, I will starting serious training to add on the Saturdays I train

Int: you have already started training?

Resp: yes

Int: when you this problem of lack of school fees, do you see yourself in the same problem again?

Resp: not this time round

Int: in this community there must be some challenges youths go through in this community, which ones are found in this community?

Resp: I don't understand you.

Int: In this community we have different problem facing youths and my question is; what kinds of problems are these? How is security in this area?

Resp: apart from January and February when there was violence

Int: which year?

Resp: this year in January February, youths organized themselves into gangsters and started robbing people

Int: how were you able to solve the problem?

Resp: the government intervened

Int: how?

Resp: they used to come at night; I remember they armed stones and stole from three of our neighbours in this plot

Int: how did you cope with this problem?

Resp: youths; they decided to form vigilant groups

Int: so how did the government help them?

Resp: they were being paid by the chief's office

Int: this one at Lunga?

Resp: yes,

Int: were you one of them?

Resp: no

Int: has HIV Aids been a challenge to this community especially to
the youth

Resp: no

Int: and ill health generally?

Resp: no

Int: police harassment?

Resp: it is not there

Int: violence?

Resp: it is not there

Int: and unemployment in the community?

Resp: it is there but not so much

Int: that is when there is lack of jobs?

Resp: yes

Int: like what time of the month?

Resp: usually the beginning of the week

Int: is it a monthly problem?

Resp: no

Int: when is this problem usually there?

Resp: around January and August, that is when there are no jobs

Int: how do you cope with the situation whereby there is unemployment?

Resp: It is not such a serious problem because the degree of those people who are jobless is small.

Int: and for those who don't have, what do they do?

Resp: they depend on the ones with jobs

Int: If you were to choose, where would you like to stay?

Resp: in an estate

Int: which estate?

Resp: an estate like Pipeline

Int: how good is it?

Resp: it is not a muddy place and when you live there, you come from the house and go direct to work without getting dirty but from here to another stage, it is very muddy

Int: do you see yourself moving to that estate to live?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: I am saving some little money so that I can open a business later on

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: money, I don't have any other reason

Int: how much money

Resp: enough, not so much and no so little

Int: any specific figure?

Resp: a quarter million will do

Int: quarter million?

Resp: yes

Int: that will do

Resp: yes

Int: what efforts are you making towards that?

Resp: hard work

Int: what kind of hard work?

Resp: I work hard at my work place, and from the savings I make after earning, I know one day I will be able to qualify

Int: what can hinder you from attaining this goal?

Resp: yes

Int: what is it?

Resp: in our Kamba community, by the way, I am also Kamba, when they see someone making progress or is developing, they don't

education would you need to succeed like it, they will bewitch you but if you trust in God there is nothing impossible

Int: what level or education do you need to reach this girls

Resp: even class 8 is work

Int: why do you like drive?

Resp: well, I don't know what to tell you but, I love driving and that is what is in my mind

Int: have you ever spoken to anyone about

Resp: no

Int you have not spoken to your friends or siblings about this?

Int: you said that you are going for lessons

Resp: yes

Int: what kind work do you do?

Resp: printing on River Road

Int: how much do you earn per month?

Resp: between Sh8,000-10,000

Int: why can't the owner pay you a constant figure?

Resp: he tells us that all depends on the sales. If the sales are good we get more and if they are low, then we also lower.

Int: Has it ever been above Sh10,000

Resp: No, it ranges between Sh8-10,000 only

Int: was this your first job?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you?

Resp: I was 18 years in 2007

Int: why did you decide to start working?

Resp: printing jobs are well paying and you are paid on complete of the job

Int: why did you decide to work?

Resp: to be self reliant

Int: why did you decide to start working at 18 years?

Resp: when I completed Std 8 I came to stay with my brother at the end of 2006. So when 2007 came he told me to go for that course in printing

Int: where was your brother living then>

Resp: in this community but he passed on

Int: my sympathies, when was this?

Resp: in 2005, so I actually came to my sister-law's house from my other brother who lives in Njenga

Int: so you came from your brother's house and came to live with your sister in law?

Resp: yes

Int: in this slum, what does success mean to you; how do you understand word success?

Resp: to have wealth, build houses and also give your children good education

Int: build what type of houses?

Resp: rental houses and be rich

Int: rich? How rich?

Resp: have something like Sh500,000 on your account

Int: can you give me a description of someone who is successful?

Resp: in this area?

Int: yes, you don't need to give names but I just want to know from you; a person who is successful, does he have wealth, children, employment, lives here, etc or exactly who is he?

Resp: I know of someone who lives in this community, he is a shylock and he gives you Sh1,000 you bring it back after a month with Sh500 on top. He owns residential plots in Kayole. If you have a financial problem and approach him, he will assist you.

Int: ok, what makes a young person successful?

Resp: I don't know that

Int: how can you distinguish a successful young person from one who is not?

Resp: silence

Int: you know of successful young me?

Resp: yes

Int: what makes you say they are successful, how different are they from the others?

Resp: a young successful person is one who when he gets employment assists his parents

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved youth from one who is not?

Resp: his physical appearance

Int: can you explain that?

Resp: there are some youths who start drinking at an early stage and they are unkempt, he chews miraa herbs for the whole day,

Int: what about gum sniffed by the street boys?

Resp: they do all those things and they say it makes them feel good

Int: what strategies can we put in place so as to succeed as young people?

Resp: I don't know

Int: you are sure you don't know what a youth like you can do in life to succeed, you don't know that?

Resp: no

Int: you said earlier on that your parents are still alive?

Resp: yes

Int: you also said that after your KCPE exams, Std 8, at the end of the year 2006 you came to live here?

Resp: yes

Int: when did you start living alone?

Resp: in 2008

Int: which month?

Resp: in June

Int: why did you start living alone?

Resp: I was living with a friend but when I observed him, I realized he didn't like us living together

Int: you had stopped living with your sister in law?

Resp: I was living with my brother in Njenga and just used to come and visit my sister in law

Int: why did you stop living with your brother?

Resp: he got married and I felt it was nice to give them space so I moved out

Int: ok, he was married?

Resp: yaa, so I started living with a friend and when I realized he was not happy living with me, I moved out

Int: how old were you when you moved out of home?

Resp: I was 17 years

Int: what did you feel when you moved out, were you afraid, happy;
 what were your feelings?

Resp: I used to stay indoors most times but I was not afraid because
 I knew God was with me

Int: how do you feel living alone?

Resp: life is good

Int: how do you feel?

Resp: good

Int: what are the challenges of living alone?

Resp: when you are jobless and have no money to pay rent or buy food

Int: how do you usually solve these problems?

Resp: I approach my brothers and friends for assistance

Int: in your opinion, is there any importance in marrying?

Resp: it is important and something that is there that people should
 get married and start a family

Int: what else apart from starting a family?

Resp: only that

Int: is it important in the community?

Resp: I don't think so

Int: what about in the family, is there any importance in getting
 married?

Resp: no

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: next year

Int: why do you want to get married next year?

Resp: to have a wife

Int: why next year; you can also have a wife right now or in five years to come

Resp: life is difficult these days and to stop you from falling into temptations of having girlfriends here and there, it is better to get married. That way you are also avoiding getting diseases like HIV Aids and STIs

Int: so you want to get married because you don't want to contract these diseases you have just mentioned?

Resp: not, I just want also to start a family

Int: which you could have started by now if you wanted

Resp: yes, it is possible

Int: and why have you chosen particularly next year?

Resp: silence

Int: Is there any reason why you have that particular time in your mind?

Resp: I don't have any particular reason

Int: what kind of girl would you like to get married to?

Resp: from my tribe

Int: and what about her age?

Resp: I should be older than her

Int: by how many years?

Resp: at least three years

Int: why should she be younger than you?

Resp: silence

Int: do you have any reason?

Resp: no, I don't have

Int: why do you want her to be younger than you?

Resp: ok, it usually believed that a woman mature faster than a man in everything so if you marry your own age she will grow older faster than you and people will laugh at you

Int: why someone from your tribe?

Resp: I don't know what to tell you

Int: does she have to be wealthy or you should be on the same level?

Resp: it will depend on your love

Int: which one would you like as a person?

Resp: I would like to marry into a wealthy family than ours

Int: you said you have a girlfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: and you are lovers?

Resp: yes

Int: is she your first love?

Resp: no, the second

Int: can you tell me about your first love; were you of the same age?

Resp: I older than her

Int: by how many years?

Resp: two years

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: in sports

Int: in sports, what class were you?

Resp: Std 8

Int: and her?

Resp: she was in Std 6

Int: how did you start that because in sports people go for sports not to seduce each other?

Resp: silence

Int: how did the relationship start?

Resp: I saw and she looked beautiful to me and when I asked for
friendship, she accepted

Int: and you became friends?

Resp: yes

Int: did you have any plans for marriage?

Resp: no, we didn't

Int: up to this moment you are separated?

Resp: yes

Int: are there other people who knew about this friendship?

Resp: only my brother was aware

Int: and the other family members, they were not aware of what was
going on?

Resp: no

Int: how were you feeling?

Resp: I was going on well

Int: have you ever had sex?

Resp: yes

Int: can you describe your first experience in sex?

Resp: I can't tell that

Int: how old was your partner?

Resp: I was older by two years

Int: she is the same one we have talked about before?

Resp: yes

Int: oh, ok, did you use any protection during sex?

Resp: no

Int: why didn't you use one?

Resp: we didn't think there was any reason as to why we should use protection

Int: but you have used protection before with someone else?

Resp: yes

Int: this one you are planning to marry?

Resp: yes

Int: you said you didn't have any reason as to why you should use a protection during sex?

Resp: we just had the sex

Int: do you plan to have children??

Resp: yes

Int: how many children?

Resp: four are enough

Int: why four?

Resp: the economy is not good and I just want something I can manage

Int: when will it be the right time for you to get children?

Resp: I don't understand you

Int: is it now you can have children or after marriage?

Resp: in my opinion I would like to have children after marriage

Int: during the 2007 general elections were you here in Kenya?

Resp: yes

Int: were you affected by the post election violence?

Resp: no.

Int: Were any of your family members affected in any way?

Resp: None

Int: did it affect you ways on income?

Resp: we were not able to go to work, it was closed

Int: were you paid for the month you didn't work?

Resp: we were paid half salary

Int: how were you able to deal with half pay during that period?

Resp: I just had to plan with that money since there was no other source

Int: is there you didn't like about the post election violence?

Resp: I hated the fighting, houses being burnt down and people dying.

I would not like a repetition of that again

Int: did you like anything about the violence?

Resp: no

Int: you did not loot like the other youths?

Resp: no, I could not do that; it was a very dangerous time

Int: I through with my interview do you have any question?

Resp: your name?

Int: oh, ok, I will answer you that, any other question?

Resp: none

Int: I am James Otieno and I work with APHRC, and as I told you I am one of those people who write the numbers on the door. Ok, generally, what are your views about life, all these things we have discussed, what can you comment?

Resp: maybe, what I can say is thanks for the interview

Int: you don't want to say anything on insecurity or unemployment; children dropping out of school because of lack of school fee?

Resp: no

Int: ok, thank you so much for you time

Resp: Ok

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4V010

STUDY POINTS

- 264. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 265. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 266. RESILIENCE
- 267. WHY THEY CHOSE THE INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 268. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Agrees with the government that an adult is a person aged 18 years and above and he is able to take responsibilities. But a sincere answer came from him that he has got no idea about who is an adult.
- 2. The open sewer lines in the slum smell all the time and they have to option but to stay with openly flowing sewerage.
- 3. Resisting bad company in the community e.g. a company of thieves
- 4. Likes to be a driver but would want to do it by being a mechanic because when you are a mechanic definitely you must know how to drive
- 5. The government to provide employment opportunities to the youth.

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 24 years

Job/Position title/Occupation: Informal Casual

Educational Level: Primary

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

The interview was conducted in the respondent's house. The respondent was not quick at understanding the questions thereby leading to a lot of clarification by the interviewer. He had very brief answers to most questions and even if asked to give further details, he would not do so. But generally the interview was conducted to the end although he was being harassed by his friends who came to pick him for a walk in the village and had to wait on the outside for sometime. I managed to complete the interview

Int: tell me, in your opinion, what brings about the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: I don't know

Int: what about the age, how old is an adult?

Resp: about 18 years

Int: why 18 years is it because the government registers people at 18 and gives them national identity cards?

Resp: yes

Int: what about someone who is employed, is that an adult?

Resp: yes

Int: and if the person is married?

Resp: a married person and a child?

Int: yes?

Resp: a married person is an adult

Int: what about responsibilities like paying rent, helps others, is that an adult?

Resp: that is already an adult because he knows problems and how to handle them

Int: what about a parent?

Resp: that is an adult already

Int: and a circumcised one?

Resp: that is an adult also

Int: what are the stages a child goes thorough to graduate to adulthood?

Resp: you pass through many stages

Int: which stages does he start with?

Resp: infancy, then school-going age, from primary school he goes go secondary school, if he does well, he proceeds to university

Int: what about marriage, how does reach adulthood and becomes a parent?

Resp: I have already told you that

Int: when you look at yourself today, do you compare yourself to an adult?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: what makes you think you are an adult?

Resp: I am working and a child will not look for employment to get money. In my opinion, I am an adult and can work but a child cannot work

Int: ok, what are you experiencing in your life currently that makes you feel you are not an adult yet?

Resp: I don't understand that

Int: in your daily life there are things that make you feel you are an adult isn't it?

Resp: yes, a child cannot work

Int: and what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: getting married because I am not married yet

Int: what experience have you gone through that makes you feel good
as an adult?

Resp: getting a good job

Int: do you have a good job now?

Resp: not yet

Int: what do you like about adults?

Resp: having your own family and wealth

Int: is there anything you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: no

Int: is there anything you hate now that you are an adult?

Resp: no

Int: is there any event that happened in your life and you still
remember it to date?

Resp: my sister passed on

Int: which year?

Resp: 1997

Int: who do you live with?

Resp: my uncle

Int: do your parents influence your life in any way?

Resp: they do

Int: in what way?

Resp: you cannot live here without going to visit your parents

Int: you visit them?

Resp: yes

Int: how do they support you?

Resp: they help me with rent

Int: when you want to make decisions, do they influence you?

Resp: yes

Int: in what areas of life do they influence you?

Resp: building my own house

Int: do they advice you?

Resp: what kind of advice?

Int: maybe you want to do something and you consult them, and they
give you advice?

Resp: I don't understand, on what issue?

Int: you know better since you get the advice from them

Resp: yes, they do offer advice

Int: what kind of advice do you go for from them?

Resp: the can advice me to get married, because I don't have a wife

Int: is there anything that you don't see the need to talk to your parents about; maybe a problem that you have and then decide to persevere with it as a man?

Resp: I cannot persevere

Int: but you have had personal problems that you have approached your parents for advice?

Resp: I don't know what to say

Int: have you ever had a personal problem?

Resp: yes

Int: and you decided to approach your parents on that?

Resp: yes

Int: what kind of problem was that?

Resp: building a house at home

Int: do you have other issues that you ask your friends to help you instead of your parents?

Resp: no

Int: do your parents punish you?

Resp: yes

Int: how do they do it?

Resp: they advice me not to steal from other people it is a sin

Int: when you make a mistake, do they punish you?

Resp: they talk to me and tell me to stop that kind of behavior it
is not good for me

Int: do they beat you?

Resp: no, they just talk to me

Int: they have never beaten you since you were born?

Resp: when I was a child they beat me up, because at that stage, you
are told to do things and if you don't obey, you are beaten
but also when you are grown up, the world will beat you

Int: for what mistakes were they beating you for?

Resp: refusing to go to school

Int: now they don't beat you but talk to you?

Resp: yes

Int: besides your parents, are there other people who influence
your life in any way?

Resp: no

Int: your brothers and sisters?

Resp: they have some influence in my life

Int: in what way?

Resp: during the dry season they ask for help

Int: what about your friends, how or in what areas do they influence your life?

Resp: no

Int: can you remember any significant problem your sibling or friend went through?

Resp: yes

Int: which one was that?

Resp: the passing away of my sister

Int: apart from that is there any other problem?

Resp: no

Int: maybe it happened to your friend?

Resp: a friend's house burnt down

Int: what happened?

Resp: the kitchen caught fire and it was burnt down

Int: was it grass thatched one?

Resp: yes

Int: in Nairobi?

Resp: no, upcountry

Int: do you have a grass thatched house upcountry?

Resp: no

Int: do you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: it is possible, it can happen to me

Int: what are the challenges young people are experiencing in the community?

Resp: these trenches that have been dug here

Int: the sewage?

Resp: yes

Int: what is the problem?

Resp: they stink

Int: how are you able to cope with such challenges?

Resp: we remove the garbage on the sides and keep the drainage clean so that the water can flow well but now there is water

Int: is unemployment a challenge here?

Resp: not much, there are many companies are at industrial areas so we go and look for jobs there

Int: security?

Resp: there is no security here. Whatever kind of security that is there is minimal and by 8 pm it is dangerous to walk around; you will be mugged

Int: do you know those people who do that?

Resp: you cannot know them in the darkness

Int: but during the day you know so and so does that kind of thing

Resp: you will not know about even if someone tells you that person is a thief, there is nothing you can do because you don't have proof

Int: how are you dealing with?

Resp: the chief has been informed so they usually do it during the night when the chief and his men have gone

Int: what did the chief say?

Resp: he called the parents of all the youths and they had to employ some Maasai to take care of the security

Int: ok, and problems related to HIV Aids?

Resp: yes, but you cannot know if someone has Aids

Int: how can you not know about that?

Resp: maybe you could know about it but I don't know anything

Int: generally ill health among the people of this community?

Resp: it is there

Int: many people have ill health?

Resp: yes

Int: so what they do it about it?

Resp: if someone is dirty, people go to that house and wash him

Int: when you bath him, what happens?

Resp: he gets scared of not bathing because he knows we will do it publicly

Int: ok, if you were to choose, where would you choose to live?

Resp: Pipeline

Int: why would you choose Pipeline?

Resp: that is for the rich

Int: what are the possibilities of going to live in Pipeline?

Resp: I don't have the ability to go and live there

Int: you mean you will not go to live there?

Resp: no

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: to be a rich man

Int: a rich man?

Resp: selling tyres

Int: vehicle tyres?

Resp: yes

Int: are you making an effort to become rich selling tyres?

Resp: yes

Int: is there anything that can stop you from achieving this goal?

Resp: no, but I am working hard to become one

Int: what level of education do you need to become rich?

Resp: just English and Kiswahili

Int: up to what level?

Resp: just a seminar would do

Int: to know English, Kiswahili and possibly mathematics?

Resp: yes

Int: is there a possibility of you getting that education?

Resp: yes

Int: what makes you think you can?

Resp: if I am taken for a seminar, I can be able to learn and attain that level

Int: what career would you like to do?

Resp: mechanic

Int: what type of mechanic?

Resp: vehicle mechanic

Int: why?

Resp: you will definitely know how to drive a vehicle if you are a mechanic

Int: have you ever talked to someone about doing mechanics?

Resp: yes, my father but he didn't have any money to take me that course

Int: why didn't you join form one when you completed Std 8?

Resp: it was due to lack of school fees

Int: do you have any plans of going back to school?

Resp: maybe a seminar but not school

Int: you told me that you are working now?

Resp: yes, at the Market (Marikiti)

Int: what do you do?

Resp: pulling the cart

Int: how much do you make in a day?

Resp: sh200-Sh300 depending on the day

Int: in a much that would be how much?

Resp: sh5-6000 in a month

Int: how can you distinguish a successful person and one who is not?

Resp: for example we were in school together, you own a shop, I don't have, that means you have succeeded

Int: what else?

Resp: you are driving a car of your own and I don't

Int: can you describe for me a successful person?

Resp: that I don't know

Int: how can a young person like you and me be successful?

Resp: you and me?

Int: any youth including you and me, what can make us succeed?

Resp: being in employment

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved person and one who is not?

Resp: there are some people who are thieves and others are not

Int: any other thing?

Resp: I don't know

Int: how can a young man be successful?

Resp: he can work hard

Int: like which one?

Resp: if you are already working, you work harder

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: they are upcountry

Int: when did you start living here?

Resp: in 2003

Int: you started living alone in that year?

Resp: I live with my uncle

Int: why did you leave home?

Resp: there were many problems

Int: what kind of problems were these?

Resp: financial problems and hunger. You cannot stay there waiting to be fed with your mother when you are already an adult. You must go out and look for employment

Int: were you happy leaving home?

Resp: no, I am not happy. When you are here it is a must you have to send help upcountry

Int: what are the challenges you are facing living here?

Resp: there are days when there is no work I have to come back and sleep

Int: when you have a job, you don't sleep?

Resp: without a job there is a lot to think about

Int: you are not married?

Resp: no

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: 2010

Int: what kind of person would you like to marry?

Resp: you wouldn't know that

Int: but if you had the choice to do that, what are your expectations?

Resp: Kamba like me,

Int: what else?

Resp: age 15 years

Int: wealth?

Resp: both families should be average in wealth

Int: have you ever had a girlfriend before

Resp: they are many

Int: tell me your first experience with a girl

Resp: silence

Int: how old is she?

Resp: 17 years,

Int: where did you meet?

Resp: at home

Int: she just brought herself to your place?

Resp: no

Int: how did you meet before she came home?

Resp: we met at the village because we are in the same village

Int: and then she decided to come to your place?

Resp: we met on the roadside and talked

Int: where were you going?

Resp: I was walking

Int: just on the aimlessly?

Resp: no, I was actually going to the market place

Int: and she?

Resp: she was collecting firewood

Int: how did the relationship start?

Resp: let us leave that alone

Int: did you have any plans to get married?

Resp: not at that time

Int: what about her?

Resp: it is the man who decides

Int: is the relationship still on?

Resp: no

Int: you split?

Resp: yes, I came this way and later on I was told she was married

Int: she didn't inform you that she is getting married?

Resp: no, women are all the same

Int: is there anyone else who was aware of that relationship?

Resp: no

Int: it was just the two of you?

Resp: yes

Int: your brothers and sisters

Resp: no

Int: have you ever had sex?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me your first experience of sex?

Resp: pass that one?

Int: it is the same girl?

Resp: yes

Int: did you use any protection the first time you had sex?

Resp: no

Int: why didn't you use protection?

Resp: we didn't know how to use a condom

Int: but later on you used it?

Resp: no, we have never used it

Int: do you plan to have children in future?

Resp: yes

Int: how many?

Resp: two

Int: why two?

Resp: the economy is very tight and these days' people don't live like our parents. You are lucky if you reach 80 years old because of the chemicals we are eating

Int: what kind of chemicals do you eat?

Resp: soda (soft drinks)

Int: this Coca Cola?

Resp: that one and Royco

Int: last year we had the post election violence, do you remember that?

Resp: yes

Int: were you affected in any way?

Resp: no, we only used to go hungry

Int: so you continued like that for how long?

Resp: at times a shop could be opened here and here to enable people buy things. The cost of things was very high

Int: and the next day?

Resp: you just eat whatever is there and hope tomorrow things will change

Int: did you like anything about the post election violence?

Resp: no,

Int: did you hate anything?

Resp: the violence

Int: you said that we pass those questions first and will come to them again. Tell me when you had your first sex experience, how was it?

Resp: I cannot tell you that. Let us forget about that

Int: I am now through with the interview and if you have anything to say, let me hear it

Resp: no, I don't but where are you found?

Int: do you know Unibilt? There is this company just near the road, on the other side there is Dunlop

Resp: yes

Int: our office is there

Resp: what do you do there?

Int: this kind of research, asking people questions and getting answers the way you have done

Resp: where do you take these answers?

Int: we analyze and make a report out of those answers which we take to the government and other stakeholders

Resp: and what is this?

Int: a recording device as we were talking, it was recording the conversation.

Resp: ok

Int: thank you

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

269. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

270. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

271. RESILIENCE

272. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT PONTS

1. Respondent equates adulthood to being self dependant
2. The respondent underwent problems after her mother passé away, he underwent harassment, lacked essential basic needs like clothes, and totally neglected

Age of Respondent:	22 years
Job/Position title/Occupation:	student
Educational Level:	Secondary, incomplete
Ethnic Level:	Kamba
Marital Status:	Single,
Number of children:	nil
Name of Slum:	Viwandani
Name of Village:	Lunga Lunga

Inter: Now, Michael, I would like you to tell me a few things about yourself,

Resp: my current life or how it was before?

Inter: just your life in general but briefly

Resp: I used to live on my mother' side, she died in 1999. From there on I started living with my grandparents, up to 2005 when I completed my primary education. My uncle took over and I have been living with him to date

Inter: you live with your uncle right now?

Resp: yes

Inter: and who brought you here?

Resp: that is my aunt, my uncle's wife and she is a women's leader in a certain group

Inter: is your biological mother alive?

Resp: no, she passed away

Inter: I would like to know from you what you understand when one says this person is an adult. In your opinion, what is the difference between an adult and young person?

Resp: adults think differently from children. An adult sees the future and thinks about things that can help him in the future, you have hope and are able to set goals as an adult

but again if you are an adult and still childish in mind you cannot think of such things

Inter: can age differentiate an adult and a child?

Resp: it can. At the age of 25 years, you behave different from that one of 15 years; the behaviors are not the same. There is a big difference in the way they reason and perceive things not forgetting behavior

Inter: how about when it comes to employment, is there any notable difference?

Resp: a grownup will be able to decide the kind of job he/she can do to benefit him. A younger person will just do for the sake of doing with now meaning behind it. He doesn't care much about the job

Inter: what about an adult?

Resp: an adult will reason and be careful when in employment for it is for his own benefit. He has the energy to do whatever kind of work he decides to take. He makes use of common sense that this is good for me or not

Inter: can a child sustain themselves?

Resp: no, but an adult will be able to do that.

Inter: what about marriage?

Resp: a child cannot be married and maintain a family like an adult. An adult will be able to control some situations like

temperaments, in the home whereas a child cannot do that, he cannot even control temptations when they come his way whereas an adult can do that and can make an informed choice as to what he wants to do

Inter: what about sex?

Resp: a child may find it fun to have sex with anybody, any time, anywhere and joke about it but an adult may only want to get involved in sex with selected persons only or may decide otherwise.

Inter: what about self independence; can it also be a determining factor between an adult and a child?

Resp: yes

Inter: how?

Resp: if you are an adult, you have a goal to achieve and you go after that but a person with lesser years is just living, in the first place he cannot understand himself; he does not understand why someone needs to have a purpose in life

Inter: how about maturity?

Resp: a mature person has a lot of experience in many things for example, when we come to employment, an adult has experience and he is able to work without feeling pressure but younger person will feel under pressure and not enjoy the job at all

Inter: what about circumcision?

Resp: as in?

Inter: can it bring about any difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: yes, there is change in behavior and most cases stops thinking like a child. The pain one goes through during circumcision also makes someone remember that he has moved to another stage in life and has to behave differently.

Inter: ok, when you examine yourself, can you compare yourself with an adult or a child?

Resp: when an adult reasons and I compare myself with him, I will be able to know where I stand whether I am still a kid or an adult

Inter: ok, apart from reasoning how else can you compare yourself with an adult?

Resp: age

Inter: why age? Let us take for example your age right now

Resp: at 22 years you are supposed to be thinking of your future, setting your goals and how to achieve them. At that age you should be laying a foundation for your success

Inter: ok, what is happening currently in your life that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: my thoughts, they are no longer childish,

Inter: anything else?

Resp: I have already set my goals and I can foresee my future

Inter: you are thinking of your future?

Resp: yes

Inter: right now, is there anything in your life making you feel that you are not yet an adult

Resp: depending on parents, that has deterred me from feeling my freedom. I am still under their care

Inter: what kind of freedom?

Resp: to be self reliant and also those people around me cannot appreciate my efforts; there is that feeling in them that I have been assisted by my parents even when it was out of my own effort

Inter: people feel you are being assisted?

Resp: yes, they still view me as a child depending on parents; they don't appreciate my being an adult

Inter: what makes you like adulthood?

Resp: adult people earn respect for themselves and they also respect others, their behavior is different, and the kinds of things you do are mature, other people will respect you and your work

Inter: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: violence

Inter: why violence?

Resp: violence brings about separations, divisions, families differ and violence has negative benefits

Inter: what are these negative benefits?

Resp: you can loose your life, get maimed, you can enter into an argument with another person and if he wins the case you loose your property in terms of paying court bonds or damages

Inter: can you tell me of an event in life that really affected you so much and you it still pains to date; something significant in life

Resp: It was during my mother's demise; she used to assist me so much and since then, I have been through a lot of problems

Inter: can you name some?

Resp: clothing, harassment and no one cares about you

Inter: when did your parent pass away? How long ago is that?

Resp: It is almost ten year since my mother passed away

Inter: why is her death significant in your life?

Resp: it is something that I passed through when I was still a child and it was a very painful thing to me

Inter: let us now look at your parents and your family in general. Where are you living now?

Resp: I live with my uncle

Inter: how are our guardians involved in your life today?

Resp: they cater for my education

Inter: anything else?

Resp: they provide me with medical care

Inter: they take you to health facility when you are ill?

Resp: yes

Inter: anything else they do?

Resp: silence

Inter: do they offer any advice to you? What areas in your life do they offer advice and what kind of advice do they offer?

Resp: that I should not be involved in bad company and have a good future

Inter: can you expound on good future?

Resp: work hard and own property to assist me in future and be self reliant

Inter: what do kind of advice do they offer on issues to do with relationships?

Resp: they advice me to get good friends who can assist me and not mislead me. They should also be of my age and not older ones

Inter: what else?

Resp: just company

Inter: what about romantic relationships?

Resp: they advice me not to be in a hurry and that I am still too young to be involved in such issues. It is just a passing phase and a time will come when I will have all the freedom to be in the kind of relationship I want

Inter: how about drugs?

Resp: they bring negative effects like you can easily get crazy and loose control of your life, you can easily get into brawls with other people every now and then and the law will not spare you

Inter: what else in regard with drugs?

Resp: I will start thinking negatively

Inter: are other times they offer advice on marriage?

Resp: I should not be in a hurry and when I get a girl to get married, to I should put into consideration, age, level of education and I should get to know them well enough before I make any decision. She should also be able to work so that we can assist each other in building up our future together

Inter: and religion?

Resp: they advice me to be a prayerful person, always thanking God for everything. If you go to church you will have a good time to spend with your God and you will have good morals

Inter: what would make you get assistance from your guardians?

Resp: if I want to continue with my education

Inter: what will you tell them?

Resp: I want to further my education

Inter: up to what level?

Resp: University or a college depending on their ability

Inter: anything else that would make you go to seek advice from them?

Resp: if I don't have a good relationship with my neighbours, I would seek their advice

Inter: what issues/problems would make you uncomfortable going to see assistance from your guardians?

Resp: if you feel that you are too superior to go to them for assistance, you are now an adult and can be self reliant in all issues you don't need their help. It is also wise to learn to solve your problems without necessarily running to your parents/guardians so that in future you are able to handle such issues. You want to measure your ability to be self independent

Inter: are there personal problems that you would seek advice from friends?

Resp: a mental problem or maybe a disease that you may not be free to share with your parents. Culture also dictates that there are certain things that you can do as an individual and others you can consult either your parents or friends to help you solve them

Inter: mhh

Resp: you can also seek advice about religion

Inter: in what way?

Resp: a friend can advice you the kind of religion that would be suitable for you or even refer you to another

Inter: what else can make you seek assistance from friends or a neighbor?

Resp: you can find yourself with a problem in romantic relationships, for example you may get involved with a girl and she happens to get pregnant, a friend can assist you to make a wise decision about you and the girl, if it is abortion or retaining the baby; which would be fine. You can also just learn about life in general from the neighbours

Inter: what do you mean life in general?

Resp: you may want to start a business, a friend can advice you on that, and general advice on choice of certain things in life and how to better our future?

Inter: do your guardians give you any punishment on you and if so in what form when you wrong them?

Resp: they advice me....they don't like when I am in the wrong

Inter: why?

Resp: they point out the mistakes and warn me not to repeat the same a gain. And if I am good enough, I should not repeat the same mistakes again

Inter: is there any other form of punishment they give you apart from advice?

Resp: according to age presently, they cannot give me beating, we just sit round a table and discuss and correct. Then I change my character to the right one

Inter: besides your guardians, who else can be of help or offer advic4?

Resp: my neighbors, friends, relatives, teachers and the pastor

Inter: do you have brothers and sisters here?

Resp: no

Inter: is your uncle involved in advising you on any matter like aspirations and the like? What kind of advice does he offer you?

Resp: that I should continue with school and have a bright future

Inter: what about issues like marriage, employment?

Resp: he only advices on education, he has never mentioned other issues

Inter: how about relationships and getting involved in early sex?

Resp: no,

Inter: what about your friends?

Resp: they advice me to get married, get involved in relationships but unfortunately for them, I am not ready for such, I make my own decisions, I don't let them sway me

Inter: ok, do you talk about education with them?

Resp: yes we discuss

Inter: you said you shares topics on romantic relationships?

Resp: yes

Inter: can you tell me of any significant problem a friend or family member was involved in?

Resp: a friend of mine was once caught by police; the problem was that as his best friend, everyone wanted me to explain to them why he was caught by police. At that particular time I was not anywhere near there I also just came to hear about it like other people

Inter: can you see yourself in such a problem?

Resp: I don't think so unless I am stressed

Inter: you don't see yourself being caught by police like your friend?

Resp: no

Inter: what are the challenges facing young people in this area

Resp: problems?

Inter: yes

Resp: they get involved in stealing, HIV Aids is rampant here and many young people have died from it

Inter: what about security?

Resp: there is no security here because of the youth

Inter: what to do they do?

Resp: they enter other people's homes forcefully.

Inter: any other?

Resp: they mug people on the roads and also break into houses to steal from them

Inter: what about employment?

Resp: very many young people are jobless here

Inter: are there school dropouts here?

Resp: very many

Inter: what do you think is the reason why they are not in school?

Resp: they swayed by friends, and eventually get involved in criminal activities

Inter: what about poverty?

Resp: in this area we are not so poor as such, minority are the poor

Inter: can you tell me how the youths are able to face/solve these challenges they meet in this area? What mechanisms have been put in place?

Resp: more youths are being employed in the area by the government and the councilor has been working very hard to try and make sure there is security for his people. There is a heavy presence of security men in the areas and most of them have been reporting to the chief and the chief sorts them out

Inter: what mechanisms are there to deal with issues like HIV Aid and poverty?

Resp: there are seminars where people are taught what to do if they are affected or infected. They are also advice to leave to the couples. There are a number of medical camps that are brought in this area and people are expected to attend them

Inter: ok, they get treatment?

Resp: free treatment

Inter: ok, where would you love to live?

Resp: Eldoret

Inter: why Eldoret?

Resp: I have always loved Eldoret since I was a child and that is where I would love to go and live

Inter: any reason for that?

Resp: silence

Inter: or what kind of estate would you like to live in?

Resp: an estate

Inter: why an estate?

Resp: there are too many problems in the slum; thefts, insecurity, you will not notice many criminal activities and when people do sexual activities they don't just do it openly. There is a sense of secrecy in the estates

Inter: is there any possibility of you staying in the estates?

Resp: my ability to work hard and my first salary will determine my moving to an estate. My foundation will determine my reaching that goal

Inter: what is your goal in life?

Resp: I would like to be rich, to be financially sound, have a family and live in harmony

Inter: what efforts are you making towards achieving this goal?

Resp: the kind of life I am living now, determines my future

Inter: is it a good life or bad?

Resp: I am living very well and I am still loved and I would also like to have a loving partner. I would also like to live in peace with other people

Inter: what would stop you from achieving your goal in life?

Resp: unless I get involved in things like drug abuse, drunkenness and getting into wrong company

Inter: is there anything else that would deter you from achieving these goals you have set?

Resp: none

Inter: what level of education would make you achieve these goals you have set in life?

Resp: college

Inter: ok, do you think you will attain that level of education?

Resp: it is a fifty fifty situation

Inter: are you in school now?

Resp: yes

Inter: what career would you like to pursue?

Resp: either be an accountant or if that is not possible then I can settle for mechanics

Inter: have you shared this thought with any significant person in your life?

Resp: yes, a certain doctor, my cousin and one of my best friends

Inter: have you ever been employed before (too much noise in the background and a child also crying interfering with reception)

Resp: no

Inter: ok, not even now?

Resp: no

Inter: in this area, what does success mean?

Resp: being self reliant and you don't get any form of assistant from anywhere/anyone

Inter: give me an example of someone who you think has succeeded in this community.

Resp: my uncle, the one I live with

Inter: in what way would you say he has succeeded?

Resp: he has educated his family and they are through with education

Inter: family means who?

Resp: his children and he has also educated me

Inter: what else?

Resp: his character is good

Inter: what is his career?

Resp: he is a driver

Inter: what about wealth?

Resp: he is wealthy enough to be able to take care of his family

Inter: how would you determine a successful adult?

Resp: someone who is independent and is not depending on anyone for anything

Inter: what differentiates a young person with good character from that one how is not?

Resp: behavior, reasoning

Inter: what do you mean behavior?

Resp: they way he carries himself and interacts with other people, he is not violent, the kind of language he uses with other people

Inter: mhh

Resp: an educated person thinks forward and sets goals which he works towards them but that one who is not educated, has no vision, he has not succeeded in anything

Inter: so that one can be associated with whose character is not good?

Resp: yes

Inter: what about when he avoids things like peer pressure?

Resp: if he is told anything with the others, it is up to him to make a wise decision as to whether he will give in to pressure, he needs to have self confidence

Inter: ok for how long do you expect to live with your uncle before you decide to move out and be on your own?

Resp: maybe next year

Inter: next year?

Resp: I am planning to move out and stay on my own

Inter: why that particularly time?

Resp: according to how they are doing, they are not doing well financially and I don't see why I should continue putting them under pressure to take care of me. They have really assisted me this far

Inter: what is the importance of marriage in your family?

Resp: when you get married and have children, you get respect through children or your wife. With a good wife you can help each other to have a good and happy family, a good future and bring up well mannered children

Inter: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: at 28

Inter: why that time?

Resp: by then I will be ready, and prepared to start a family. I will have a good foundation then

Inter: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: same level of education,

Inter: what else? Tribe?

Resp: any can do

Inter: age?

Resp: I have to be older than her by 4-5 years. She should not be older neither should she be a single parent

Inter: mhh what else?

Resp: she should be beautiful, humble

Inter: do you have a girlfriend?

Resp: yes

Inter: can you tell me how you got into your first romantic relationship

Resp: It was fate

Inter: what do you mean?

Resp: I had never met her before and the first time we met we loved one another to date

Inter: how did you start the relationship?

Resp: we met, greeted each other, talked and from there we continued

Inter: how old was she then?

Resp: she was 15

Inter: what were your expectations after meeting?

Resp: we continued meeting and talking

Inter: were other people aware of this relationship?

Resp: yes except my guardians but my friends know her. I know a few relatives also know her

Inter: what are your plans for the future?

Resp: we want to live like that until we get married. Our goal is to get married

Inter: have you ever had sex before?

Resp: yes

Inter: tell me about the first time you had sex, how old were you?

Resp: I was 16 years old

Inter: tell me about your girlfriend

Resp: she was 15

Inter: how is the relationship now?

Resp: we broke up

Inter: that was your first sexual encounter?

Resp: yes

Inter: what made you have sex with her?

Resp: just emotions

Inter: did you use any protection?

Resp: no

Inter: why didn't you use one?

Resp: I trusted her, both of us were innocent

Inter: do you plan to have children in future?

Resp: yes

Inter: when do you think is the right time to have children?

Resp: maybe when I am financially sound

Inter: I would like to ask you some things to do with the post election violence. How were you affected?

Resp: I wasn't affected

Inter: there was no violence on this end?

Resp: there was plenty

Inter: no family member was affected?

Resp: no

Inter: how about financial or economic situation?

Resp: in the slum?

Inter: yes

Resp: there was loss of property,

Inter: what else?

Resp: people were displaced

Inter: and friends?

Resp: my neighbours and friends too. One was hurt

Inter: in what way?

Resp: he was beaten out there

Inter: during that period how were you able to avoid them?

Resp: I was not involved at all

Inter: what about your family?

Resp: they only went to vote and came back here to wait for the results. They did not get involved in any of those things

Inter: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: many people lost their lives and others displaced

Inter: what else

Resp: others lost their employment or their places of work was destroyed

Inter: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: I was happy when they ended at least they did not continue for long

Inter: ok, Michael thank you so much for your contribution towards this interview. At least we are not able to understand how young people become adults and the kind of challenges they face, how they solve them. This will help the Centre in coming up with a report that will be helpful in seeing how young people in the slum are assisted and live a good life. So thank you so much for your time and I still promise you that whatever we have discussed here is specifically for the office and will not be shared with anyone else.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4V013

STUDY POINTS

- 273. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 274. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 275. RESILIENCE
- 276. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. The respondent equates adulthood to being able to make decision and the fact that he has a national identity card makes him Kenyan

2. The respondent is born again and thereby able to resist peer pressure also the fact that his father is very strict when it comes to relationships.
3. I wanted to own a company like my dad so I would like to work with KPLC, this way I choose electrical engineering

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 22

Job/Position title/Occupation: student

Educational Level: college

Ethnic Level: Kikuyu

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Sinai

Inter: in your view Faresh, what distinguishes adults from children?

Resp: age, the identity card

Inter: what else

Resp: age of childhood to adulthood, circumcision

Inter: what else, you have said circumcision, what about employment?

Resp: yes

Inter: mhh what about dependency on parents?

Resp: yes

Inter: physical maturity?

Resp: that comes with age, the way you grow up that is how physical maturity comes in

Inter: the way you grow?

Resp: especially the surrounding area, the environment that surrounds you

Inter: what about in terms of education?

Resp: that is true

Inter: what can you say about education?

Resp: education enlightens someone

Inter: so you said in education

Resp: someone becomes enlightened, and they gain knowledge.

Inter: ok, so looking at yourself today, how do you see yourself in relation to adulthood?

Resp: I am mature, how I am thinking, how I relate to my senior adults like my parents,

Inter: the other thing?

Resp: I am responsible

Inter: responsible; in what way are you responsible?

Resp: I am not involved things like youths of my age group are involved like drug abuse,

Inter: ok, so you don't engage in drug abuse?

Resp: yes

Inter: so what are the things that you currently do in daily life that make you feel like an adult?

Resp: business

Inter: what can you say about business?

Resp: if I can have capital I can be able to start my own business, run a business of my own

Inter: ok, capital

Resp: I can be an entrepreneur

Inter: what are the things that happen around you in life that do not make you feel like an adult?

Resp: depending on my parents

Inter: ok, any other thing

Resp: I don't think so

Inter: only depending on your parents?

Resp: Yes

Inter: so what are the things you like about being an adult?

Resp: there are so many, one; I have freedom to choose,

Inter: to choose what?

Resp: I can make my own decisions

Inter: so your own ideas and probably what you think you can give to someone?

Resp: that is true

Inter: ok, so what are the things that you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: irresponsible behavior, engaging in premarital sex, drug abuse, filthy habits like theft

Inter: ok, what probably would you consider the most significant event of your life? Maybe something that happened, something that you can still remember but significant?

Resp: I have gained education through my parents, I have gained knowledge

Inter: anything else you think that happened to you and is significant and why do you think; it is important to you?

Resp: now that I own my own ID, the government knows that I am truly Kenyan and above the recommended age of 18 years for adults. That is when I knew that the government recognized people who are in Kenya, but children are not more or less recognized

Inter: what about something that happened that you think was very important in your life, something that you will never forget, something of significance?

Resp: significant in my life?

Inter: I can depend on myself; mostly I don't rely on my parents to provide for my own things like clothing

Inter: maybe any story that you can tell me about something that happened before, something that you will never forget, something that when you think about it, it is important to you?

Resp: there is this event that we do at the church meeting someone testifying how they have faced challenges within them,

Inter: was there someone who was testifying?

Resp: yaa

Inter: a pastor or a friend?

Resp: a friend

Inter: what was he testifying about?

Resp: he was testifying about his own life and how relied on God even though the challenges were too much

Inter: at the end of how did he maybe.....

Resp: he became very successful. Everything that was painful had a successful ending confirming that there is always success at the end of every painful situation, so there is nothing that you can just gain easy

Inter: how was it important to you?

Resp: it made me realize that to get anything in life; I must do something to receive something. Life is just a consistence of you give this, you receive this, it is a two way traffic, you must give something to receive something

Inter: you must do something to receive something?

Resp: yes, or achieve it

Inter: achieve it?

Resp: you must sweat

Inter: so currently where are you living?

Resp: currently I am with my parents

Inter: anybody else there?

Resp: my brothers, it is a family

Inter: how many brothers?

Resp: four brothers, three me being included and two sisters

Inter: ok

Resp: mum and dad

Inter: so in that case, how are your parents currently involved in your life?

Resp: they pay for my education fees; they provide food, shelter and basic needs. They also give me advice on life, the true meaning of life, they engage me in entrepreneurship, in business they own

Inter: so they train you in business?

Resp: yes, business skills

Inter: ok, what areas of your life do your parents advise you?

Resp: in adulthood

Inter: what can you say about adulthood?

Resp: responsibility, that if you marry you should be responsible to your wife, they have engaged me in Christian life

Inter: mhh

Resp: social life

Inter: so what kind of advice do your parents give you maybe in terms of schooling?

Resp: they want me to go further and to aim higher always in everything that I do; in education, in life, put more effort in my studies

Inter: so in terms of education they tell you to aim higher?

Resp: yes

Inter: what about issues on relationships

Resp: relationships, my dad is very harsh, nothing to do with relationships

Inter: so he doesn't advice you on relationships?

Resp: he has said I can see it in terms of when he was young upcoming, he told me how he led his life so I try to relate his life and my life and I see that he was able to be responsible. From his stories, I can make my conclusion

Inter: ok, so what about in terms of religion?

Resp: Christianity?

Inter: yes, did he advice you on that?

Resp: yes, of course,

Inter: like what you should do, how you should go?

Resp: even now I should be in church

Inter: ok, maybe what about drug abuse, marriage?

Resp: that is very hard, I can relate to my own dad, he used to abuse alcohol but thank God he is now born again, if it was

not for alcohol we would not be here, we would have gone to Canada but to that failure, I cannot engage in such activities.

Inter: ok, what kind of issues would seek probably or approach your parents? Issues like what that can make you approach your parents maybe seek advice from your parents?

Resp: they are many, as I said earlier, that I am depending on them, I can depend on them for advice on marriage and relationships unless life after marriage. One thing I know is that in our family, I am still their child and though I am old enough, I have to co-exist with the other family members and the community

Inter: what kind of advice would you maybe not approach your parents?

Resp: relationships

Inter: like?

Resp: maybe I have a girlfriend, and she needs something, I can't go and tell my parents the lady needs this and that, I just sort it out myself

Inter: ok, you cannot tell your dad that?

Resp: no

Inter: what personal problems would make you approach your parents for advice

Resp: as in me?

Inter: yes

Resp: if I need a computer I can ask him because now I am not employed, I am still earning, I can request him for funds and in my education, they come first

Inter: ok, so if you need something like a computer you would approach them

Resp: yes

Int: and what kind of issues would you not approach your parents

Resp: yaa there are some issues relationships, I can get that from school mates

Inter: and not from your parents?

Resp: no

Inter: what kind of relationships to be precise?

Resp: like boy/girl relationships

Inter: how do your parents discipline you when you do something wrong?

Resp: they vary in their discipline if I have requested for something, they will refuse to give me

Inter: like?

Resp: they may tell me they will not pay school fees for me and from that I can change my behavior to become a better person

and after that they tell me what to do so that I don't fall
in the same mistake again

Inter: what other discipline do they give you?

Resp: they deny me food

Inter: that is when you have done something wrong

Resp: yes

Inter: apart from your parents, where else do you get advice?

Resp: through learning and written knowledge learning like reading
novels, my senior friends

Inter: which other people?

Resp: responsible people like pastors and born again friends

Inter: ok, like now you have brothers and sisters, how do they
influence your behavior and probably your inspirations and
your education?

Resp: my brothers?

Inter: yes

Resp: my first born brother, second born brother, maybe they are
trying to encourage me not to fail because they have passed
through the same route, I try to make it better than them for
example, from these four brothers, there those who have
achieved and they are in college, and they responsible, so I
can ask them for some funds

Inter: what about on issues like employment? Do they normally influence you?

Resp: they do

Inter: how?

Resp: they know the career I am taking, they understand the career that I am doing so they advice me that when I finish I try to seek jobs from certain companies so that encourage me to learn even more and work harder

Inter: ok, how about things like marriage, do they influence you?

Resp: yes of course, my elder brother has a wife so I try to ask him on how he copes with his wife, something of the sort, and he explains how he is responsible and the like (background noise from children)

Inter: ok, what about like on issues; let us talk about your friends, how do they influence you on issues like education?

Resp: there are those we do learn with, some of them are employed and as for me as I said I am not employed, they are employed and have come for education, I try to beat them, they tell me how field work is, how different it is in the field that school, in the field it is raining, trying to do the theory part of it telling me how they look like

Inter: what about issues on marital, how do they influence you?

Resp: they influence me a lot, some of them are in courtship, how their courtship and I ask them how they manage with their partners, do they engage in sexual activities, are they responsible, are they able to keep the promise, something of the sort

Inter: any other thing?

Resp: how do they make money apart from schooling? Apart from schooling how else do they make money, do they rely on parents, where do they get it

Inter: ok, like now describe for me the worst trouble or incident your friend or sibling has ever been involved

Resp: lack of fees

Inter: how was it, was it a friend, like how was he in trouble? What led him into this trouble?

Resp: he lacked fees and he could not concentrate in class

Inter: so in that relations is there anything that has happened maybe in marriage, a friend getting a girl pregnant, dropping out of school

Resp: yes

Inter: which one?

Resp: in primary school

Inter: what =happened?

Resp: a girl got pregnant, and had to drop out of school so now she had to fend for herself with no proper job

Inter: ok, so do you see yourself in a similar problem like the ones you have mentioned?

Resp: similar problem?

Inter: the ones you have mentioned like lack of school fees, getting a girl pregnant, do you see yourself in such a similar case?

Resp: yes I do

Inter: how and why?

Resp: I had a girlfriend and got her pregnant but thank God the baby had heart failure and God did his miracles to her and he was sent Israel by a donor for three months and the baby is fine (very noisy kids in the background)

Inter: ok, now I would like to talk to you about growing up in this neighborhood; and can you tell me the challenges that young people in this neighborhood face?

Resp: they are so many, drug abuse, filthy acts like thefts

Inter: any other thing?

Resp: pre-marital sex and things to do with dangerous diseases like HIV Aids which makes them die at a tender age

Inter: any other thing?

Resp: I think those are the ones there

Inter: what are the strategies that young people in this neighborhood young people use to cope us with these challenges (too much noise)

Resp: they take drugs which make them more confused and they are unable to act normally

Inter: so what strategies have been put in place to help these young people be able to face these challenges?

Resp: we have churches here that provide them with food and some of the basic things they miss here

Inter: and what about in terms of HIV Aids, unemployment and such kind of things, what strategies have been put in this village?

Resp: in this village you cannot recognize an institution that deals with youths where to forward the things that face the youths, it is hard. There is no certain body like where they can go and meet

Inter: ok, so in terms of HIV Aids, what happens?

Resp: there are the VCTs, information around television, radio, newspapers

Inter: so VCT helps

Resp: to get such advice and if they cannot abstain they are provided with condoms, those are the key issues mostly that they indulge in

Inter: ok, where would you want to live

Resp: I would like to live in a place like Buruburu

Inter: why Buruburu?

Resp: because of security, there is competition in terms of business, there is good means of transport and the necessities like water, electricity and shopping are available. They are near

Inter: and how do you see the chance of ever living in this place?

Resp: they are so many with the career that I am taking, my (unintelligible) and where I have seeked and some friends, when I finish my attachment the companies that I would like to work with one of them being KPLC, Ministry of Transport and Information

Inter: what is the most important thing that you would like to achieve in life?

Resp: the most important thing?

Inter: yes

Resp: to become independent and employed

Inter: any other thing?

Resp: get a good wife and marry

Inter: what are the reasons that you want to become independent?

Resp: so that I can own my own company that

Inter: what efforts are making to achieve this

Resp: I have set my own goals and my targets, in education I want to get a distinction, in life I want to be responsible,

Inter: ok, and what things would prevent you from achieving this

Resp: lack of capital,

Inter: any other things

Resp: lack of knowhow on how to achieve my goals

Inter: how are you planning to cope with this?

Resp: by making more friends,

Inter: so that?

Resp: those who are in those institutions can help me by giving me guidance

Inter: and what level of education do you need to achieve these life goals

Resp: I want to B. Tec

Inter: at university level?

Resp: yes

Inter: ok, so do you think you will achieve this level of education?

Resp: yes

Inter: why do you say so?

Resp: I am taking second year at Kenya Poly come third year I will finish my certificate and (unintelligible) and then take my B.Tech

Inter: ok, what career do you plan to take?

Resp: electricity in electrical engineering

Inter: so what drives you to take this decision to make you pursue electrical engineering

Resp: so many. One is that I can be able to think and be ready to face challenges

Inter: who is the most important person you have talked to about your career choice?

Resp: my parent particularly my father

Inter: have you ever worked before?

Resp: that is employment?

Inter: mhh

Resp: no

Inter: describe a person who is successful; can you describe for me a person who is successful in this community? Or rather what does it mean to be successful in this community?

Resp: someone who is responsible and the way one acts

Inter: mhhh

Resp: a Christian and that is religion

Inter: ok, can you describe for a person in this community who has become successful?

Resp: my dad

Inter: how is he successful?

Resp: because he owns his own company

Inter: what about his behavior?

Resp: he is hospitable

Inter: what about his family?

Resp: he is responsible and caring

Inter: so what makes a young person successful?

Resp: a young person?

Inter: yes

Resp: knowledge

Inter: knowledge?

Resp: yes, they say knowledge is power and information

Inter: any other thing?

Resp: education, religion

Inter: so what distinguishes a well behaved person from others?

Resp: the act of using drugs

Inter: so who uses drugs?

Resp: a good person will not use drugs

Inter: ok, any other thing

Resp: being a Christian, responsibility,

Inter: yes,

Resp: education background

Inter: and what can a young person do to become successful?

Resp: shun drugs abuse, be born again, and the willingness to know more

Inter: ok, willingness to know more. Ok, and how much longer do you plan to live with your parents?

Resp: after I complete college

Inter: why after your education?

Resp: by then I will be employed

Inter: what else?

Resp: I will be married; when you are married you cannot stay with your parents

Inter: how important is it in your family to be married?

Resp: brings the opportunity of continuity of one generation to another

Inter: what else?

Resp: responsibility

Inter: when do you plan to get married personally?

Resp: at the age of 28

Inter: why at that age

Resp: I will be mature enough

Inter: what could be the determinant of that age apart from maturity?

Resp: employment

Inter: mhh

Resp: and be self reliant

Inter: so what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: born again Christian,

Inter: mhh

Resp: God fearing, responsible, faithful,

Inter: wah about in terms of tribe?

Resp: I don't go for tribe, no

Inter: status?

Resp: she should be social with people

Inter: what age would you prefer your partner to be?

Resp: same age as mine or one year younger

Inter: let us now talk about the issue of relationships and sex like
have you ever had a girlfriend?

Resp: of course yes

Inter: could you describe your first relationship?

Resp: we met in school and parted after form four

Inter: any other thing?

Resp: nothing,

Inter: what was the age by then?

Resp: I was 18

Inter: and the lady?

Resp: she was 16

Inter: were other people aware of the relationship?

Resp: yes

Inter: what were your general feelings about the relationship by
then?

Resp: they were strong feelings especially on love matters and
education

Inter: have you ever had sex with another?

Resp: yes

Inter: describe our first sexual experience; how was it?

Resp: it was good

Inter: why do you say it was good?

Resp: because it was someone I knew, had known for a while

Inter: ok, you said she was 16 by then?

Resp: yes

Inter: like when you met now, what made you have sex with this lady?

Resp: peer pressure from friends

Inter: from friends?

Resp: the surrounding of the lady

Inter: did you use any protection that first time?

Resp: yes

Inter: what kind?

Resp: a condom

Inter: ok, how was the decision that made you arrive on that decision?

Resp: I knew that there is HIV Aids so if you have a partner you cannot just sleep with her

Inter: so how did you arrive at that?

Resp: we didn't want early marriage

Inter: so did you discuss and agree?

Resp: we discussed and agreed that we didn't want early unwanted pregnancy

Inter: are there times you never used a condom?

Resp: yes

Inter: what were the reasons?

Resp: maybe she has come to visit me late in the night and then I
can't have access to a condom that time

Inter: let us discuss issues on post election violence

Resp: yes

Inter: before we come to post election violence do you plan to have
children?

Resp: yes

Inter: why?

Resp: to have that family identity

Inter: ok, so when do you intend to get them?

Resp: after marriage

Inter: why after marriage?

Resp: because at that time I can be able to nurture the children to
my expectations

Inter: so let us come to the challenges that you faced during the
post election violence

Resp: yes

Inter: so how did the post election violence affect you?

Resp: it affected me in many ways, many innocent youths died

Inter: what about you in particular and your family?

Resp: including Naivasha region where most of our family friends live, they were displaced.

Inter: ok, and like what about the neighborhood, your friends, how were they affected by the post election violence? What about things like jobs?

Resp: many they loose their jobs because during that time the tribalism was very...using everyone

Inter: ok and how did you deal with that uncertainty during that time? How did you cope up with the situation by then?

Resp: we knew this could end because Rome was not built in one day

Inter: so what did you do at that time to deal with the environment; did you guard yourself or something like that?

Resp: no, we just became calm, in our neighborhood there are so many tribes, and we know one another so we couldn't engage in those things

Inter: so it wasn't that much?

Resp: not much just a little destroying of property but nothing much

Inter: and what did you not like about the post election violence

Resp: the motive that we had with the principles

Inter: ok,

Resp: only self interest

Inter: who are the principles?

Resp: the president and the prime minister

Inter: what kind of self interests were these?

Resp: they never fulfilled their promises to the people during
their manifestos

Inter: any other thing you didn't like about the post election
violence?

Resp: killing of youth by live bullets

Inter: mhh any other thing?

Resp: destruction of property, loss of lives

Inter: ok, what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: nothing good

Inter: Unintelligible

Resp: I like now that the people knew that not their principle will
make them live, all of us are Kenyans, the blood that runs
through my brother is the same blood that runs through me.

Inter: to avoid

Resp: such cases like killing because of well known persons. The
only thing I liked about the post election violence people

now knew that tribes, conflicts, nepotism, there is nothing
good that can come out of them

Inter: mhh

Resp: all of us are equal and if there is inequality, then let
there be equality

Inter: ok, Mr, Patrick thank you for your time with me

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4V015

STUDY POINTS

- 277. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 278. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 279. RESILIENCE
- 280. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 1. Respondent equates adulthood with being able to handle issues and
sustain oneself
- 2. The respondent is a born again Christian and he is able to resist
sex till marriage

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 23

Job/Position title/Occupation: Casual

Educational Level: Diploma

Ethnic Level: Luhya

Marital Status: Single

Number of children: Nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Kingston

Int: we are starting, in your opinion, what is the difference between an adult and a child

Resp: the difference between adults and children, adults are mature while children are not

Int: what do you mean they are mature?

Resp: they are responsible

Int: does age also bring a difference?

Resp: it is possible because there are people who are still children but are mature meaning they are responsible. You can meet a youth of about 15 years but can make decisions of a 20 year old so maturity means being responsible in what you do or say

Int: what about employment?

Resp: I don't think that can also determine the difference between a child and an adult. We have some people who are already in employment and have never seen the inside of a class. They meet there with those who have already been in school so I don't think employment makes any difference

Int: marriage?

Resp: marriage can because anyone in marriage is supposed to be sharp in his thinking so that he can handle life

Int: so when you get married,

Resp: you mature in mind

Int: what about education?

Resp: yes, once you are educated you become different from those who are illiterate.

Int: there is a difference between that one who has gone to school and one who hasn't.

Resp: yes

Int: how about self dependence?

Resp: self dependence

Int: mhh, is there a difference?

Resp: there is, because when I am self reliant, and being able to handle life generally, there are some areas in life that I will have to mature in to enable me handle marriage life i.e. to plan and organize it so that we are a happy family

Int: how to plan for your family?

Resp: yes

Int: what about relationships and sexual intercourse; can those determine the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: in life?

Int: mhhh

Resp: no, very many young people here are involved in sex

Int: when you examine yourself and your experiences, do you feel you are an adult or a child?

Resp: I am mature enough

Int: how?

Resp: I am mature both in mind and physically

Int: what else makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I am able to handle life the way it comes

Int: what experiences are you going through currently that make you an adult?

Resp: I am able to do causal jobs here and there and I am able to take responsibility of my own problems. I don't rely on anyone at all

Int: are there things you are going through that makes you feel you are still a child?

Resp: no, there isn't any

Int: you don't have any?

Resp: maybe because I don't have a family yet, but I don't see anything else

Int: you are yet to start a family?

Resp: no, I have started one yet

Int: ok, what do you like about being an adult?

Resp: having a family to take care of

Int: what do like about a person who has a family?

Resp: I would just like to have a family of my own

Int: is there anything that you don't like about adulthood?

Resp: I hate domestic violence, extra marital affairs

Int: you don't like extra marital affairs?

Resp: it means you are not trustworthy and can make a family break up

Int: is there any experience or event that happened in your life that you can't forget about it; something significant?

Resp: really?

Int: anything either good or bad?

Resp: I don't think there is the only thing maybe I can think of is I didn't expect to do well in my exams at all. Through my studying pattern and the struggles I was going through just before my examination, I didn't expect to perform well

Int: who do you live with now?

Resp: I am still under my parents

Int: both parents?

Resp: yes

Int: brothers and sisters?

Resp: one is here

Int: a girl?

Resp: yes and a boy, our last born is still in school.

Int: how are your parents involved in your life?

Resp: they cater for my needs especially when I am in a fix

Int: for example?

Resp: maybe you want to further your education and are unable to do it, they usually step and assist me

Int: through you education?

Resp: yes

Int: are they involved in your decision making?

Resp: yes, very much, there are some decisions that you need advice from them

Int: how about being self independence?

Resp: they are very much involved in taking care of my life since I am still under their care

Int: in what areas of life do your parents participate?

Resp: they talk to me about life in general, marriage life and how to handle issues as when I am on my own, that is just an example of what they do

Int: what kind of advice do they give you; for example in education?

Resp: they advice me to work hard. I remember they used to advice me to work hard in school because life is difficult without a sound education background. They used to encourage me to work hard

Int: ok, what about religion?

Resp: on religion, that is a personal choice because currently my parents and I don't go to the same church but the end result is that we serve the same God. That one is not a problem

Int: do they offer advice on issues related to sex?

Resp: especially my father; we always have man to man talk and he advices me if I have a girlfriend, how to handle her and what not to do. He has been very helpful in that area

Int: he offers good advice?

Resp: yes

Int: what about drugs?

Resp: those are things I have been advised against since I was a kid. It has been repeated to me so many times that it is in stuck in my mind

Int: they have always warned you against them?

Resp: yes

Int: ok what issues would you seek assistance from your parents

Resp: decisions on marriage and employment

Int: is there anything issues that you would find difficult to talk to your parents about?

Resp: I don't think there is any unless it is something that I can handle on my own, and then I don't need to disturb them with that. I just deal with it personally

Int: what personal problems would make you go to them for assistance?

Resp: I have not met any problem of that nature

Int: is there or are there any problems/issues that you think you can seek for assistance from your friends and not your parents?

Resp: no

Int: an issue that you may fear telling your parents about but find it easier to share with friends?

Resp: maybe stupid things like relationships between girlfriends and boyfriends. You cannot go and tell your father that you had a row with your girlfriend, those are issues you discuss with your best friend

Int: ok, tell me what kind of punishment do you get from your parents when you make a mistake?

Resp: I don't even remember the last time I was given a beating.
The only thing I get from them is we sit and I am told of my mistakes then it is up to me to take in the advice and change

Int: apart from your parents or guardians, who is the next important person in your life?

Resp: besides my parents, I have a grandparent who is very close to me and we share quite a lot when we are together

Int: you mentioned you have brothers?

Resp: yes

Int: what role do they play in your life in convincing you on issues related to your behavior?

Resp: all my brothers are younger than me

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: in my life?

Int: on issues regarding education and behavior

Resp: the one I have we relate more on issues to do with education and once in a while when we get employment, we discuss on what to do with the finances or what or next step is

Int: do you remember a problem one of your friends or kin has been through that has been of significance in your life?

Resp: maybe my friend who lost two sisters and that has been a very big problem; he has been in a kind of a shock

Int: were they sick?

Resp: they were sick but for a very short time

Int: how did it affect you?

Resp: this is a close friend and when you meet you find him in low spirits, he is stressed and I have been there to encourage him face life.

Int: do you view yourself in a situation like that at one time in your life?

Resp: It is not easy to know what plans God has for you so I cannot say I wouldn't find myself in such a situation.

Int: ok, tell me some of the challenges that young people in this area face

Resp: the major one is non employment. With no jobs available, they engage in criminal activities like thefts, drug abuse

Int: drug abuse

Resp: and theft

Int: what about school dropouts?

Resp: that is also a challenge here because not everyone can afford school fees for their children. There a high rate of poverty in this area

Int: they are affected by this?

Resp: yes, poverty is too much. You can go to these homesteads and find there is literally nothing. They don't have anywhere to go to and find jobs. Some are not even in a position to do a job

Int: what about HIV Aids?

Resp: there are cases but rare

Int: what do you mean rare?

Resp: we have not experienced deaths due to the HIV virus

Int: what strategies have been put in place to help solve these problems?

Resp: of late, we have been forming youth groups where we meet once or twice a week and plan on how we can progress in life. We are trying to seek for help through those groups from NGOs and the government to enable us to get employment or be self employment.

Int: is there any other strategy that has been put in place?

Resp: we have security issues

Int: what strategies have been put in place?

Resp: we have some youths who are employed to patrol at night. It might not necessarily mean that youths from this area are the thieves; they could also be coming from neighboring slums to steal and go back.

Int: who pays for them?

Resp: every house pays Sh10 on Fridays to take care of that. The take the money and distribute among themselves.

Int: ok, it has been agreed upon in the slum?

Resp: yes

Int: where would you love to live?

Resp: I will not mention a particular place but I would like to live at a place where the standard of live is a bit higher

Int: what do you mean by standard of life?

Resp: It is better than the one here

Int: what is so special about the other place you would like to live that is not here?

Resp: for example in this area, we struggle to get necessitates like water and electricity whereas on the other end, those things are automatic, every building constructed in estates must have water, electricity and toilets whereas those things are hard to come by in this area

Int: ok, what is the possibility of you living in an area like that?

Resp: The chances are there because life must continue. God willing and when he opens other doors for me, chances of me moving out of this place are high

Int: when do you think is the right time for you to move to another place? What will make you move out

Resp: if I get a well paying and stable job, or some source of income, then I will definitely move out

Int: what is your goal in your life; what would you like to achieve?

Resp: there are so many things I would like to achieve. First I would like to move out of this place and start my family elsewhere where they are comfortable, they are free and stress free. At that time the problem of unemployment won't be there since I will be working

Int: what strategies have you put in place to achieve that goal?

Resp: personally, I am working hard because I know in Kenya, if you don't have a good foundation in education, there is nothing you can achieve and you will not get a well paying job.

Int: so you are keen on education?

Resp: yes, because that is where my doors will open from

Int: and right now?

Resp: I am working but it is not a stable job

Int: ok, but at least you are still continuing with your education?

Resp: after hassling here and there I usually go and pay for my fees to enable me continue

Int: what are reading for?

Resp: sales and marketing, now I want to do my Diploma

Int: what can hinder you from achieving your goals?

Resp: possibly lack of money to pay for my school fees and at the same time be able to support myself. I need quite a lot money pay for college fees

Int: what level of education do you need to be able to achieve your goals?

Resp: I have just done my Diploma, if I can go for higher Diploma or the equivalent, that can assist me get a well paying job

Int: is higher diploma the highest level you can reach?

Resp: there is a much higher level than that. You can even get Masters in that field

Int: do you think you will be able to attain that level

Resp: there is a chance for me to reach there but if only I can get a job before I do my Masters, and a well paying job for that matter, then I can cut that short and not go further than that

Int: ok, that is good. You mentioned that you have worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: when did you do this?

Resp: it was around 2006

Int: how old were you then?

Resp: about 20 years

Int: you were 20?

Resp: yes

Int: what was the reason for working at that time?

Resp: I was idle and was not yet focused on my life so I decided to get a job to enable me cater for my personal needs. I also wanted to be busy

Int: what are you doing at the moment to get some income?

Resp: I don't have anything at all

Int: what does it mean to be successful in this community?

Resp: to be successful means being stable and self dependence. You earn something through your success.

Int: can you give an example of a person who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: there was a neighbor who succeeded.

Int: how did he succeed?

Resp: I watched him go to school, complete and got a well paying job, later on he opened a shop here and after a while, he

left and went into motor vehicle business. He is rich man
nowadays

Int: was it your age mate?

Resp: he was slightly older than me

Int: what can you say about his character?

Resp: he is ok and his family is down to earth

Int: what do you mean down to earth?

Resp: it is a humble family

Int: what differentiates a young person who is successful from the
rest?

Resp: silence

Int: what can make a young person successful?

Resp: something to make him successful or he has already succeeded?

Int: how can you identify a success young person?

Resp: is lifestyle will determine that change in him

Int: for example?

Resp: his life?

Int: yes

Resp: someone who is working and has a family

Int: how would you differentiate a young person with good
character from an ill mannered one or from others?

Resp: you look at his characteristics, the company of people around him. If you show me one of your friends, I can be able to tell what kind of person you are.

Int: ok, what kind of behavior would one expect from such a kind of person and how does he handle the challenges that come his way?

Resp: his challenges?

Int: how does he react to challenges and behavior?

Resp: he handles his business in a polite manner, not with violence

Int: ok, let me ask you, how can a young person be successful in life?

Resp: education is the first and foremost thing. He needs a job to make him successful in life; a well paying job

Int: you mentioned that you are still living with your parents?

Resp: yes

Int: for how long do you intend to stay with them?

Resp: I have given myself two year to be with them and after that I should be able to stand on my own

Int: what makes you come to that conclusion?

Resp: there is something I am looking forward to, and I believe soon, there are going to be some changes

Int: employment?

Resp: yes

Int: ok. What is the main reason of you wanting to move out from your parent's house?

Resp: I want to start my own family at that particular time

Int: any other reason?

Resp: none

Int: what is the importance of marriage in your family?

Resp: importance of marriage?

Int: what is the importance of marriage to you and your family?

Resp: your questions are tricky and the language! It is for companionship in life

Int: with anyone?

Resp: with a wife, and a good one

Int: when do you intend to get married?

Resp: when I am working and ready for it

Int: why when you are working already?

Resp: I don't want difficulties in life

Int: ok, when do you think would be the right time for you to get married and have a family?

Resp: I have already set the number of years I will be before I involve myself into that

Int: how many years?

Resp: when I am about 30 years of age

Int: why that age?

Resp: I want to give myself an allowance of some years as I plan for the wife. There is no need to bring a wife in the house when you cannot afford to feed her and expect to make it in life; that means you will end up with your parents and that is something I would like to avoid at all costs. Once I am out of that home I don't have to go back there

Int: what kind of person would you like to marry?

Resp: someone with whom we can help each other in life, with that I mean someone who is intelligent, someone who is focused in life and together we can work as a team

Int: how old should your partner be?

Resp: age does not count

Int: what about the tribe of your partner?

Resp: that one is not a problem

Int: social or economic status?

Resp: she should be average

Int: average person?

Resp: yes

Int: do you have a lover?

Resp: no,

Int: you don't have a girlfriend?

Resp: I had one a year ago

Int: what was your first romantic relationship like; how old were you?

Resp: I was 22 years

Int: how did you meet?

Resp: we met at college

Int: how did the relationship start?

Resp: we were just friends and all of a sudden things changed course and we started having deeper feelings for each other

Int: you became close?

Resp: yes

Int: I would like to know more about your relationship; were other people aware of it?

Resp: yes

Int: even your parents?

Resp: yes

Int: parents were aware?

Resp: no, my brothers were aware of her, not my parents. Even my college mates were aware of the relationship

Int: what were your feelings about the relationship? Had you marriage in mind between the two of you?

Resp: it was something serious

Int: what do you mean serious?

Resp: we were focused on the future in that relationship

Int: what happened later?

Resp: she was a from a well off family and they left the county all of a sudden

Int: where did they go to?

Resp: they are in the USA

Int: that was the end of the relationship?

Resp: we often communicate on phone

Int: that is good. Have you been involved in sex?

Resp: no, the background here is Christian; that is why this thing (taping on something) is on the table here

Int: when do you think your first time to have sex will be?

Resp: after getting married

Int: how does it feel like knowing that you have not been involved in sex?

Resp: I really don't think on those lines and so I am not bothered so much

Int: are you sad because you have not had the experience?

Resp: no

Int: do you plan for children in the future?

Resp: of course I do. I may need to help me and also it would feel nice to be called daddy. With them around, I will have company when I grow older

Int: when do you think is the right time to start getting children?

Resp: as I told you before, it will work or me better after marriage

Int: when you are married?

Resp: yes

Int: during the post election violence, wee were you affected in any way?

Resp: people were not moving around, they were scared of what would happen next,

Int: was your family affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: what about friends

Resp: none, this slum was very peaceful so we didn't experience problems

Int: how did you solve those challenges?

Resp: as a told you before, we have been forming youth groups which have been working and all tribes living here have been included. Our lives never changed from our daily routine

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: many people were killed innocently and you cannot tell whether it was genuine fighting or it is the land business. Those are the tings that I was not happy about

Int: farms?

Resp: yes, did you note the killings?

Int: yes.

Resp: that is all.

Int: What did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: frankly speaking there was nothing good about the post election violence

Int: OK, we have reached the end of our interview and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for your time with us. This information you have given us will be very helpful in this research.

TRANSITIONS STUDY

STUDY POINTS

281. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
282. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
283. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

SALIENT POINTS

1. Respondent equates adulthood with being able to bear children and have a family
2. The respondent is unable to sustain himself financially due to inconsistent casual job and also has to assist sibling in paying school fees
3. Respondent opted for mechanics after his neighbor did it and excelled currently doing very fine and also wanted to fight off poverty

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 23

Job/Position title/Occupation: informal casual

Educational Level: tertiary college

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: single

Number of children: nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Sinai

Background information

Int: I would like to ask you what differentiates adults from young children.

Resp: for an adult and a young person?

Int: what is the difference?

Resp: an adult has children and does mature things

Int: what are these mature things?

Resp: If you have a family, you leave things like having girlfriends, other stop being drunkards

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: does age contribute towards the difference?

Resp: yes

Int: starting from where?

Resp: from 24 years, that is an adult

Int: ok, what about employment?

Resp: yes

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: it depends on the work you are

Int: how does that give the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: for example, I am a mechanic, and you are in the office

Int: so where is the difference?

Resp: in the office there is high mentality

Int: so does that mean an adult or a child can work, maybe you can explain to me better

Resp: an adult gets work according to the level of his education

Int: what about marriage?

Resp: respect

Int: in what way?

Resp: the younger one respects the older person

Int: and being self reliant?

Resp: it means you can afford certain things which I cannot.

Int: romantic relationship; do they bring out any different between an adult and youth?

Resp: it is respecting one another

Int: circumcision?

Resp: there is a difference

Int: how?

Resp: you don't now play like children but respect each other as grown ups now

Int: an adult cannot play?

Resp: cannot with children

Int: when you look at yourself right now, can you compare yourself with adulthood?

Resp: I am an adult.

Int: how will I know this is an adult?

Resp: the way he interacts with other people

Int: what else?

Resp: your lifestyle

Int: what does that mean?

Resp: you live like mature person

Int: what else makes you feel you are living as an adult?

Resp: intelligence

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: reasoning like an adult

Int: ok, what are you experiencing right now that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: as an adult I don't have to be abusive towards other people including children

Int: what else?

Resp: talk about mature things

Int: what makes you feel you are not adult yet?

Resp: have relationships, stealing other people's property can make you feel like a child

Int: what about you personally?

Resp: chewing miraa/khat does not show that I am an adult

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: I would like to be mature

Int: is there anything else you like about adulthood?

Resp: living a good life

Int: what don't you like adulthood?

Resp: bad behavior

Int: like what?

Resp: involving in romantic relationships, drunkenness

Int: what else?

Resp: using abusive language

Int: what is the most significant event that happened to you or your friends and you cannot forget about it?

Resp: the death of my mother

Int: what happened?

Resp: my grandmother had.....

Int: your mother or grandmother?

Resp: my mother was caught by police and my grandmother was left in my care

Int: so who was caught?

Resp: my mother

Int: by who?

Resp: police officers

Int: why?

Resp: the cows crossed over to a neighbors field and destroyed some property. I used to take food to my mother and my grandmother passed away while my mothers was still in police custody

Int: currently who are you living with?

Resp: my mother

Int: is she here?

Resp: she is upcountry

Int: and here in Viwandani?

Resp: my cousin

Int: is you father alive?

Resp: no, he passed on

Int: does your mother have any influence in your life?

Resp: yes, she gives me advice

Int: on what issues does she give you advice?

Resp: that I should respect adults, educates me and that I should avoid bad company

Int: I would also like to hear from you whether your mother offers advices on romantic relationships

Resp: advices me on how to live with people in harmony, my brothers and my neighbors

Int: does she advice you on anything to do with religion?

Resp: yaa, she tells me it is very important to fear God and depend on him

Int: does she offer advice to you on drugs abuse?

Resp: we don't talk about that

Int: what would make you seek assistance from your parents?

Resp: If I am sick; when my brothers advice me to do things that are not good, I seek advice from my mother

Int: are there any issues that would make you not go to seek help from them but go elsewhere?

Resp: If I am drunk, I cannot go to her

Int: what else?

Resp: if I was to fail an exam, I cannot go and tell her I will be afraid

Int: ok, what personal problems would make you seek advice or any form of assistance from your parents?

Resp: I am caught by police; maybe I am involved in an accident, if my brother is ill and see how we can help each other on the same

Int: what kinds of issues would you seek for advice from friends and not parents?

Resp: when I am robbed off money,

Int: you cannot tell her?

Resp: no, I will tell a neighbor

Int: what else?

Resp: if you are involved in an incident that needs assist, and since she is far, I can approach my neighbours

Int: tell, how do your parents punish you when you make mistakes

Resp: he will scold and then if it is a serious mistake, I will be beaten

Int: even now, she can still beat you?

Resp: she will tell me where I went wrong and advice not to repeat the same mistake again and only when I refuse to take advice then she has a right to take a stick and give me a beating

Int: ok, let me ask you, apart from you parents, who else can give you advice?

Resp: neighbours can also assist me

Int: who else?

Resp: village elders

Int: you told me that you have brothers?

Resp: yes

Int: what influence do they have in your life?

Resp: they pray for me to have a job, wish me well in everyday life

Int: do they advice you marriage issues?

Resp: yes, it is their wish that I get enough money and get married
to a nice lady

Int: they will help you look for one?

Resp: no, just wish for me to get a nice lady to marry

Int: do your friends also influence your life on matters to do with
education, marriage?

Resp: yaa, they would wish me to get a good job and marry a good
wife, who, together we can do something tangible in our home

Int: tell me of a incident that your siblings or friends were involved
in and you cannot forget about it

Resp: my neighbor was involved in an accident and was hurt

Int: how is he?

Resp: he is still hospitalized and he was one of the people who a
house fell down on them.

Int: can you see yourself in such a problem at some point?

Resp: yes

Int: how; why do you think that can happen to you?

Resp: accidents happen to anyone and there is no way you can stop one happening to you or the other person

Int: tell me the challenges that befall young persons in the community.

Resp: Mugging, drunkennes

Int: what about employment?

Resp: they don't like looking for jobs

Int: what about poverty in the community?

Resp: I have not been living here for long but I have seen two groups or people there are those who try to look for jobs and are self reliant while others don't like working; but most of them try.

Int: what about HIV AIDs?

Resp: that is difficult to know who has and who doesn't have one.

Int: would you say it is average or?

Resp: It average in this community

Int: what strategies have the youth come up with to be able to cope with these challenges they face in the community?

Resp: they should look for jobs

Int: what do they do here?

Resp: they stay in the houses and especially those in Nairobi don't look jobs

Int: we have mentioned things like mugging incidents, HIV Aids, drunkenness, etc, what strategies are youths using to cope with these challenges?

Resp: they look for jobs

Int: where?

Resp: from the industries so that they can earn some money and stop stealing from other people

Int: what about issues like mugging and stealing, what strategies are they putting in place to stop this?

Resp: they change after a while when they become adults

Int: so how does that improve on security in the community?

Resp: they avoid company of those youths who engage in criminal activities

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: I would like to live in an estate

Int: why an estate?

Resp: there is top security, good maintenance

Int: what do you mean good maintenance?

Resp: you don't need to go and fetch water from outside; it could be in the house

Int: the house is self contained?

Resp: yes, and after 9 p.m. you don't have to go outside and start engaging yourself with the ill mannered youths. You simply stay in your house

Int: you have said that you would like to live somewhere like an estate, do you think you will realize this dream?

Resp: I think it is possible

Int: what efforts are you putting in to this?

Resp: I am working hard both outside and my work place

Int: so you believe you will one day live there?

Resp: yes

Int: what would you like to achieve in your life?

Resp: I would like well, not in poverty

Int: you don't want to live in poverty?

Resp: yes

Int: what efforts are you making so that you don't live in poverty?

Resp: when I get my ten bob I plan with it and I don't have to admire other people's things

Int: and to enable you live a good life, what efforts are you making towards that

Resp: working and get enough money

Int: getting enough money?

Resp: yes

Int: what would hinder you from achieving this dream?

Resp: drunkenness can stop me from achieving this dream, getting involved in romantic affairs

Int: this can hinder you from achieving your dream?

Resp: yes

Int: what is the education level you need to attain this dream?

Resp: I have done Grade II and since I have siblings who are younger than me, I have to work and educate them first so that I can continue in my education

Int: what would you like to study?

Resp: I would like to do Grade I

Int: do you see yourself reaching Grade I?

Resp: yes

Int: how?

Resp: I managed to get money, paid my fees and was able to do well in my Grade II that is why I am confident that given an

opportunity, I can do Grade I comfortably. I am now able to help my parents

Int: good. Right now you are not in school?

Resp: no,

Int: who has been giving advice on mechanics?

Resp: I have just been observing people who have passed through those stages are now well off

Int: mmhh?

Resp: like my neighbor, he started off small now he is an engineer

Int: so your neighbor has been the role model?

Resp: yes

Int: have you worked before?

Resp: yes

Int: how old were you when you started working

Resp: I just started working this year

Int: why did you decide to start working?

Resp: to solve the poverty issues that is in our family,

Int: the problem of poverty?

Resp: yes

Int: what else are you involved in as income generating?

Resp: when I meet other mechanics

Int: you meet with them?

Resp: so that I can get more experience as a interact with them

Int: are you usually paid?

Resp: yes

Int: a little money?

Resp: yes

Int: ok, in a much how much do you earn in a day or month?

Resp: it depends on the clients that come on that day. When they are many, you can get Sh300 but when the situation is not goo, you get something like Sh150 per day

Int: ok, in this community or let us say in the family, what does success mean?

Resp: it means a lot because people who are successful are able to handle their problems and help others and if it is in a family, at least they move from one stage to the other because there is someone who is taking care of some of the needs

Int: give me an example of someone who has succeeded

Resp: here?

Int: yes

Resp: maybe from upcountry

Int: fine

Resp: my cousin is doing well, he completed university education and now he is a secondary school teacher and he looks after his parents. He is also well off and respectable among the people. He has constructed his own house and for his mother too

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: how can one distinguish a successful young person from the others?

Resp: when he was still a young child, he never was a disobedient person and he obeys his parents

Int: is there anything that can make you identify a young person has successful?

Resp: he is working, looks after his family and if he is married, his wife and children are living a comfortable life

Int: ok,

Resp: he helps his neighbours

Int: ok, what distinguishes a well behaved young person one who is not?

Resp: first of all when he is an ill mannered person, he cannot feed himself, he will not look for a job and he prefers to get

involved in criminal activities like mugging people, stealing from others

Int: what can the young persons in the community do to be successful?

Resp: they need to pray go God to assist them to be able to look for work

Int: is there anything else that youths can do to cope with these challenges?

Resp: Just be God fearing

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: upcountry

Int: ok, what were the main reasons for your moving out of the family house?

Resp: financial problems, my brother needed to continue with education

Int: so you came to look for a job?

Resp: yes

Int: what were your concerns when you left at home?

Resp: I just came straight to whoever had called for me a job and I was working with Plastic Industries. It was not an easy job for me because I had to stay in Kibera, I didn't have any money for transport and had to walk every day. The other things was that the jobs was not constant

Int: this was in industrial area?

Resp: yes

Int: do you feel an adult?

Resp: I am an adult

Int: how?

Resp: I don't engage in criminal activities

Int: ok, what are the challenges you face living here?

Resp: getting ill and you have to go to work however bad the situation is because you need the money.

Int: are there other challenges apart illness and being broke?

Resp: no

Int: what is the importance of marriage in you family or community?

Resp: so that you don't get lost

Int: what does that mean?

Resp: so that I stop roaming and dating many women at the same time and it also good to get married so that your wife can also help your mother run the home

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: when my brother gets to Std 8 then I can get married

Int: why have you chosen that time?

Resp: my brother is still in Std 2 and will be in Std 8 in six years
to come

Int: what kind of person would you like to marry?

Resp: a well behaved lady, a good background and someone who can help
my mother

Int: how old would you like her to be?

Resp: between 20-25 and should a Kamba like me

Int: do you have a girlfriend?

Resp: yes, but she is not from Nairobi

Int: tell me about your lover, how did you meet?

Resp: we were in school together

Int: how did the friendship start and yet you were still in school?

Resp: she was my neighbor

Int: how did you meet?

Resp: I went to her home, we talked and I proposed that we be
friends and she accepted.

Int: how was the relationship?

Resp: it was nice and she is still continuing in school

Int: had you ever had sex?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me your first sexual experience?

Resp: it was very good

Int: how old were you?

Resp: when I was 18 years

Int: what made you decide to make love with her that first time/

Resp: nature

Int: what does that mean?

Resp: natural

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: our emotions

Int: what happened to your emotions?

Resp: you get the urge to have sex with her

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: no,

Int: why didn't you use protection?

Resp: I trusted her

Int: do you plan to have children in future?

Resp: yes

Int: when do you plan to have the children?

Resp: when I get married

Int: why at that time?

Resp: this not the right time but by then I will be freer of school fees and can be able to take care of a family

Int: during the post election violence were you affected in any way?

Resp: no, but many people were killed, and there was not help from outside the country, all the donors pulled off at that time

Int: was anyone in your family or friends affected in anyway

Resp: no

Int: how were you able to cope with this situation?

Resp: we were just praying to God to bring peace to the country

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: I didn't like those people who caused the fighting to start.

Int: what else?

Resp: I didn't like the idea of many people dying, there was theft all over, Mungiki sect started burning people alive and vehicles were not moving at all

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about it

Int: ok, I through with the interview and are happy I have been able to learn from you the kind of problems youths face and how they are able to cope with them. Thank you so much

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4V018

STUDY POINTS

284. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
285. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
286. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent equates adulthood to being able to sustain oneself
2. The respondent is a casual worker so the challenges are he is unable to pay rent especially when he is out of job
3. Respondent chose his career to be able to attain Diploma and later secure good job to improve his lifestyle

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21

Job/Position title/Occupation: Casual laborer informal

Educational Level: Form four

Ethnic Level:	Luo
Marital Status:	Single
Number of children:	nil
Name of Slum:	Viwandani
Name of Village:	Lungalunga

Background information

Int: I would like to ask what differentiate adults from those who are not adults.

Resp: I would like to say an adult cannot do what a child will do.
An adult does adult things

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: if you are an adult, you will no go about playing with children, you think and reason as an adult and also an adult is self reliant and can also look for employment

Int: what about issues related to circumcision?

Resp: a person who has gone through circumcision has to change his behavior and stop doing things in a childish manner, he cannot go playing with children, and he is now an adult and thinks like one

Int: what else?

Resp: I think that is all

Int: how does sex and education related to adulthood?

Resp: an educated person is very different from one who is not because they think on completely different lines in life. Love or engaging in sex is usually for adults not children

Int: would you consider yourself adult?

Resp: right now, I am an adult because I have a Kenyan Identity card to identify me as a Kenyan adult person. I also do casual work here and there which helps me to be self reliant

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all I can say about myself

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you feel you are an adult?

Resp: the live I am leading like living alone; and that means I am independent.

Int: what experiences are you going through that make you feel you are not an adult?

Resp: once in a while when I cannot pay my rent, I have to call my brothers to come to my aid because there are times when the jobs are not there and it is end month, the landlord wants his rent and you don't have the money. It becomes a bit difficult but life has to go on

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: as an adult you are self reliant, married and taking care of your family without outside help, you are able to make independent decisions

Int: what are these independent decisions?

Resp: maybe you have a little money and you want go and have some good time, you will go without necessarily having to go and ask from your parents

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: issues like people being ill mannered for example someone engaging in casual sex with every other girl or rather prostitution, use of drugs and domestic violence; those are things I don't like about adult.

Int: what is the most significant event in your life?

Resp: one day a friend of mine, we were school mates, he went and stole bananas from a neighbor and by bad luck he was caught and beaten to the point of being harmed. It was a very annoying situation not a very good incident; I am sure people thought since he was my friend, I was party to it. I was embarrassed.

Int: who do you live with?

Resp: I live alone here

Int: what influence do your parents have over your life?

Resp: not much because they are upcountry and I ring them once in a while to update of the situation in Nairobi

Int: what kind of advice do you get from your parents on issues related to marriage, education, behavior, and romantic relationships?

Resp: they advice me to live a health life, continue with school to the highest point if possible, not get involved in bad company, youths who engage in prostitution, take bang and are drunkards. I should be God fearing in my life.

Int: what issues would make you seek help from your parents?

Resp: when I am sick I can contact them and they can help me financially is I am unable to do that at that particular time

Int: anything else?

Resp: I don't think there is anything else unless I just give them a call to tell them good news

Int: what issues would hinder you from approaching your parents for assistance?

Resp: when you have a girl it is not easy to tell your parents about that unless something happens or it is time to introduce her to the family

Int: anything else?

Resp: no

Int: what personal problems would you seek help from your parents?

Resp: sickness maybe

Int: are there issues or problems that you would rather seek help from anyone else but not your parents?

Resp: maybe something like a girlfriend comes and sticks at your place and refuses to go away and wants marriage or something like for the simple reason that you have been with her for long, you can approach a friend or neighbor to advice her that you are not ready and she should wait until you are ready is she is the girl you have in mind. You cannot tell such things to your parents

Int: how do your parents punish you when you make mistakes?

Resp: now that I am living alone and they only advice me to take care of myself since I am now independent. They used to beat me when I was young and maybe from friends or neighbors if I do something that is not good, they admonish me and I correct the situation

Int: besides your parents, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: either neighbours or friends because when I have problems I go to them for whatever kind of assistance depending on the nature of the problem. I also have a brother who lives in Kawangware and I also talk to him and we help each other

Int: good, tell me any major problem your sibling or friend has been involved in

Resp: it is the one I had mentioned earlier on about my friend stealing bananas from a neighbor's farm

Int: do you see yourself involved in such a problem?

Resp: it is not easy to dictate some things and you never know God has in store for you but I avoid at all costs being involved in certain things. When I come back from work I am so tired and all I do is prepare a meal and relax, so you find that I don't have that much time on my hands whereby I can be involved in certain things. So I don't see myself in such a problem

Int: what are the challenges that young people in this community face?

Resp: life in the slum is very difficult because people have to feed and at the same time have shelter. Where people are crowded you must find incidents of thefts, some are unemployed and they mug people on the streets. There is a high rate of poverty and many households have very many family members.

Int: is HIV Aids a challenge in this community to the youth?

Resp: that is everywhere and when you live in such difficult circumstance, you find that prostitution is high; everyone is looking for means of survival and in all manners, so my conclusion is that HIV Aids is there in the community and it is a challenge

Int: what strategies do the youths use to cope with these challenges?

Resp: there are many young youths who have formed groups whereby they contribute money and they start small businesses. There

are other groups who do environmental cleaning and they get some little money. This is usually organized by the local councilor

Int: which neighborhood would you like to live in?

Resp: I don't any good place

Int: where?

Resp: an estate like Buruburu where there is cleanliness, there is water and security is there. It is not like here where we are crowded in one place and live like sheep in a pen

Int: is there any possibility of you living in such a place?

Resp: for everything you do, you must put God first and also from the casual jobs I get, I try to save so that I can take myself back to school and have a career. Once I do a course and go through, I will definitely get a well paying job and live there.

Int: what is the most important thing you would like to achieve in your life?

Resp: I just want to live a good life and if I can do a course so that I can improve my life so that eventually I can get married and have a family

Int: what efforts are you putting to attain this dream?

Resp: for now I am trying to save some money to go for a course and I am always in touch with my brother so that he can also give a hand in this

Int: ok, that is good. What would hinder you from achieving this goal?

Resp: finance; that would be the main problem

Int: what level of education do you need to be able to achieve that goal?

Resp: maybe I should be able to get a diploma to enable me to get a good job

Int: do you think you will succeed reaching that level of education?

Resp: yes, I can, through the help of God. Once I get the money, pray to my God and work hard, I will definitely move a step further in my life

Int: what would you choose as a career?

Resp: I would like to do mechanics or sales and marketing

Int: who is the most important person in your life you have shared this dream with?

Resp: my brother only and he didn't look like he opposed it

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: yes, and I am working right now at House of Manji and this is the second year since I was there. I really struggled to get this job to enable me be self reliant

Int: how much do you get in a month?

Resp: Sh250 per day which is usually accumulated and we are paid after two weeks

Int: in this community, of what importance is success?

Resp: being self reliant whereby with your own money, you can do many things without looking or assistance from other people

Int: tell of a successful person in this community?

Resp: there is one person who I think is successful. He owns a pick up vehicle and goes to Kiambu to bring vegetables/tomatoes which he sells to people here. In fact he is living a very happy life and his children are in school. He lives in the community and he is doing very well.

Int: what distinguishes a successful young person from the others?

Resp: he leads a good life, he is independent, his house is in order and you will find him running a business

Int: and what distinguishes a well behaved young man from the others?

Resp: he is well behaved, is not involved in criminal activities in the community like drinking, smoking bhang, using drugs, etc; is working and he can support himself

Int: what can a young man do to be successful?

Resp: working hard and looking for employment. He also avoid the company of those youths who like being idle in the community and generally avoids leisurely life

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: they live upcountry

Int: why did you move out of that home and came to stay here?

Resp: when I finished school, I didn't have anything to do so I thought it would be best if I can come and look for a job, then when I get money I can go back to school. I also wanted to learn how to live on my own.

Int: what challenges did you feel when you moved out of home?

Resp: when I left home, I moved out immediately after school and came to live with my brother. After a while, I moved out and started living on my own.

Int: how do you feel living alone?

Resp: I feel good because there is no one to disturb me or depends me. The only problem I experience is when I am sick, but it is not so major.

Int: what are the challenges of living alone as a youth?

Resp: unemployment because of the kind of job I am doing which is causal. There are times when we are laid off because there is

no workload and that is the time I find it hard even be able to pay for my rent

Int: what is the important marriage to you, your family or the community?

Resp: so that you can get children and it also helps you to be identified as an adult who is able to hold responsibilities and that is the main importance

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: to be married, one has to plan well, I need to have a permanent employment, and I need to continue with my education so that at the end of it all, I am a responsible person to my family

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: someone younger than me by two years, respected by the community and most of all beautiful. I need a well behaved girl meaning that her background is very good

Int: tribe?

Resp: that doesn't matter; I can marry from any tribe in Kenya

Int: have you ever had a lover before?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me about your first love experience

Resp: we were in school and there is a girl I had loved so much and longed to have her. We used to sit near each other in class and she was living near us at home. Often I used to look for her and buy her small things like sweets and eventually we became friends. We were still young

Int: were other people like relatives and friends were aware of this relationship?

Resp: only my friends and not my parents, we still in school and I would not have wanted them to know about that

Int: have you ever had sex with a girl?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me of your first experience of sex

Resp: it was nice and it was my first time

Int: what do you mean when you say it was nice?

Resp: it was something new and I had never done it before so I was excited. You just hear from friends and to make yourself complete you feel let me also get a girl and try it and feel like a man. That is why I did it for the first time

Int: hold old was the girl?

Resp: I can't remember her age but I know she was younger than me

Int: did you use protection?

Resp: no, because I think both of us were uneducated on this matter and you don't want your fellow friends to know you don't know these things, so we just did it

Int: ok, do you plan to get children?

Resp: yes, when I will get married, I think I wouldn't mind having them

Int: when do you think is the right time to start getting children?

Resp: when I am married

Int: I would like to ask you a few questions related to the post election violence that happened in 2007 December. How did they affect you or your family?

Resp: truthfully speaking there was a big problem and it was a difficult time for most people. What I can say is that people on this end did not fight and we all joined hands and refused to be part of the violence. The only major problem we now had was to get food because all shops were closed, there was no way we could go out of the community to go and look for food elsewhere, most people here just stayed indoors though a few suffered but not many

Int: how were you able to cope with this problem?

Resp: We were lucky because one of our neighbours has a shop and he used to secretly bring us things and that is who we were able to cope

Int: what didn't you like about the violence?

Resp: ok, there hunger, no public transport, people lost property
and up to date people are still IDPs just because of that

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: ah, there was nothing that was good about it. To many innocent
people were hurt and children suffered, so there was nothing
good about it at all

Int: ok, I want to take this opportunity to thank you so much for the
time you have spared to have this interview with me. Your views
are going to help us understand the challenges and young people
face in this community and how they solve them

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4V020

STUDY POINTS

287.

HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

288. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

289. RESILIENCE

290. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

291. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent equates adulthood to being self reliant
2. The respondent lost both parents thereby has the problem of working extra hard to sustain family also to purse a course in college

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 23

Job/Position title/Occupation: employed (casual laborer informal)

Educational Level: Form four

Ethnic Level: Luo

Marital Status: Married

Number of children: Two

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

Int: in your opinion what differentiates adults from those how are not?

Resp: you will observe this from the kind of life one is living, and an adult usually is independent and struggles to make ends meet but a younger person will go and if he misses, he knows that there is someone like a mother who will make sure he is provided for. They don't have that urge to look for employment and they don't have any worries as to how the family will be because they are still depending on others

Int: does marriage play role in differentiating adult from youth?

Resp: of course it does because when an adult decides to pick a wife, his mind is made up and know he is going provide for her and the children but most youths have what we call come we stay, whereby when either us is tired of the other, you just move out with no obligations. When he gets money he plans on getting the next beautiful girl available

Int: so it brings out a difference?

Resp: yes

Int: what about circumcision?

Resp: that also brings out a difference; I have seen a few guys who change a little when they go through that though not very much. If after circumcision he leaves the peer group he was in, then you expect a change but he goes back then there is no change at all. But overall it bring out a difference

Int: for now, if I may ask, how can you compare yourself with adulthood?

Resp: I have gone through a big change and I am independent because my family depends on me for all their needs, it is not like those days when I used to go to discos and have all the girls I wanted. Things have changed; I can no longer do those things at all, life is hard and very expensive, the jobs are also scarce and so finances are very limited. One has to really plan properly to make ends meet and that makes me feel I am adult enough

Int: what experiences you going through that make you feel an adult?

Resp: all my parents passed away and when you look both sides, I am the only boy in the family and I have to try my level best to make sure these other people are taken care of even if my age does not allow such big responsibilities. Their death made me become an adult because I had to take on the responsibilities of the family. I have had to reschedule so many things to fit in the programme; it is not like those days when I knew the parents are there for me and there was no need to worry

Int: what experiences make you feel you are not yet an adult?

Resp: it depends for example you could be earning a good pay and once in a while you want to have fun unfortunately the other lot are older people and so you end up where you fit; your age

group, of which it is very easy for you to forget that your responsibilities and join the fun

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: it is good to be adult and you will be respected by other people, you can be called upon to give advice and your views are usually considered.

Int: and what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: I don't think there is any unless you just want to misbehave but generally, there isn't any. An adult must command respect

Int: what is the most significant event that you remember in your life?

Resp: I remember about our life, when our mother was still alive, I was shocked and I thought I was still too young. I believed I would depend on them for a long time and before I could even fathom that further, my brother who I thought would be helpful also passed on. It took me a long time to accept their deaths and to date it still bothers me

Int: ok, who do you live with?

Resp: here?

Int: yes

Resp: alone

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: I am all alone here

Int: ok, you don't have a wife or something like that?

Resp: she is upcountry

Int: you mentioned that your parents have passed on, who usually do you depend on for advice?

Resp: I have an elder sister but mostly I have uncles I can talk to

Int: you mentioned that your uncles who usually advice you, what do they tell you?

Resp: they encourage me about life and teach me what to do when they are not there and generally how I should live with my wife and children

Int: do they offer any advice on religion?

Resp: they tell me church is good and it brings the family together and in marriage they advice me on how one can live a happy life with wife and children. They teach me a lot of things like how I should try to take care of myself, there are many diseases and I should be wary of having extra marital affairs.

Int: let us assume your parents were still alive, what issues would you go to them to seek for help?

Resp: they can guide you on a lot of things like which school to go to, if you want to join a college, you can seek their advice, I mean they would give you advice on issues related to

education and you know there is also that sense of belonging to them

Int: are there issues that would make you not seek there help?

Resp: it also depends on age, there are certain things you may not have the courage of going to ask your parents about for example how you are going to take someone's daughter and live with her as your wife it is only after she has been there for some time that will gain the courage to announce her presence in your life. But before you marry, there is a stage you feel very shy to go and face your parents on some issues

Int: are there other issues that can hinder you from seeking their help?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of personal problems would make you seek advice from your parents?

Resp: you may have an issue

Int: like which one?

Resp: it could be an illness, and you don't feel like sharing it with your friends, you will have to face them and ask for advice or help

Int: and there are some issues you can tell anyone else but not your parents

Resp: there are some mini issues that you cannot go and tell your parents for example these traditions, can look for a friend from that particular tribe who is more conversant with them seek advice because you cannot just go all the way maybe they are upcountry

Int: how were our parents punishing you when you make a mistake?

Resp: I used to be beaten and you would be mentally unstable if you ever repeated the same mistake again

Int: right now who usually rebukes and advices you?

Resp: I have a friend who is very close to me and we admonish each other so most of the time we avoid making mistakes

Int: apart from that friend, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: my relatives; my uncles always try to find out how I am fairing on and offer advice

Int: what about your siblings

Resp: well, I happen to be the only one remaining son and the others are step brothers and maybe the people we share a lot with are cousins

Int: maybe these cousins how much do they influence your life when it comes to issues like marriages, relationships, employment and education?

Resp: yes, we share a lot on that

Int: and what about your friends?

Resp: I have had to move away from them especially one particular one who earns a lot of money and so before reaching here we used to go out and drink and come back here very drunk misbehaving in the plot and I thought later on I was being disrespectful to my neighbors. The next day I could be late or work because of hangovers so, I looked at it and realized I would rather do away with the friends for a while

Int: are there some who advice you?

Resp: most of them advice me to work hard and I remember there are some who gave up along the way. But a few of us are still struggling on and I am happy that when I got a job they saw the sense in keeping on searching and they have been looking for jobs, others are already in employment

Int: tell me a major problem either a sibling or friend was involved in

Resp: my brother, the one who passed on. He was older than me and he got infected by the HIV virus and it was very hard for me to explain because he used to live in Eldoret and I was here so he left his family like that

Int: the family is at home?

Resp: yes

Int: can you see yourself in such a situation?

Resp: no, his death really taught me a big lesson and it is my prayer that I will never lead that kind of life he led

Int: in this community what are the challenges that young people face in this community?

Resp: they are many the first one being unemployment and as a result many are involved now in drugs, many are thieves and when you search for a reason behind all this you find that is being jobless that is the root cause of all these problems. Most of them it is not their wish and they would like to live a good life which means money and so when they are unable to get jobs, they are resort to stealing

Int: what about issues like HIV Aids and poverty are these challenges in this community?

Resp: they are very big challenges and when you ask them why they are drinking continuously they will tell you they are jobless and they need to remove stress. So the kind of life they lead is very difficult and full of misery. They are not willing to adjust and have just lost hope. HIV Aids and poverty are at a high rate here

Int: what strategies have been put in place by the youths to be able to cope with these challenges?

Resp: there are some projects that have been started but they encounter financial problems including even for registration but still they team up and do clean ups in the community. They

are paid some little money and the enable them to have something to help themselves and also register the CBOs they have started

Int: What about issues like HIV Aids and poverty?

Resp: they involve themselves in sports and when they come back home they are so tired to engage in other things. We fix time for the next practice so you find that in the morning he will go and look for a job and then come back quickly to be able to do the sports practice. This has really helped them so much

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: I really don't like this place, I would like to live in a place where the environment is clean, there is security and water but then I have to go according to the resources at my disposal, I also have so many responsibilities to undertake but I believe one day I will live at a place where the environment is clean, water and sanitation is available, security and the place is quiet, I don't have any particular place in mind so long as the place can meet those need I would gladly move there if I had the money

Int: where would that be?

Resp: Umoja or even Pipeline

Int: what the possibilities of you living in those places?

Resp: there is no way it can fail and I believe with my hard work I will achieve that

Int: what is the most significant thing you would like to achieve in your life?

Resp: to see that my family is educated and go further than I went. That way I can be sure they will have good jobs and will live in good environments; something that will make me feel proud in my old age

Int: ok, what efforts have you put in place to realize that dream?

Resp: some of my strategies are to save little as I work and in future I hope to open up a business that will enable me cater for the education of my children

Int: what would hinder you from achieving this goal?

Resp: maybe if I don't have a job and I am unable to completely get a job, it will mean I go back upcountry to start putting one or two things together which is much harder.

Int: what level of education do you need to enable you achieve this goal?

Resp: the highest level the only problem is finance but what I have in mind now is if I get money, I will save and when it is enough I intend to go to different colleges so that I attain my goal

Int: what are your chances of reaching that level of education?

Resp: so long as I am still working, and hard for that matter, there is nothing impossible, I want to do as many courses as possible

Int: when you go to college which career would you like to pursue?

Resp: of late the career I came to notice that is so important is to be an electrician doing wiring. Recently I was with a friend of mine and I saw him get a very big contract with some good money, so I added that course on my list of the other things I plan to do

Int: have you ever talked to anyone about this achievement you have in mind?

Resp: I talked to an uncle and we shared quite a lot and saw how I could do it part time

Int: what did he say about that?

Resp: he encouraged me on the same, the only problem we have is finance, pay for the college. Once we get the line settled I will definitely go to college

Int: what was the main reason that made you decide to start working?

Resp: improve my life and that was the main aim and then the family

Int: when did first start working?

Resp: I had just completed schooling then I started looking for a job, I got a casual one and later on I went upcountry briefly

Int: are you working currently?

Resp: yes, I have a casual that I am on and that is how I am able to maintain myself

Int: how much do you make in a month?

Resp: I get paid Sh12,000 per month

Int: how do you spend your money?

Resp: usually I make sure the farm upcountry is well taken care of, and then there is the wife and child who need to be taken care off. Then the rest I spend it on housing and basic needs here

Int: what does it mean to be successful in this community?

Resp: to be a successful means a lot to the family and your friends because you will be a role model to them

Int: can you tell me of a successful person in this community?

Resp: there was a friend of mine who we used to move around together looking for jobs and he started small, just things to do with oil and eventually the business grew and now he as moved to Mombasa and he even drives these days

Int: how is his family?

Resp: the family is doing well, the child is in a good school, the wife is not badly of, she looks healthy and generally the family looks good

Int: what identifies a young person who has succeeded in this community?

Resp: first of all you will see from the dressing code, his behavior and what activities he is doing in the family. You will notice changes in the family both his immediate one and the rest of his family

Int: how do you distinguish a young person who is well behaved from one who is not?

Resp: you will see from the behavior before you reach him, you will hear of his fame before you know him. Every household will be using him as a role model for their children. It is not easy to find him being associated with bad company. You will never hear that he was found stealing or doing something that is not good. You will never hear of him fighting in family but when you get an ill mannered one, the stories you hear from the neighborhood before you meet him will put you off. When it comes to stealing, is found there, drug abuse, drinking and misbehaving in the community, using coarse language, fighting his parents, name it, even the police always know them by their names.

Int: what can a young person do to be successful in life?

Resp: to be successful in Kenya, you must be well educated, hard working and be determined to look for green pastures like the rest of the people

Int: you told me that all your parents are not there

Resp: yes

Int: what were the main reasons as to why you left home and came on this end?

Resp: I was already out of that home before they died and the main reason I left was to come and look for greener pastures like every young person after school. I wanted to develop myself

Int: what were your feelings and concerns when you left home; were you worried, concerned, excited...what did you feel?

Resp: when I came from home to this place, I had the moral, booster because I had family in the community and I thought it would be easy only to find that you had to work hard to get something.

Int: what do you feel living alone?

Resp: I feel like an adult otherwise if it were not so, I would have looked for someone else to live with because of the fear of facing life alone. But I feel independent, I take care of my own responsibilities, and I am proud to be able to do that.

Int: what challenges are you facing alone as a young person?

Resp: there are many challenges in life, first of all, people get surprised to find that a young man is living alone and he doesn't entertain much. These days there are diseases and I cannot afford to involve myself in some things when I have a

family to take care of. Temptations are there but I am in control of myself. People want to come and find out how you survive, what you eat, where do you work but you need the wisdom to push them away but in a polite manner

Int: ok, what is the importance of getting married in a family or the community?

Resp: it is important because you help each other in life and bring up a family

Int: can you expand on bringing up a family?

Resp: you will get children who will need care until when they are adults. It is interesting bringing up a family, it keeps you busy, and it makes you start having a creative mind on what you should do to improve the family you are bringing up

Int: when did you get married?

Resp: three years ago

Int: what was the main reason for your marriage at that stage?

Resp: I found myself alone in the family since my mother was already gone, I was left with my dad only and it was very hard for me to handle that alone. I was forced to look for a partner who could help me when I go out she is there remaining with my dad making the home clean and all that.

Int: how did you choose your partner?

Resp: as a man I had to look for a woman who could help me stay and it was also good for me because it meant I was going to avoid many things like disease, casual affairs and so on

Int: how do you feel as a married man?

Resp: I feel secure and wherever I go, whatever I do, I am aware that I have a reason to work hard; there are people depending on me. I feel adult and responsible.

Int: what are the challenges you are facing in marriage?

Resp: it is not easy to live with women as you know, they are short tempered and they get offended at very small things. They can make your life stressful and you have to sit round the table again and try to iron it out otherwise the family can easily break up

Int: when you first met your first girlfriend, how did you meet her?

Resp: my first girlfriend was when I was at school, this business of going out and meeting other school for symposiums and the like, I met and liked her

Int: is she the one who became your wife?

Resp: no, that was someone different

Int: were other people aware of this relationship?

Resp: no, because we were still in school and you wouldn't want your parents to know that, they would be mad at you and if you are not careful you might miss school fees

Int: when you had your first sex, did you use protection?

Resp: yes

Int: why did you use it?

Resp: the way life is now, you cannot afford to risk having sex without protection

Int: which method did you use?

Resp: usual common methods like condoms

Int: what was the main reason for using a condom?

Resp: we wanted to avoid infection of diseases

Int: what kind of diseases are these?

Resp: we have STIs and there is also AIDs.

Int: is there when you didn't use protection?

Resp: no, we used it all the way

Int: when did you get your first born?

Resp: I got my first born when I was still in school the last year

Int: can you briefly tell me about the pregnancy and how affected you and your partner? Had you planned for it?

Resp: it was purely accidental

Int: you had not planned for it?

Resp: no

Int: how does it feel like being a parent?

Resp: it is a joy when I see that kid there and I can say God is good. I feel responsible and mature that I have a child and I can take it to school

Int: ok, what challenges are you facing as a parent?

Resp: they are many one of them is taking a child to school and you know children have no boundaries and they just loose their things like that and they just feel they will come and tell you hoping that you will replace it. So you are forced to look after those things on had

Int: what are your concerns about your friends who are on their way to becoming parents like you?

Resp: these days, life is difficult and the best you can do is work had so that you keep your family going

Q69: we were affected because we could not go anywhere the whole day and night. And even if you were to go out, you could not do that because you were not sure of what will happen next so we stuck in one place. People became tribal and we lost many friends because of that, people were not able to trust one another despite the fact that you had been living together for a long time. People could not reach their work places because of

- security so their source of income was affected. Some had their property destroyed in the business premises. It is so sad that in industrial area, people have gone back to employing others on tribal lines
- 70: as young people we came together and agreed that we have been living as a family and we were not going to let anyone from outside separate us. So we looked after the security of our community and we were not affected very much.
- 71: youth were killing people without any mercy at all. They went as far as chasing others from their residential places and it was really hurting. Many marriages broke up because it was risky have a woman or husband from a different tribe. The youths were on a mission to destroy property and kill people,
- 72 there was nothing good about that time

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STUDY POINTS

292. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
293. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
294. RESILIENCE
295. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS

296. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent relates adult to being self independent, being able to provide for his/her own family
2. Unemployment, lack of basic needs, insecurity, prostitution are major challenges facing youth
3. He thinks being successful is having a good house, good food and educating your children

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 21

Job/Position title/Occupation: nil

Educational Level: Form four

Ethnic Level: Luhya

Marital Status: single

Number of children: none

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Lungalunga

Background information

Int: I would like to ask you a few questions, what in our opinion distinguishes adult from non adults or children?

Resp: an adult is a person who is 18 years and who can think what he is doing is correct or not. He is also self independent. That is what I have

Int: what else?

Resp: he can act as a parent to his kids

Int: what do you mean by that?

Resp: If has children he has to provide for them like food, shelter, cloths, their education, he has to be responsible

Int: anything else?

Resp: I don't have any more information about it

Int: in your opinion how would you relate adulthood to circumcision?

Resp: adulthood and circumcision? I don't know

Int: looking at yourself today, how do you see yourself in relation to adulthood?

Resp: now, I am an adult

Int: why do you say you are an adult?

Resp: I am an adult because I am over 18 years

Int: mhh

Resp: and now I can be self independent not depending on my parents

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: I can provide for myself what I need

Int: and what is it that you provide for yourself?

Resp: food, shelter, clothes and basic needs or anything I want to do with my life

Int: anything else you want to add?

Resp: that is enough for you

Int: what are the things that you currently do around your life that makes you feel a adult

Resp: I can make my persona decisions, I can do whatever I want so long as I know it is positive for my life and I am over 18 years old and have an Identity card

Int: what else?

Resp: I don't need to consult anyone when I am doing my own things.

Int :what else?

Resp: I can admire a girl but a child cannot do that, I have also been circumcised

Int tell me more about that.

Rsp: circumcision is a path of rite for boys and once you are circumcised you are considered an adult like me, it is sign of moving from childhood to adulthood in men

Int: ok what are the things that happen around you that do no make you feel like an adult?

Resp: nothing

Int: what are the things that you like about being an adult?

Resp: by the way being an adult I can have the opportunity to do I can ever get a job and be employed because I am an adult. If there is somewhere to make a decision, I can make a decision then I can participate in activities which can be governmental or non governmental

Int: such as

Resp: participating I communal work like cleaning, and even I can be employed

Int: what are the things that you don't like about being an adult?

Resp: sometimes you fine, life is so hard and you just have to live because you are an adult whereby you cannot borrow some help from other people and they may not wish to help you because you are already an adult and as an adult you are supposed to provide for yourself.

Int: anything else?

Resp: that is enough

Int: what would you consider to be the most important or significant event of your life?

Resp: if I could just get a well paying job and make my family that would be very significant in my life

Int: yes, but remember we are talking about something that has already taken place in your life

Resp: in my life

Int: that is very significant in your life and you will never forget about it

Resp: education

Int: what do you mean by that?

Resp: I was able to go through primary, secondary education system and now I was able to join a college

Int: why do you consider that to be significant to your life?

Resp: as Kenyans now, with education you can be employed at least you can know what to do but without education you cannot do anything by the way

Int: what exactly do you mean by that?

Resp: after going to school I have knowledge, I can differentiate what is wrong and what is right and I can make decisions or I can have opportunities such as business and so on

Int: anything else that you can remember that happened in your life that is very important and that you can never forget?

Resp: others are personal, they are private, and you don't need them

Int: ok, I am sorry about that. So you have talked about education, and that is your perception. You went through primary, secondary and college; when did this happen?

Resp: last year

Int: let us talk about your parents and growing up in your family, whom do you currently live with?

Resp: I live alone

Int: in what way are your parents involved in our life?

Resp: they just call me to know how I am fairing on and because I am an adult they are not much into my life

Int: anything else?

Resp: that is enough for you

Int: do they...ok, you have said you are an adult, you provide for yourself, so your parents don't provide for you. Who pays your rent?

Resp: myself

Int: ok, what areas of your life do your parents advice you on?

Resp: they advice me on relationship matters

Int: what do you mean when you say relationship matters?

Resp: they tell me to deal with my friends in a positive way, if I get involved with people I stay with and make friendship so that they can give my guiding when I need it

Int: apart from relationships what other advice do they give you?

Resp: they tell me that I should not engage criminal activities or drug abuse

Int: any other apart those two?

Resp: not to get into boy/girl relationships too much

Int: any other?

Resp: that is enough

Int: what kind of advice do your parents normally give you?

Resp: we have already talked about that

Int: this one is about the advice generally, the areas of life. You have talked about relationships, criminal activities but what do they give you... or what kind of advice your parents usually give you based on maybe let us schooling that is education, and so forth

Resp: because they were unable to take me to college I should raise some money and go to college. You can go even after five years so long as I have the qualifications and then if I have the money I should venture into business that is profitable and lastly I should not just live a leisurely life just because I have the money, I should think of my future for example, ten years where will I be

Int: any other areas apart from education?

Resp: they don't talk about other areas.

Int: ok, what kind of issues would you approach your parents for?

Resp: let me say have money and I want to venture into business where I can generate more money I can approach one of them to advice me which business would be best. The other thing would be what I am planning to do in five years to come is marriage, I can ask them from which tribe what type of woman would be best for me

Int: any other thing?

Resp: even If I went to college will ask them to advice me on which course to take

Int: ok, is there any other?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of issues would you not approach your parents with?

Resp: because they are my parents I don't think there is any issue I can fear, I am free with them so I can tell them everything

Int: what personal problems would make you approach your parents for help?

Resp: I don't think if there is a personal problem that I can approach my parents with

Int: why do say that?

Resp: because right now I don't have a big family whereby I can say I can't be able to feed them, I am just alone that means I am able to take care of myself

Int: what kind of issues would make you approach somebody else other than your parents?

Resp: financial issues

Int: can you expand on that

Resp: when I have a financial issue, I will approach anyone like friends or my boss besides my parents

Int: why?

Resp: because I will be in need of money

Int: I am asking you why you must go to your friends and not anybody else

Resp: you cannot just go to anybody but it has to be a person you know very well that will understand and assist you

Int: anything else about why you would approach your boss or friends?

Resp: maybe they can be helpful according to me, and understand my problem better than any other

Int: ok, how....you just told me that you are not staying with your parents?

Resp: no

Int: but you were staying with them before?

Resp: yes

Int: how were they disciplining you when you did something that they did not approve off?

Resp: they just gave me advice and told me my boys, this is wrong you are supposed to do this and that, remember you are shaping your own life don't think your doing for us, it is your life which will be affected not ours

Int: apart from your parents, which other people influenced our life?

Resp: my friends

Int: how?

Resp: I remember there was one friend who used to have so many girlfriends and he could engage me into having many girlfriends as such whereby I saw it was dangerous to my life so I had to leave him

Int: any other person besides friends?

Resp: teachers

Int: how did they influence your life?

Resp: when I was in school many teachers would give me advice on how a good performer or a good succedor lives his life in future

Int: any other person?

Resp: my girlfriend used to tell me to work hard in school; so that when get married, we can have a good future but now we are not together with her

Int: any other?

Resp: that is enough

Int: describe the worst trouble/problem that your sibling or friend has ever been involved in

Resp: my friend, when we were just approaching to do our KCSE, she got pregnant and was really embarrassed that some of the papers she could not sit for them; and that one led to her failure and she did not perform really well as we had expected.

Int: but she did all the papers?

Resp: yes

Int: could you expound on that?

Resp: that is enough, you are a mature person you understand that

Int: ok, do you see yourself having such a problem?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I do understand that now I am grown up and I know I have a future, so I have the positive steps to take and incase I

think of anything negative, I just avoid it before I reaches me

Int: tell me about the key challenges that young people living in this neighborhood face

Resp: unemployment; most young people are unemployed and that leads them to lead stressful life and you that there are living three boys in one house, they don't have food, maybe you find someone using one trouser for one month, that is a challenge

Int: any other?

Resp: some young boys, probably are idlers and the have nothing to do and because of poverty and unemployment it has led them to engage in immorality which means selling themselves in order to get basic needs.

Int: any other one apart from those?

Resp: that is enough; that is what I know about this community

Int: what about insecurity in the area?

Resp: in this area?

Int: yes

Resp: probably there is no security in this area because you walk here at night you are worried and some people are forced to switch off their phones and as an agent I have been having cases of replacing lights whereby people say they have been snatched their phones, the security is very poor

Int: what about health?

Resp: health?

Int: yes

Resp: health, I cannot talk about health

Int: what are some of the strategies young people in this neighborhood use to cope with these challenges that you have just mentioned?

Resp: some people are forced to do work they don't want whereby you find maybe a youth has just decided to be transporting sacks for people in order to get money for basic needs and other even other decide to steal from other people

Int: any other thing?

Resp: no, that is enough

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: where I want to live?

Int: yes

Resp: as country or region?

Int: a region, a specific place that I would like to live?

Resp: I am comfortable here

Int: you are comfortable here so you mean as you told me that you are planning to go to college and get a job, even if you become successful, you don't plan to move to another place

Resp: in case I get a good job with a good salary, I will just like to live in an estate like Lang'ata or Lavington

Int: why Lang'ata or Lavington?

Resp: I believe those places are secure and environmentally clean

Int: ok, any other reason apart from those two?

Resp: those are enough.

Int: how do you see your chances of ever living in Lang'ata or Lavington?

Resp: the probability is one

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: when I say that the probability is one I have a hundred percent confidence because I do believe I will get a job with a good salary and move from this place in about three years to come

Int: now I want to ask you questions on education and aspirations. What is the most important thing you want to achieve in your life?

Resp: I want just to get a well paying job, after that one then I will think of marriage and how to take care of my kids

Int: why?

Resp: so that they don't live a stressful life the way I am living in such a slum

Int: what efforts are you doing to achieve this?

Resp: I am just thinking of how I can go to college and then from the college there I will be sure of getting a good job and if I get I will get a degree and continue with my life and education so long as I will be able to get the financial support

Int: what things would prevent you from achieving this?

Resp: financial problem only

Int: you just told me the most important thing you want to achieve in life, what level of education do you need to achieve your goals and aspirations?

Resp: I think I need to be college material

Int: what do you mean college material?

Resp: it means I go to a college and professionalize in a specific career then from there I will get a diploma, and if I can be able to raise money to the university, I can post graduate, get a degree and then from there I get a good job

Int: do you think you will achieve this level of education?

Resp: God willing I can achieve

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: whatever you plan, it is only God who makes it happen or not.

If God allows me to do it, I will and if it fails, I will understand that because all your wishes cannot come true

Int: anything else?

Resp: that is enough

Int: are you currently in school?

Resp: no

Int: what career do you plan to pursue?

Resp: Business Management

Int: why?

Resp: generally I like business

Int: who is the most important person you have talked to about your career of your choice?

Resp: I talked to my parents

Int: what did they say?

Resp: in case I get money, they are ready to support me but because they were not in a position to take me to college, they wouldn't force things to happen but generally they did not have the money

Int: you have said you are working?

Resp: yes

Int: here?

Resp: yes, I am just assisting

Int: so you don't get income from assisting here?

Resp: I get income but very limited

Int: ok, when did you start working?

Resp: August this year

Int: how old were you?

Resp: just 21 years

Int: had you ever worked elsewhere before?

Resp: no

Int: what are some of the reasons that made you start working?

Resp: I was idle after finishing my secondary education and I also
discovered that I am an adult and I need to think of my future
so I started to work in order that I can get the money to take
me to the college or to improve my education

Int: any other reason?

Resp: I didn't want to depend on my parents for everything; I wanted
to be self independent so that I can provide for myself
whatever I need

Int: what are your working experiences?

Resp: since I have just started working recently, if I will work up to next year, I will be doing well.

Int: are you currently involved in any income generation activities?

Resp: no

Int: how much do you earn in a month?

Resp: I don't think you need it; it is for my personal reasons

Int: what do you use the money for?

Resp: on person needs

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: to satisfy human wants

Int: which are?

Resp: basic and others which can be classified as secondary needs

Int: in this community, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: if you are financial stable, if you are staying in a good house, eating well and taking your children to a good school then you are believed to be successful

Int: anything else?

Resp: I think that is the only ones

Int: describe a person in this community who is successful

Resp: he is staying in a good house but I won't say the name

Int: I don't want the name but you can tell me his profession and what he does, how he lives and such things, I don't want the names

Resp: I don't know what his profession is but he stays in a good house, which he pay a rent of Sh5,000 and is able to pay the rent without straining, his kids are in a boarding school I don't know which school but they are in a boarding school and he is able to feed his family well.

Int: any other?

Resp: that one is enough

Int: what makes a young person successful?

Resp: if he achieves his ambition

Int: what do you mean by that?

Resp: If when he was at school he wanted to be a teacher, businessman, doctor or whatever, and then it has come in his 20s or 30s and is financially stable, then we say he is successful

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved person from the others?

Resp: a well behaved person is responsible for what he does and always thinks about doing positive things but others who are not well behaved, maybe they engage in drug abuse, they don't respect adults, the don't even respect the government and

whatever they do they don't care and even if you ask them they are not bothered

Int: any other?

Resp: no

Int: what can a young person do to become successful in this community?

Resp: general business. If he can get finance and start a business to generate income he can be a very successful person

Int: where are your parents?

Resp: they are upcountry

Int: what are the reasons that made you leave home?

Resp: I came to look for employment

Int: any other thing?

Resp: also for adventure to know how Nairobi is and move around Nairobi to know how Kenya is moving on

Int: ok, describe your first experience when leaving home?

Resp: I was happy to have reached the famous Nairobi I had heard about for so long but was disappointed to learn that some people live very good lives while others are so poor. I expected everyone to be living in a good house, good environment and so on

Int: what else?

Resp: that is enough

Int: how do you feel living alone?

Resp: very comfortable

Int: what to you mean?

Resp: I am not stressed by whoever wants this, I can do what I want, if I want to eat ugali and meat, I can do it, I have nobody to bother or control me and I am not stressed on any issue and I can make it any decision making

Int: what challenges do you face as a young man living alone?

Resp: currently none

Int: you have just told that the income you get you spend on yourself?

Resp: yes

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: in five years to come

Int: why?

Resp: by then I will be able to deal with the responsibilities as a parent and I feed a wife and my children

Int: any other reasons?

Resp: I think I will be mature enough at that time to be called a parent with respect not when I am as young as I am now

Int: anything else

Resp: that is enough

Int: what kind of person would you like to get married to?

Resp: I would like a honest brown girl who is responsible for family affairs and she should be really loving and able to take care of the baby

Int: what should be the background?

Resp: a person who is a Christian and one who is not engaged in witchcraft

Int: what about ethnicity?

Resp: I don't mind about ethnicity

Int: what about economic status

Resp: financially stable so that she doesn't have to keep asking for everything from me

Int: have you ever had a girlfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: describe to me your very first relationship

Resp: it was after my secondary education and of course we had been learning together and from there we started talking and then I was able to convince her to become my girlfriend.

Int: how old was she?

Resp: 19 years

Int: and you were?

Resp: 21 years

Int: did you have any marriage aspirations?

Resp: with her?

Int: yes?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me more about that

Resp: she is far from me but we do communicate and I believe she is the one I am going to make my wife but in case it fails, I still have the option of looking for another one

Int: anything more?

Resp: no

Int: what do you feel about this relationship?

Resp: it is good

Int: how good?

Resp: because she has occupied my and I am faithful to her hopefully that she is faithful too

Int: have you had sex with her

Resp: is that a question to ask?

Int: yes, I just want a yes or no

Resp: yes

Int: can you describe for your first sexual experience?

Resp: I can't describe

Int: why; I don't want the details I just want you to tell me how old were you

Resp: 21 years and the girl was 19 years and that is enough you can ask another question apart from that

Int: did use protection?

Resp: yes

Int: what type of protection?

Resp: condoms

Int: how did you come to the decision of using that method?

Resp: because we knew we are still young and we wanted to avoid the problem of unwanted babies or maybe...actually we didn't know our status and we were not ready to infect each other with STIs

Int: any other reason?

Resp: no

Int: did you discuss this with your girlfriend?

Resp: yes

Int: are there times you have had sex without protection?

Resp: no

Int: are you planning to have children?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: they are blessing from God

Int: what else?

Resp: they dignify your dignity as a man

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: at least people can believe you are a man

Int: when do you think it will be the appropriate time for you to start childbearing?

Resp: when I am 35 years and above

Int: why?

Resp: at that stage I will be able to feed my family without depending on others. Maybe that time I will be financially stable, able to give them parental love and care

Int: we had elections in 2007 and you know what happened afterwards

Resp: yes

Int: how were you affected by the post election violence?

Resp: first and foremost it led to economic depression in Kenya, led to unemployment because maybe today I could be employed by an NGO or company that was affected and had to shut down

Int: what else?

Resp: it has led to worries in Kenya, because with the chief prosecutor Ocampo in Kenya, we don't know what will happen next

Int: any other reasons?

Resp: those are the only things

Int: did they affect any of your family members?

Resp: one of my uncles lost a job because the supermarket my uncle was working in was burnt down

Int: what about your friends?

Resp: I was still in school and so we were together

Int: how did the violence affect the economy?

Resp: it really did imagine today you have to buy one kilogram packet of sugar at Sh100 and we used to buy that same packet at sh50. The prices of basic needs was really affected and our economy status in Kenya is too low

Int: how did deal with the uncertainties surrounding at this period?

Resp: I did not have anything to do

Int: how did you cope with these reasons you have just mentioned above?

Resp: we were told not move out of home like going to other towns

like Kakamega, Kisumu or Nairobi because any time there could
be chaos

Int: what did you not particularly like about the post election
period?

Resp: burning of the church in Eldoret, displacement of other people,
and it led to the declination of our economic level as a country

Int: any other?

Resp: I think those are enough

Int: what did you like about the post election?

Resp: I hated it and didn't like anything

Int: ok, thank you very much for your time

Resp: you are welcome

TRANSITIONS STUDY

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STUDY POINTS

297. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

298. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SUCCESSFUL

SALIENT POINTS

1. He relates adulthood to being able to work, marry and can reason more than children
2. He says having a good job and being independent is a success

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 22

Job/Position title/Occupation: casual labour

Educational Level: Form three

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: married

Number of children: one

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Sinai

Background information

Transcriptor's note: the respondent had problems in understanding Kiswahili and the interviewer had to keep repeating the question almost 2-3 times so that the respondent could understand. He was not also concentrating on the interview

Int: in your opinion what differentiates adults from those who are not adults?

Resp: differentiate adults and children?

Int: yes

Resp: they are more intelligent than children

Int: what else?

Resp: (speaking to someone outside and ignoring the interviewer, noisy background) I don't think there is another one

Int: just tell me

Resp: I don't know what to say because there are so many things

Int: just mention a few

Resp: silence

Int: how do adults live apart from children?

Resp: don't you know that?

Int: do you know?

Resp: yes,

Int: how do they live?

Resp: they live adult life

Int: in which way?

Resp: an adult person can get married

Int: what else?

Resp: adults work

Int: when you look at yourself, can you compare yourself with adulthood?

Resp: there is no difference

Int: why?

Resp: there is no difference from me because I am an adult

Int: what makes you feel adult?

Resp: I am married

Int: what else

Resp: I came to look for work

Int: anything else?

Resp: I don't think there is anything else

Int: what is happening in your life that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: long silence

Int: mhh? What do you usually do that makes you feel you are an adult?

Resp: I completed schooling and came to Nairobi to look for a job, I got married and now I have my own home

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: and what experiences are going through that makes you feel you are not an adult?

Resp: being unemployed

Int: what else?

Resp: that is all

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: I like having my own family

Int: what else

Resp: nothing

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: drinking and smoking

Int: anything else?

Resp: no

Int: what is the most significant even in your life?

Resp: when I was in school I had a problem

Int: what kind of problem was that?

Resp: lack of school fees and it was very hard for me to complete but eventually I did

Int: why is it a very significant thing in your life?

Resp: when I was in school I really suffered

Int: is there anything else?

Resp: no

Int: who do you live with here?

Resp: my cousin

Int: how involved are your parents in your life; maybe they assist you to pay rent or something like that?

Resp: they assist me because my wife is upcountry with them

Int: what else?

Resp: they also assist me when I have a problem

Int: like which one; can you tell me one or two?

Resp: sickness

Int: on what issues do your parents advice you on?

Resp: to remember them when I am in Nairobi

Int: do they give you any advice?

Resp: only that

Int: on many occasions what kind of advice do your parents give you in relation to education, marriage and relationships?

Resp: the tell me not to involve myself in drinking, smoking cigarettes

Int: what else?

Resp: only that

Int: what issues would make you go to seek help from your parents?

Resp: any problem that I am not able to solve

Int: like which one?

Resp: there are many problems in a home

Int: just mention one?

Resp: when I am sick or they are unwell, I have to help them

Int: how else do they assist you?

Resp: just that

Int: are there issues that can hinder you from approaching your parents?

Resp: when I am working, I cannot disturb them

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: what personal problems would you approach your parents for?

Resp: If I am unwell, when my people are sick

Int: who are your people?

Resp: my wife and child

Int: is there any other?

Resp: no

Int: what kind of problems would make you not seek your parent's support?

Resp: when I get a problem in Nairobi, I can go to a friend because my parents are far away

Int: to whom would you seek this help from?

Resp: my uncle and aunt

Int: why the two?

Resp: they can come to my assistance very fast

Int: when you offend your parents or do something that was not pleasing to you parents, how do they punish you? I know you are married now, but before you were married, how were they punishing you?

Resp: there are many types of mistakes so it depends which one

Int: just general mistakes

Resp: they used to tell me to learn to respect other people and not get involved in bad company

Int: and if you were to break a cup in the house when you were still living with them, how would they punish you?

Resp: when I was in primary, they used to either forgive me if it was a small mistake or beat me

Int: and in secondary?

Resp: they used to talk to me

Int: and after secondary?

Resp: I came to Nairobi

Int: apart from your parents who else is involved in your life?

Resp: my uncle and aunt

Int: who else?

Resp: friends

Int: how do they influence your life in regard to education,
employment?

Resp: they advise me on how to live well; they pay my rent and also
feed me when I am not able to do it because of lack of
employment and other issues

Int: which you don't want me to know

Resp: no

Int: and what else; do they influence your behavior, marriage, etc?

Resp: they tell me to keep to my wife and not have extra marital
affairs

Int: tell me of a major problem your sibling or friend was involved
in?

Resp: my friend is hospitalized at Kenyatta National Hospital

Int: why do you think this is an important thing in your life?

Resp: one of the buildings in the city collapsed and he happened to be one of the victims

Int: ok, do you see yourself in such a problem?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: if he has a problem we cannot live a good life as before because he is hospitalized, he is jobless and cannot work anymore

Int: you said that was a major thing that happened to your friend, now I am asking do you see yourself in such a problem.

Resp: it can because there are some accidents that are unavoidable

Int: tell me of the challenges that face young persons face?

Resp: in this community?

Int: yes

Resp: I don't know that because I came here last month so I don't know much about it. I am more of a visitor

Int: I just want a general view

Resp: no, I don't know

Int: what challenges are you facing as a young person in regard to employment?

Resp: I don't have, I only do casual jobs, I don't have a permanent job

Int: what strategies have the young people put in place to solve these issues like unemployment?

Resp: they look for jobs and are not choosy about the jobs

Int: is there any other?

Resp: if there is any then I have forgotten

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: anywhere where the environment is conducive?

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: because right now I am looking for work and I can get it anywhere in Kenya and I will be forced to go and live there that is why I don't like choosing the place to stay

Int: are there any possibilities of you getting a job nearby

Resp: yes

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: because I am also looking nearby to

Int: what achievement would you like to attain in life?

Resp: get a job and assist my parents and siblings

Int: why do you say so?

Resp: to assist also my friend and neighbours when they have a problem

Int: why would you want to help your friends?

Resp: when they have a problem?

Int: why do you like helping them?

Resp: there are so many problems in the community and if I see they need help I will help them

Int: what efforts are you making to reach this goal?

Resp: silence

Int: what are doing right now so that you get a job and be able to assist your parents?

Resp: I am looking for a permanent job

Int: what can hinder you from getting a good?

Resp: there is none

Int: what level of education do you need to be able to get a job?

Resp: I am already through with school

Int: ok what do you mean when you say you are through with school?

Resp: I don't see myself going to school again

Int: have you ever worked before?

Resp: no, I just do casual jobs

Int: when did you start working?

Resp: last year

Int: how old were you when you started working?

Resp: at the age of 21 years

Int: what were the reasons behind your looking for a job?

Resp: problems

Int: like which one?

Resp: financial

Int: what else?

Resp: none

Int: how much do you get in month?

Resp: about Sh3,000

Int: how do you spend the money?

Resp: on my basic needs

Int: what do you mean when you say basic needs?

Resp: I use to buy food, pay rent and send the rest to my family
which include my wife and child

Int: what does success in this community mean?

Resp: someone who was looking for a job and got one.

Int: do you know of anyone who is successful in this community?

Resp: I am still new here so I don't know anyone yet

Int: what about where you were before?

Resp: maybe my cousin; when he came he really had a very big problem and when he came here, started looking for employment, getting casual jobs and today he is successful, he runs his own business now

Int: why do you feel he has succeeded?

Resp: he is now independent

Int: how would you identify a successful young man?

Resp: when he comes he looks for a job, and works hard in everything he does until he gets a permanent job or has a business so that he can help his parents and other family members.

Int: how can you distinguish a well behaved young man from the others?

Resp: his characters, he doesn't drink, smoke, and he helps others when they are in problems.

Int: what can a young man do in life to be success?

Resp: work hard

Int: where will he work hard?

Resp: look for his own wealthI have forgotten ask the question again.

Int: how can a young man be successful?

Resp: there is no other reason

Int: where do your parents live currently?

Resp: my mother lives in Machakos and my father lives at home

Int: why did you leave home for Nairobi? What were your reasons?

Resp: the reason why I came to Nairobi was to come and look for a job

Int: is there any other reason?

Resp: no

Int: tell me of your feelings and concerns when you left home for the first time

Resp: when I first came to Nairobi from home, I joined a friend and for the three days I stayed with him, he really mistreated me

Int: how old were you

Resp: I was 21 years

Int: how do you feel living alone?

Resp: living alone without what?

Int: because you no longer live with your parents

Resp: I feel nice because I am alone, I don't depend on any of their wealth but I am self reliant

Int: do you feel anything bad living alone

Resp: no

Int: when did you get married?

Resp: I married this year

Int: what was your main reason for marrying?

Resp: we were born three boys, I completed school and came to Nairobi, and my brother also came to Nairobi

Int: your brother?

Resp: yes and my mother was left alone with our youngest brother who is in school now so I felt there was no need for her to stay alone, she would be lonely so I got married

Int: how do you feel being married?

Resp: how?

Int: do you feel you are now an adult?

Resp: yes, and that is why I got married and decided to forge about behaving like a youth

Int: as an adult are you happy, sad, concerned, what do you feel?

Resp: I am happy and I don't see anything bad

Int: what are the challenges you are facing in married life at your age?

Resp: the only challenge I have had so far was when my wife was pregnant, she was hospitalized and the bill was so exorbitant and I had to pay it before she was discharged.

Int: tell me your first experience in doing sex

Resp: I cannot tell you because I don't when that was

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 18 years

Int: how old was she?

Resp: they were just my friends

Int: your friends?

Resp: yes

Int: what was their age?

Resp: the same age as me; 18 years

Int: why did you choose to have sex with all these friends?

Resp: it was just for the fun of it

Int: did you use any protection

Resp: we were still young and we didn't know

Int: so you didn't use any protection?

Resp: no

Int: when did you get your first born?

Resp: 7th August 2009

Int: tell me about the first pregnancy of you partner? Did you plan for it?

Resp: yes, because she was already my wife

Int: why did you choose to have a baby during that time?

Resp: silence

Int: how does it feel like being a parent?

Resp: I feel happy

Int: why?

Resp: I decided to leave my youthful ways and settle down with my wife until death do us part

Int: what are the challenges of being a parent?

Resp: today I have to stop living a leisurely life like before because I have responsibilities and life is very hard

Int: why is it hard?

Resp: I not working and I survive on casual jobs which are also scarce

Int: what are your concerns about people of your age who area about to enter marriage?

Resp: people do what they want, if they feel like getting married, they just do it and the wife will stay

Int: how were you affected by the post election violence?

Resp: there were a lot of problems so moved upcountry for a while before I came back. I remember my brother was in Embu that time; we had to transfer him to another school. The situation was bad

Int: how were you able to face these challenges?

Resp: I stayed ho home until there was peace in Nairobi

Int: what didn't you like the post election violence?

Resp: many people suffered, they lost their property, and their
loved ones

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about them

Int: ok, thank you so much for your time

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4V030

STUDY POINTS

299. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED

300. WHAT MAKES A YOUNG PERSON SUCCESSFUL?

301. AT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS

SALIENT POINTS

1. The respondent equates adulthood to being independent,
knowing right from wrong
2. He says being successful is achieving ones goals

3. The respondent says crime, drug abuse, and fornication are major challenges facing the youth

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 23

Job/Position title/Occupation: Data Quality Control Assistant

Educational Level: Form Four

Ethnic Level: Kisii

Marital Status: Married

Number of children: None

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Paradise

Background information

After changing the recorders at this point the story is now different from that in the notes on the information sheet (my page 26)

Int: ok, what in your opinion distinguishes adults from none adults or children?

Resp: an adult is a person who is married and is responsible, a person who is independent but a child is someone who is depending on other people or their parents

Int: when you say someone who is responsible what do you mean?

Resp: somebody who is responsible is one who is able to judge himself whether he is right or not, and when he is responsible, to know how he can negotiate or leave, someone who is very social in his character

Int: what about age?

Resp: an adult....a child is someone between 0 to 18 years and anyone above that is adult

Int: adult is above 18 and a child is below?

Resp: yes

Int: and when I talk about employment what can you say there?

Resp: even the Law of Kenya states that you cannot employ someone who is not an adult, it is a crime and according to employment it should be offered to someone who is adult and has an ID

Int: ok, what about marriage?

Resp: I think marriage is considered as for adults because if you marry someone who is still a child there is likely to be some problems in the marriage

Int: what kind of problems?

Resp: there is marriage wrangles, family breakups, and the like, misunderstandings because if a husband is an adult and the wife is a young, thinking capacity varies, and so you will find that there is some differentiation between the young and the old which means there is no understanding in the family

Int: what about parenthood?

Resp: I think concerning parenthood a parent must bring up his or her own child in a very responsible way and he will be able to educate what is good or bad for him to lead a very good life in future and she will be prepared early in all circumstances

Int: what do you mean she will be prepared early?

Resp: she will be told in such circumstances you will behave like this and this for you to escape this or to survive

Int: ok, what about leaving home?

Resp: that is a responsibility for a parent to make sure that the environmental bringing up should be very much comfortable for the child also to come up knowing that one time they will bring their children up as their parents have done.

Int: so I am talking about leaving home like you here you are living with your sister, and you left home, if a person leaves home or her parent's home, how can you relate that to parenthood?

Resp: I think a person who is leaving home, there are some targets for him to achieve, that is the reason he is leaving home. You cannot leave home without reason not knowing where you are going or what you are being expected to do

Int: what are some of these things that may make you leave home?

Resp: some of these things that may make you leave home are because of job opportunities, wrangles, or for leisure just for exploitation. You may also leave home for education purposes.

Int: how do you relate that to adulthood?

Resp: the adulthood must leave home because of...under some forced circumstances like job but leaving home without a reason for the adulthood, for me, it is prohibited, because if you leave home without a reason, which means you are going to...where you are going you are not having a reason for leaving and you are going to cause some misunderstanding because you don't know what you are going to do unless otherwise if you have something.

Int: what about education?

Resp: I think education in both cases it normally helps; in childhood it helps you know the economic growth of the

country, how to know how is the relationship something like (unintelligible) this world came up like this and this and social interaction; it matters when it comes to education.

Int: what about dependency or non dependency

Resp: I think on adulthood they should depend on their parents if they must not depend on their parents they may in such a way for them to achieve their goals and some of the ways that they set, they are ways that will lead them to progress and I think the adult should be able to manage their child to depend on themselves

Int: ok, what about sex?

Resp: is it even written in Bible that sex is only for married couples

Int: so what is your opinion?

Resp: my opinion is that it is good to encourage people to get involved in sex when they are married.

Int: what about responsibility

Resp: responsibility of what?

Int: you know we are trying to differentiate between adult and non adults so how...

Resp: I think the responsibility of an adult should take care of their offspring in a good way or manner and I thin the responsibility of the younger ones is to ensure that they are meeting the goals

of the young ones set by their parents and should be put into practical what they have been told, not only what they have been told that is wrong but what is right

Int: ok, and what would you say about circumcision, how is that related to adulthood and non adulthood?

Resp: I think circumcision is something like communal, social believing unlike in the Bible it is written that you must be circumcised at 8 days after birth but when you go to the communal believes, like the Luhya, they consider circumcising someone who is adult as a way of preparing him for marriage or to face difficulties in life or be self independent

Int: is that the only reason why Luhya circumcise at an older age?

Resp: I think so

Int: so what does circumcision differentiates in your community between adulthood and childhood?

Resp: circumcision is a transition or a passby for you to become an adult and is a preparation for you to marry in Luhya community

Int: any other things that you may tell me about adulthood and non adulthood apart from those I have asked you, in your own perception

Resp: in my own perception, I think it is better for n adult to that he is adult and respond in a way that they should express to

the young one that they are adults so that when the young ones are coming up, they get a better example from them

Int: now if we take into account all the things that differentiate children from adults, how does one become an adult? Can you give me the events?

Resp: there are some communal events like circumcision, marriage, and also concerning law, when you attain 18 years, you have an ID, then you have become an adult.

Int: if you look at yourself today, how do you relate to adulthood or how do you see yourself in relation to adulthood?

Resp: I think the relation in me about adulthood is somehow encouraging, you can encourage yourself to become an adult because if you engage into adulthood, you find yourself you are being put in some mind that will help you to elevate some problems that you were I when you were a child. And I adulthood, you see yourself as a responsible person not depending on your parents and becoming ...to become a church member you have to be considered if you are adult and if you are no you cannot

Int: Like?

Resp: they are there

Int: which ones are these?

Resp: there are some events like dowry negotiations you are allowed to participate, even circumcision ceremonies you are allowed, and even there are some social gatherings you are allowed

Int: what are some of the things that happen around you that make you feel like an adult?

Resp: I feel like an adult because I have been given a mandate to control myself

Int: what else?

Resp: I have an ID to show that I am an adult and I am happy for that, I am being counted as being a Kenya citizen

Int: what are the things you like about being an adult?

Resp: I am happy because I am being counted in the family as a responsible person, being an adult permits me to marry, it permits me to own land and it also permits me to even do whatever

Int: what do you mean by whatever?

Resp: I think it is enough

Int: and what are some of the things that happen around you that don't make you feel like an adult?

Resp: there are not there

Int: what don't you like about being an adult?

Resp: there are some circumstances you are forced to do something which you are not willing to do

Int: like?

Resp: you can be an adult but are not ready to support yourself for marriage yet you are forced as an adult to go and marry and you are not fully equipped. Those are some of the circumstances

Int: and what would you consider as the most significant event of your life; something that happened in your life that is so memorable you cannot ever forget

Resp: I cannot forget my parents who have brought me up in a very good way, a very good environment which has set me not to remember but also to bring up my family. That is one of the examples.

Int: is there something that could have happened in your life that happen in your life and it is very significant.

Resp: it is there

Int: what is it?

Resp: there is a time I cried for the whole day and night because I was sent away from school to look for fees and the a parent told me that even Kenya I am living in has got debts and am permitted to own the debt of the school can you go back or go and collect your books and come back home? It was very hurting

Int: and when was that?

Resp: in 2006

Int: in which class?

Resp: in form two?

Int: that is something you cannot forget

Resp: no because if I do that, it means that I will also do that for my children which is not good

Int: and why is that so important in your life?

Resp: it prepares me to know that such a time like this I should like this to elevate myself from that problem then I become responsible for my family

Int: I would like us to discuss about your parents and growing up in your family; who do you currently live with?

Resp: my sister

Int: In what ways are your parents currently involved in your life?

Resp: economically, socially?

Int: in any way

Resp: I think economically they support me financially and socially then enhance me in some events that make feel like I belong

Int: what about decision making?

Resp: decision making I am also involved in the decision making
planning of the family

Int: so you have to involve your parents before making such
decision?

Resp: yes

Int: what about accommodation?

Resp: I am just being hosted by my sister

Int: so do your parents maybe take care of that or you fully depend
on your sister for accommodation?

Resp: yaa, now but not for the past

Int: what areas of life do your parents advice you on?

Resp: areas of life; I think they advice me to be self reliant and
also to know that in this world there are greater events that
in your life they look for very better but in the endings
there repercussions, so they advice me to wise in decision
making and not to involve in some peer pressures

Int: what else?

Resp: be your own responsibility

Int: in what other areas do they advice?

Resp: about marriage they advice me to go for guiding and counseling
first and it should be known, not privately

Int: what kind of advice do they give you on schooling?

Resp: schooling is a matter of improvement but they advice me to go
for further education

Int: what do you mean by further education?

Resp: to add on what I have

Int: what about relationships

Resp: about how, parents

Int: what do they tell about relationships?

Resp: about girlfriends or?

Int: any

Resp: relationships are there and e start by Adam and Eve you cannot
say they are not there

Int: so what do they advice you on relationships?

Resp: to keep my relationships with people who are clean in their
own ways

Int: what do you mean someone who is clean in his own ways?

Resp: someone who is clean, you understand that I know

Int: what about religion?

Resp: I am a Christian,

Int: so what do they advice you on that?

Resp: my parents?

Int: yes

Resp: to grow up knowing that on this earth there is an end and you must live in a good manner so that you may attain the eternal life

Int: what about sexual behavior?

Resp: I think it is permitted or the couples only and I am not a couple an even it is written in the Bible, so I believe I will do it when I am married

Int: what about drug abuse?

Resp: I don't involve in those because there are some repercussions when you involve yourself in them

Int: like

Resp: some are chronic diseases

Int: ok, what kind of issues would you approach our parents for?

Resp: to provide me with education, to provide for me some religious background that is to prepare me to be a better person in future. There are some advices that somehow make me become a church goer or member in the society

Int: and what else?

Resp: I think they are all

Int: what are some of the issues that you may not approach your parent for

Resp: I don't think there is an issue which you cannot approach your parents for because they are the ones who brought you up and they are your parents so that there is a problem they can assist you to come out of it

Int: and what personal problems would you approach your parents with

Resp: maybe if you have some disease; you may approach your parents for them to support you financially so that you can be treated or an education problem maybe you have a high affinity to continue with education, they may support you.

Int: do you have or what kind of issues would you maybe approach someone else other than your parents?

Resp: there are,

Int: which ones are these?

Resp: there are some issues, social issues, how to conduct oneself in public and what kind of behavior to have (unintelligible)

Int: apart from behavior what else

Resp: you must be wise in conducting somebody; you must conduct somebody who is (unintelligible)

Int: what about marital decisions

Resp: the conducted by a girlfriend you must decide to before approaching your parents and you must approach them on both cases

Int: what about pregnancy?

Resp: I haven't experienced so I don't know

Int: what about relationships problems?

Resp: you are the one who decides to start a relationship so you must not contact your parents because they are not the ones who decided for you

Int: what about your aspirations in life?

Resp: some expectations are to become a responsible person in future and also to be self employed as a veterinary officer

Int: and all these things you're telling me, whom do you approach

Resp: of course I have not approached anyone because I have not been involve in any of them because there are some areas I told you that you cannot approach parents

Int: but you have just told me like if you see someone behaving in a certain way you will want to do the same and talk to the person can you give an example of such a person that you can now talk to?

Resp: no, you may see someone conducting themselves in a manner that may make you to admire, you will approach him and ask him what was the background and how can I become like you also

Int: so who is this person?

Resp: just a friend, you may see someone who is a friend and you enquire of her. Something like Christianity, you may see someone who is very strong in Christianity and approach her

Int: how do your parents normally discipline you when you do something wrong or something they are not happy about?

Resp: I think there is difference in discipline

Int: I am talking about you, how do they discipline you?

Resp: they brought me in a aver good manner; I was caned when I was a child but now I do not involve myself in some criminal activities to the extend my parents can discipline me

Int: apart from being caned; is there any other form of punished they administered to you?

Resp: there is another form of punishment; they will not give you food. There is also some mental punishment

Int: such as

Resp: you may be disturbed mentally

Int: apart from your parents, which other people influence your life?

Resp: I think the community around you is the one that will teach or you get a community around you that don't prefer learning so you may find yourself passing through a very difficult situation and there is no friend who is willing to help you or have no such company which is willing to learn.

Int: are there other people in the community who influence your life

Resp: I don't think so

Int: what about your brothers and sisters

Resp: as brothers you are supposed to be united front so we work together as brothers

Int: how do they influence your life?

Resp: I think they haven't influenced my life yet

Int: what about teachers?

Resp: there was a time that I like my mathematics teacher at the because he influenced me so much even though I didn't get the grades I had hoped to that I

Int: your pastor since you told me that you are a Christian

Resp: I don't collide with my pastors because they advice me in different ways and as a Christian you must behave like this and that

Int: how about our friends; how do they influence your life; do they advice you on behavior?

Resp: my friends normally advice me to change

Int: can you describe to me the worst problem that either your sibling or friend has ever been involved in?

Resp: I don't think my friends have been involved in any incidents,

Int: what about sisters?

Resp: those ones are there and they have marital problems and it is obvious

Int: I am interested in the worst problem

Resp: they haven't

Int: and do you see yourself in a similar problem?

Resp: because they haven't, I don't see myself in it

Int: I want us to talk about the neighborhood. What are the challenges young people face in this community?

Resp: even someone may want to be educated and the parents may not be able to support him fully or of they may support with the higher education nowadays, you need money and if you have not passed well, you cannot attain any college at all

Int: what about violence

Resp: violence is there, if there violence with the parents, then there will be violence and misunderstanding between children and parents

Int: I am talking about in the community.

Resp: I don't think if there is violence because there is security around

Int: what do you mean?

Resp: there are these security forces like administration police,
regular police and something like that

Int: harassment?

Resp: I don't think it is there, I have not experienced it

Int: lack of employment?

Resp: that is a very big problem here, there are so many people who
are educated and there is job and even if it is there, there
is a lot of corruption, you may go there for an interview and
told you have not passed and yet when you present your papers
to someone who has been picked so you wonder why

Int: poverty

Resp: it is there

Int: HIV Aids,

Resp: that is not possible to tell unless you are a doctor, there
are some people who may not express themselves tat they are
infected or affected by the HIV Aids virus, unless you have
been trained to know the signs

Int: what about not knowing the status but just the general view?

Resp: to my best of my knowledge I don't think I can be able to tell
you whether it is there or not

Int: what about ill health?

Resp: I think there are some diseases like recently we had cholera at Kwa Njenga and there are expectations that there maybe very many diseases because when you just see on the road there is some sewage passing which is spread on the road so there is a chance that we may experience some diseases

Int: what are some of the strategies that young people in this neighborhood use to cope with these challenges?

Resp: I think the strategies, because it is an industrial area, people may prefer to go to a better place

Int: a better place like?

Resp: the estates because this is a village

Int: you have just told me that there was cholera on Mukuru Kwa Njenga side, now how are the youths trying to deal with that?

Resp: the youths involve themselves in opening terraces and offering... I think there was some campaign launching on how people to keep healthy

Int: where would you like to live?

Resp: I think for the time and because of financial strain, this is where I can afford to live

After changing the recorders at this point the story is now different from that in the notes on the information sheet

Int: but where would you like to live?

Resp: with time, if I will be economically empowered, I will just go back to the village, my rural home,

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: because in the beginning I said there is somebody to travel from home with some targeted (unintelligible) there are some that I wanted to achieve that is why I come here and when I achieve it then I go back there

Int: ok, and how do you see you see your chances of ever living in this dream place

Resp: I think the chances of ever living for home 90% is there next year

Int: why do you say that?

Resp: because I am prepared to look for a job, go to college then I go back home

Int: ok, let us now talk about your education aspirations and plans, what is the most important thing you want to achieve in life?

Resp: to lead a better a life

Int: what to you mean?

Resp: live a standard life

Int: maybe you could explain that to me

Resp: there is a standard life you can live like a poverty life but I don't expect to be living in a poverty life

Int: so what is it that you want to achieve apart from standard life?

Resp: have my own land and not a communal one, secondly have a family

Int: why do you want to achieve all this you have told me?

Resp: concerning land, our family consists of four boys and four girls and to me only one acre cannot be enough for me with the expectations I have, that is not enough for me

Int: what about family?

Resp: I expect a family of two children the parents

Int: why?

Resp: with the present economic situation, I cannot afford to support more than that

Int: what efforts are you making to meet these goals?

Resp: one goal, I am expecting a job on Monday, which I will open my account and deposit there some money. By next year November I will be in college training in Animal Husbandry (too much background noise)

Int: which things may prevent you from achieving these goals?

Resp: finance

Int: anything else?

Resp: education I qualify

Int: what level of education do you need to achieve your life goals and these aspirations?

Resp: a Diploma

Int: why

Resp: because if I attain a diploma, other than being employed I will become self employed on my own farm dealing with agriculture and I must put what I have learned into practice

Int: ok, do you think you will achieve this level of education which is a diploma?

Resp: yes

Int: why

Resp: because I have already set myself to achieve it

Int: are you currently in school?

Resp: no, until 2011

Int: you have just told me that your career is Animal Husbandry what makes you or rather what made you decide on animal husbandry and not any other?

Resp: when I was a student I was deeply involved in agricultural subjects and I was very much safe on some questions that I tackled and succeeded in agriculture so I see it as a very

simple subject for me to pursue so rather than pursuing, I normally see myself as an animal and I would like to deal with animals.

Int: what do you mean when you say you see yourself as an animal?

Resp: we belong to the same group as animalia.

Int: who is the most important person you have talked to about your career choice?

Resp: I talked to my teachers, parents, friends and my area MP

Int: what did they say?

Resp: with teachers they supported me, parents did but due to lack of money they could not do much, but MP has given me unfulfilled promises

Int: and friends?

Resp: they give you that heart that you will become; they encourage you to work hard

Int: what do they say generally?

Resp: they told me to look wide both economically and socially for me to attain, look for some money but don't get involved in some criminal activities

Int: ok, let us talk about leisure and work; have you ever worked before?

Resp: yes,

Int: when was that?

Resp: last year December, I was self employed, I was selling kerosene

Int: how old were you?

Resp: I was 19

Int: tell me more about that,

Resp: it is profitable in the sense that when I purchase five litres at Sh263 I get a profit of sh600 and per week I was selling around 120 litres and I collected some good money

Int: before that had you ever worked before?

Resp: I was still in school

Int: what was your experience with that job?

Resp: some customer could pretend they are desperate they will bring the money but they never bring the money. I was to work hard and it required a lot of energy.

Int: are you currently involved in any income generating activities?

Resp: no

Int: right now what are doing?

Resp: I am yet to get something to do. I had some problems that brought me back to this level

Int: what happened?

Resp: I lost one of my parents and I was involved quite extensively in the funeral arrangements

Int: are you involved in any income generating activity

Resp: no

Int: in this community what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: you must be self reliant

Int: what do you mean by that?

Resp: it means you have a job and income

Int: can you describe for me a person in this community who is successful?

Resp: do you need a CV?

Int: no just describe verbally

Resp: he is a married man, working as a civil engineer, earning Sh30,000 per month and is also operating a business

Int: what kind of business?

Resp: tailoring

Int: what about some of his possessions?

Resp: he lives in his own house

Int: anything else?

Resp: those are personal details

Int: ok what makes a young person successful?

Resp: you will be successful if you are keen on what you are doing

Int: any other way?

Resp: working hard leading to a promotion

Int: what distinguishes a well behaved youth from others?

Resp: he will not be involved in criminal activities,

Int: anything else

Resp: one who is leading a standard life?

Int: what do you mean when you say a standard life?

Resp: one who is living moderately, admired by others?

Int: any other?

Resp: takes care of his family and you will rarely hear of problems
in that family

Int: how can a young person be successful in this community?

Resp: one who is not involved in criminal activities, and should be
serving one purpose in life

Int: what do you mean when you say one purpose?

Resp: not involving in many things like alcoholism, early marriages

Int: any other?

Resp: those are the ones

Int: let us talk about family living and marriage; you told me that
your parents are at home?

Resp: yes

Int: when did you come to Nairobi?

Resp: this year in October

Int: what are the reasons that made you leave home?

Resp: one was to look for a job; that was the only one

Int: can you explain your experience of living home

Resp: I was involved in livestock

Int: I mean leaving home

Resp: I was sad because I was very close to my parents

Int: what about things like fear?

Resp: there was fear on the part of the parents because of the environment but I was happy and excited because I was going to start life on my own. I thought by coming to Nairobi I will get a job and get some which I can use to support myself on education matters

Int: excitement?

Resp: of course I was excited because I knew I was going to interact with many people

Int: ok, you are staying here with your sister?

Resp: yes,

Int: for how much longer are you planning to stay with her

Resp: I think only this month

Int: why?

Resp: I am expecting a job somewhere from Monday then I will be out

Int: how important is it to you, your family or the community to get married?

Resp: in my community we believe that children are wealth so when you get married and get children you are wealthy because children are counted as wealth. A wife is wealth to her husband and I think it is in tradition

Int: why is it important?

Resp: It was ordained by God, we are just fulfilling a command God gave us to and fill the earth

Int: and why do you think marriage is unimportant?

Resp: I don't think marriage is unimportant because I will be going contrary to what is in the Bible and yet I am a Christian

Int: when do you plan to get married?

Resp: in 2016

Int: why 2016?

Resp: by then I will be self reliant and by then I will have some experiences

Int: experiences in what?

Resp: in life

Int: such as?

Resp: you may pass some very harsh environmental conditions that will shape your future to be a responsible person

Int: what would be the reason for you to get married?

Resp: to have company, two have a family

Int: anything else

Resp: that is all

Int: what kind of person would you like to marry?

Resp: I don't think I would be in a position to say that because I don't have one now

Int: wish?

Resp: ok, I would wish to marry tall girl like me, somebody who is bright, learned

Int: ok what about her age?

Resp: someone who is about 22 years, she will be mature by then

Int: what about ethnicity

Resp: I will marry a Luo

Int: why a Luo?

Resp: that is my personal decision

Int: and her socio-economic status?

Resp: she will be leaving her parent's to join me, I will be the one expected to be empowered economically

Int: so what will be her socio-economic status?

Resp: she must be educated and if she is working that will be ok with me

Int: what about social?

Resp: A person whose conduct is good, clean in her ways, someone simplified

Int: have you ever had a girlfriend?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: I was discouraged to do that

Int: by whom?

Resp: my teachers, my parents, and my friends

Int: I know some people of your age, who have girlfriends and boyfriends, why don't have one?

Resp: I don't want to find myself in a situation I am not able to control like for example you get yourself involved in women and the fight all over the place, you get embarrassed, and so on

Int: any other reason?

Resp: I am a Christian and the Bible tells me to keep my ways clean
and there is time for everything

Int: have you ever had any sex?

Resp: I don't have a girlfriend so I have not done that

Int: why?

Resp: there are many reasons; one of them I don't want to infected
with STIs and I don't want early pregnancies

Int: when do you expect to start?

Resp: in 2016

Int: why then?

Resp: that is the time I will be married

Int: how do you feel having not had sex?

Resp: I am happy

Int: do you have any regrets about not having had sex?

Resp: no, I know how to control myself

Int: how do you control yourself?

Resp: I avoid people who are in romantic relationships
(unintelligible) I would rather watch television

Int: so you plan to get married in 2016

Resp: yes

Int: are you planning to have children?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: a normal person must have children and we have been commanded to have children by God

Int: when do you intend to start having those children?

Resp: in 2017

Int: that is how after

Resp: one year after marriage

Int: we had some elections in 2007 and there followed some violence, how were you affected by that violence?

Resp: I had travelled to Eldoret and we were hijacked on the way. I was stabbed by unknown people. Generally it was a time for terror

Int: what about your family members?

Resp: they were not affected

Int: what about your livelihood activities were they affected?

Resp: I was affected because I was forced to live indoors and we could not move anywhere

Int: what about your friends

Resp: they were affected because to date I have not been able to trace a friend of mine, we don't know whether he died or not

Int: what do mean?

Resp: he was in schooling in Rift Valley and since the schools he has never reported to date and no one knows where he is

Int: and what about the way you were living?

Resp: it was affected in a manner that the price of some things hiked, there was no distribution of some goods into the shops, generally, and there was a problem in distribution of things.

Int: how were you able to deal with the uncertainties surrounding the post election violence?

Resp: we just learnt to economize things

Int: what didn't you like about the post election violence?

Resp: nothing at all, because a small misunderstanding threw the whole country into disarray and the economic just sunk down completely. Education was affected and to date some people have been displaced and are still suffering

Int: what did you like about the post election violence?

Resp: although there was some collaboration between the fighting groups it was us who were suffering by their actions, so there was nothing to be happy about. To date; the country is still bearing the brunt of their misunderstanding while they are comfortably enjoying themselves.

Int: ok, thank you very much for your time John

TRANSITIONS STUDY

IDI Description Form/QMS Archival Number QTSM4V035

STUDY POINTS

- 302. HOW IS ADULTHOOD DEFINED
- 303. WHAT CHALLENGES DO THEY FACE AS YOUNG PERSONS
- 304. RESILIENCE
- 305. WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR INTENDED CAREER PATHS
- 306. RECOMMENDATIONS

SALIENT POINTS

- 5. To marry, leaving home, being independent after getting a job
- 6. Unemployment, poverty, theft and insecurity as well as dropping out of school due to lack of school fees
- 7. "I am married, working with a focus to provide for my family. I don't listen to peers on what to do".
- 8. "I chose driving because my cousin James is a driver, he told me it is a good job to do."
- 9. None

FOR IDIs:

Age of Respondent: 22

Job/Position title/Occupation: machine operator

Educational Level: Primary (class six)

Ethnic Level: Kamba

Marital Status: Married

Number of children: Nil

Name of Slum: Viwandani

Name of Village: Jamaica

Background information

The respondent was a male aged 22 years. He was not cooperative

because he argued that I was consuming his time for no benefit. However, he gave me his time to carry out the discussion but at the end of the interview he demanded that I give him Sh100.00 of which I did. It was a very difficult to put the questions through to this respondent this could be attributed to the fact that the respondent is a class six drop out and was really very hard to interview. However, I carried out a successful discussion in the long run.

Int: in your opinion what is the difference between someone who is an adult and one who is not?

Resp: having a wife

Int: now who has a wife; a child or a grown up

Resp: an adult

Int: you mean if you have a wife, you are an adult?

Resp: yes, I am an adult and you can only get married if you are an adult

Int: how about age, what is the difference in age between an adult and one who is not?

Resp: 21 years

Int: why?

Resp: an adult has an ID

Int: apart from having an ID and getting married what else an being out the difference between an adult and a child?

Resp: now what can I say?

Int: how about moving out of home?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: a child cannot pay rent like I do

Int: why do you say a child cannot pay rent like you?

Resp: where will he get the money and he is not working

Int: and what about sexual behavior; a person who is already involved in sex

Resp: a child cannot understand what it means to have sex

Int: and why not?

Resp: it can differentiate because a child will not know the sexual satisfaction but an adult will know

Int: and circumcision?

Resp: most people are circumcised at age 6

Int: when someone is circumcised and that determine if he is an adult or not?

Resp: it is a stage when reaches and then he is circumcised and it is not a must that you should be circumcised to be called an adult

Int: this stage you are talking about is like how many years?

Resp: 18 years

Int: why 18 years

Resp: that means you can have sex with a woman

Int: and physical maturity, what difference does it bring out

Resp: when you are 18 years, you are mature

Int: how?

Resp: silence

Int: what changes are there?

Resp: being knowledgeable on many different issues

Int: like which one?

Resp: getting married, farming, taking care of yourself and sourcing things like income for yourself

Int: when you look at yourself today, how can you relate to adulthood?

Resp: I am an adult, I have a wife, farm and I am responsible and I will not go backwards to be called a child instead I am the one to look for a child

Int: in your daily life, are you experiencing things that make you feel an adult?

Resp: there is nothing that can happen to make me be called a child

Int: is there anything that is taking place in your life that makes you feel an adult?

Resp: I don't know how to answer that

Int: you just told me that you are an adult, why do you feel you are an adult; what is going on in your life?

Resp: to be adult means you have your own things, build your own house, have your own homestead

Int: what would happen in your life that would make you feel you
 are not an adult at all?

Resp: there is a stage you cannot go backwards at all, you have to
 act like an adult

Int: so is there something that happens in your life that makes you
 feel you are not an adult?

Resp: no

Int: what do you like about adulthood?

Resp: having a wife, a homestead and owning things

Int: what don't you like about adulthood?

Resp: there is nothing I like

Int: you have just told me that you are an adult because you have a
 wife, a home and own things, in that kind of life, are there
 things you don't like about it?

Resp: that I don't like?

Int: yes, is there anything you don't like because you are an adult
 or when you look out there, there are some people who say they
 don't like adults for certain reasons

Resp: what I don't like is stealing from others and it makes you
 behave like a child. An adult should have his or her own
 things; he should go out there and look or work but not steal
 from others

Int: is there any significant event that happened in your life and you still remember it very well?

Resp: when my mother and grandmother died

Int: why do you feel you cannot forget them?

Resp: they loved me so much

Int: you live here alone?

Resp: yes

Int: your father is there?

Resp: yes

Int: how does he advice you?

Resp: he tells me that being a thief is bad, remember where you came from

Int: what does remembering where you came from mean?

Resp: send them some money when you can afford to and not live here for long without going to visit them, should not involve in bad company

Int: what do you mean bad company?

Resp: stealing from people and other things which are not good

Int: ok, let us look at issued related to marriage, what kind of advice does he give you about marriage?

Resp: "if you get married you must keep to one wife and stay faithful the way I stayed with your mother" until he got children and they have lived at peace until she died

Int: what about drugs?

Resp: he told me they are bad and I should never ever take them including drinking

Int: for what issues would you seek advice from your parents?

Resp: If I was very sick and I don't have money I would approach him as a father ask for help

Int: apart from illness, what else can you seek for help from your father?

Resp: maybe a farm so that I can start having a homestead and also when want to go and visit my parent's in law, I can ask him to give me something to take there

Int: something like what?

Resp: cows, goats and other things.

Int: these are problems that will make you seek assistance from your father, and what would make you not go to seek your father's help?

Resp: there is no issue that I cannot tell my father

Int: there are personal problems that men fall victim to, which of these problems would you approach your father for?

Resp: illness

Int: what kind of illness is that?

Resp: syphilis

Int: are there other personal problems besides illness that you would approach your father for?

Resp: these questions are difficult

Int: what would make you seek assistance from anywhere else apart from your father?

Resp: if I wanted a pen, I will just ask you to assist me with one

Int: apart from usual things, who else can you approach in this community to assist you?

Resp: a neighbor

Int: in what areas of life would you seek assistance from your neighbor?

Resp: there are so many things he can help me with

Int: and what kind of issues would make you approach a neighbor?

Resp: financial issues

Int: when you do things that your father doesn't like how does he punish you?

Resp: he tells me not to repeat the same mistake again, he cannot beat me

Int: and why wouldn't he beat you?

Resp: beat me for what reason?

Int: apart from your father, who else has influence over your life?

Resp: my brother who is like a father to me

Int: in what way?

Resp: he can rebuke me when I do something wrong

Int: on issues related to work, what does he tell you?

Resp: he tells me to work hard on my job

Int: and you me that your brother is like a father to you

Resp: yes

Int: what do you mean by that statement?

Resp: you brother is like a father because he is older than me

Int: does he talk about marriage issues to you?

Resp: to get married

Int: but you are married already isn't it?

Resp: he advices me on how to live in harmony with my wife

Int: and what do your friends talk to you about; do they influence your life in any way?

Resp: no, they don't

Int: tell me of a problem you brother or friend was involved in

Resp: a friend of mine was selling bhang and he was caught

Int: do you see yourself in such a problem at one time in your life?

Resp: no.

Int: why?

Resp: that thing is bad, I told him to leave it and he refused

Int: why do you feel you can't find yourself in that kind of problem?

Resp: I don't even touch it in the first place and I know it is a bad thing.

Int: let us now talk about your being in this place; tell me the challenges that youths encounter in this community?

Resp: I don't know

Int: do youths have jobs in this community?

Resp: they don't have jobs and also they don't have accommodation so we provide for some of them

Int: what are the other problems?

Resp: there are none

Int: is there poverty in this community?

Resp: yes

Int: why do you say there is poverty here?

Resp: if you sleep on an empty stomach; that is poverty

Int: do we have young people dropping out of school in this community?

Resp: yes they do, they don't finish school.

Int: what action do the young people take so that they are not affected by these problems?

Resp: some of them persevere and don't go to steal in order to get money

Int: and unemployment; what do they do about it?

Resp: some go back upcountry

Int: and those who remain in the community?

Resp: they become thieves; there is no way you can live here without money

Int: when you have a good job and earning your own money, where would you like to live?

Resp: in Kayole

Int: why Kayole of all the places?

Resp: this place is so muddy during the rainy season and only people with problems like me live here

Int: what are your chances of living in Kayole?

Resp: I will go there when I get a job and earn money

Int: what would you like to achieve in life?

Resp: I would like to get children

Int: why children?

Resp: because when I am old, they will help me

Int: what efforts are you making to realize this goal?

Resp: marrying

Int: what do you mean; are you looking for a wife

Resp: I am already married

Int: what would hinder you from getting children?

Resp: having no wife

Int: which you already have; what else would make you not have children?

Resp: there is nothing that can hinder me from getting children

Int: what career would you like to take in life?

Resp: silence

Int: what is your dream job?

Resp: driving

Int: why do you liking driving?

Resp: that is a lifetime skill that you can apply in life until daeath

Int: have you ever talked to anyone about this dream?

Resp: yes, James

Int: who is James in your life?

Resp: he is my cousin

Int: what did he tell you?

Resp: he told me to wait

Int: what did he tell you about driving?

Resp: he said it is a good job

Int: what is good about the job?

Resp: it is not easy to be laid off like a company job. You miss
this one you can drive anywhere at any time

Int: right now you are not in school and working?

Resp: I am in school

Int: studying what?

Resp: driving

Int: you told me that you have a job, how old were you on your
first job?

Resp: I was 16 years

Int: why did you start working at the age of 16 years?

Resp: problems

Int: what kind of problems?

Resp: I only used to do that during school holidays like fetching water for someone and they pay me. I could also look after my uncle's cow and he used to pay me

Int: what kind of work are you doing right now?

Resp: I am a machine operator

Int: how much do you make in a month?

Resp: about Sh9,000

Int: how do you spend the money?

Resp: I use it on person effects

Int: like?

Resp: buying cows, goats and building

Int: in this community of Viwandani, what does it mean to be successful?

Resp: owning residential houses and renting them out, buying your own farm

Int: can you tell me about a successful person in this community?

Resp: my cousin

Int: what does he do?

Resp: he has bought cattle a piece of land, and he drives

Int: for a successful person like your cousin, what kind of work does he do?

Resp: he is a driver

Int: when you say a young person is successful in this community,
what distinguishes him from others?

Resp: being in employment

Int: can you expand on that?

Resp: he got a job and bought a piece of plot and constructed
residential houses?

Int: what distinguishes a young person in this community who is
well behaved from one who is not?

Resp: the way you were brought up by your parents

Int: can you expand on that

Resp: someone who is determined

Int: determined to do what?

Resp: just determined in life to make it

Int: how do we know that this one is determined?

Resp: it will be seen on the activities he is carrying out

Int: in your own opinion what would I see in a well behaved young
person than that one who is not?

Resp: he has residential houses

Int: you can be ill mannered and own plots for residential houses,
what is his behavior like?

Resp: silence

Int: what can a young person in this community do to be successful?

Resp: to work hard

Int: where?

Resp: in his job

Int: you told me that your parents are upcountry. Why did you leave home to come to this place?

Resp: I came to look for a job

Int: what did you feel when you first left home to come to Nairobi?

Resp: I was happy because I was going to look for a job

Int: how old were you?

Resp: 18 years

Int: how did it feel like coming to live alone in Nairobi?

Resp: I was happy

Int: why?

Resp: because I live alone

Int: why would you be happy living alone?

Resp: I cannot look for someone else when I have a wife

Int: you told me that you were happy when you left home to come and stay here alone; why were you happy about this?

Resp: because I had my own house and I also got a job immediately

Int: as a young man living alone, what challenges are you going through?

Resp: financial

Int: tell me more about that?

Resp: when you don't have money and a job, it becomes difficult for you

Int: you are now married; how old were you when you were getting married?

Resp: 20 years

Int: how old was your partner?

Resp: 18 years

Int: why did you choose this particular spouse and no other?

Resp: she pleased me

Int: in what way

Resp: her behavior

Int: like which one?

Resp: she was not moving from one boyfriend to another

Int: how does it feel like being married?

Resp: good

Int: do you feel you are an adult because you are married?

Resp: yes

Int: why?

Resp: I have a wife

Int: what kind of challenges are you experiencing for being married at your age?

Resp: none

Int: you told me that you are married can you tell me briefly how you first met; how old were you?

Resp: 18 years

Int: and your partner

Resp: she was 18 also,

Int: who did you meet?

Resp: we met at school

Int: how did the relationship start? How did you begin being in love?

Resp: we just met at school

Int: and she was how old by then?

Resp: she was also 18

Int: I would like you tell me about your first sexual experience. How old were you when you had your first sex?

Resp: I was 14

Int: how old was the girl?

Resp: she was also 14 years

Int: why did you choose to have sex with her

Resp: I talked to her and we agreed

Int: did you use any protection?

Resp: no

Int: why?

Resp: None of us was infected

Int: how did you know that your friend was not infected by any disease?

Resp: she was still young and I don't expect a young child to have diseases in her body

Int: you told me that you are married, do you have any children?

Resp: no

Int: when do you plan to have your first child?

Resp: this year

Int: why do you think this is the best time of the year to get children in your marriage?

Resp: she is already pregnant

Int: as we complete the discussion, I would like to know how you were affected by the post election violence in 2007

Resp: there was a lot of stealing

Int: who was stealing what?

Resp: some of those who were fighting are the ones who stole other people's things

Int: as a person were you affected in any way?

Resp: no

Int: and your friends?

Resp: work, people were not able to go to work, others lost their jobs because the companies closed down. Those who were doing business had to close down because there was nothing to sell

Int: were some people chased away from their residential areas?

Resp: yes

Int: tell me what happened?

Resp: they were chased away from the houses they were living in

Int: what part of Viwandani was this?

Resp: silence

Int: what did you do about the uncertainties surrounding the violence?

Resp: I went upcountry and when the violence was over, I came back to Nairobi

Int: what didn't you life about the violence?

Resp: the fighting

Int: how?

Resp: people killed each other, others were harmed

Int: what did you like about the violence?

Resp: there was nothing good about it

Int we have reached the end of the interview. Thank you