

# Discussion: Strategies for Hard to Reach Populations

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#### Overall comments

#### • Hughes:

 Fantastic People and Where to Find Them: Effectively Surveying the LGBTQ Population

#### Sheridan:

 Research with Hard to Survey Populations: Lessons Learned From Recruiting and Tracking an Urban, Adolescent Sample

#### LeBaron:

 Building a Hard-to-Reach Sample: Lessons Learned from the Evaluation of Fresh Empire

### **Overall Comments**

- Two recent experiences
- Two contradictory points
  - Vulnerable populations deserve our best approaches
  - Power of qualitative research



























































































































































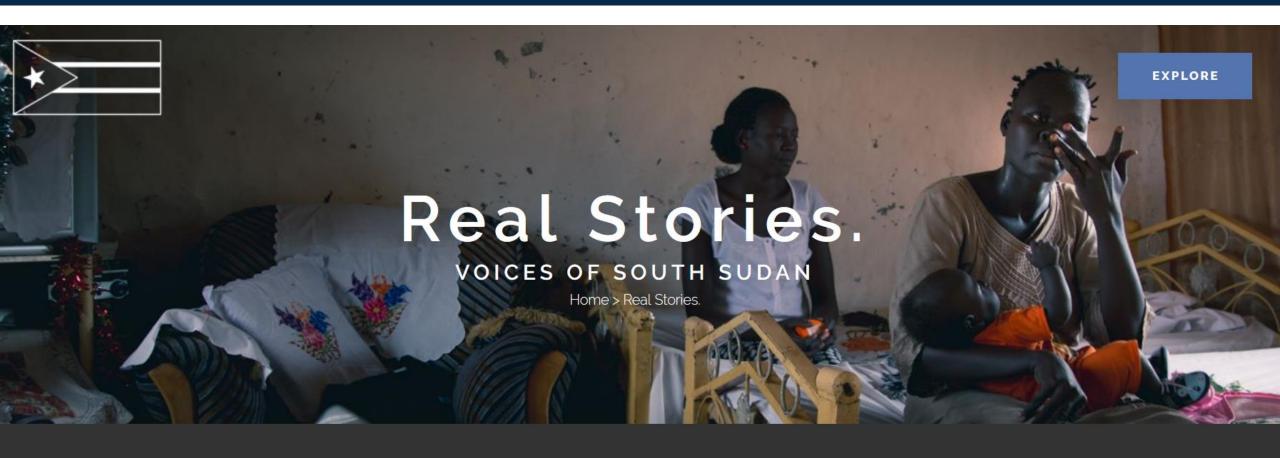








### The Pulse of South Sudan







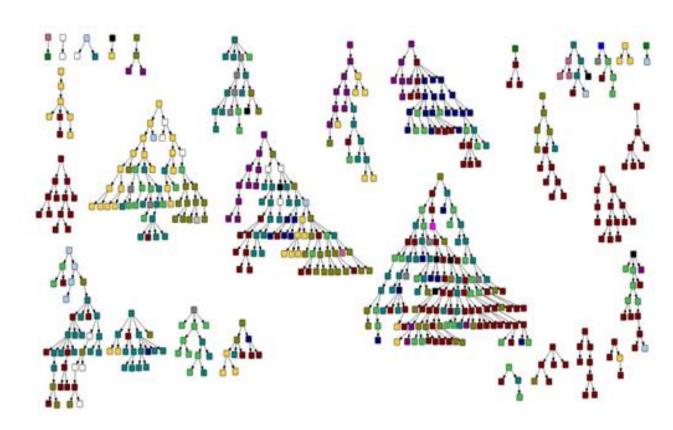
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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2019a). Crossing Paths - A Respondent Driven Sampling survey of migrants and refugees in Nouadhibou, Mauritania.

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- Venue-based sampling
  - Aka time-location
  - Aka Centre-based sampling
  - Assumptions:
    - Probability sample of venues
    - Probability sample of people
    - Accurately report venues, times
  - Baio et al (2011) in Journal of Official Statistics

#### Tension between

Estimating % of target group in general population (Williams Institute) Conducting survey with members of target group (Hughes paper)

### Sheridan

- Hard-to-Contact
  - 70% noncontact in Cohort 2
- Nonrespondents:
  - Poorer health
  - More adverse childhood experiences
- More frequent follow up
  - 4 months
  - 12 months



# LeBaron

- How to screen for hip-hop youth?
  - Protect against over-reporting
- What did survey measure?
  - Exposure to campaign?
  - Trend in smoking %?
- Partnering with hip hop organizations?

