

Appendix S1: Focus Group Discussion guide. The following document was made available for all coordinators of the Focus groups



Focus Group Discussion (FGD) Guide

Title of the study: Mitigating the cultural, social and organisational barriers for meeting the needs of patients with major limb loss (MLL) in Northern Uganda.

Introduction: Gulu University together with Manchester University is conducting a study on “mitigating the cultural, social and organizational barriers for meeting the needs of people with major limb loss in Northern Uganda. After the study has been explained, any questions you may have are answered, and if you have decided to participate in the study, you will be asked to sign a group consent. The aim of the study is to find out how many people in Acholi sub-region have some form of disability and to describe how those with disability are living, their knowledge about their rights, among other things.

Procedure: The following are the questions to guide the discussions

1. Tell us your experience of medical/rehabilitation services regarding your disability?
Probes
 - Where did you go?
 - How did you reach the facility?
 - How far is it from your residence?
 - What kind of medical/rehabilitation services did you receive for your disability?
 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of these services you received?
 - Are the current services sustainable?
 - How could the services be improved?
2. Discuss your views about outreach services for people with major limb loss within your community?
3. What challenges do persons with disability face in this community?- Getting a wife/husband, having children, employed, participate in politics etc.
4. How does local culture and beliefs affect the lives of a disabled person in this community? How can it be improved?
5. Who in your view would be the key stakeholders in overcoming the barriers associated with disabilities in your communities?