MODULE 4.6 – HANDOUT 2

Observation Field-Notes 24 July 2020

Research questions: What are the needs and priorities of youth regarding livelihood activities? What are some of the barriers to accessing paid work? What actions can our organization take to increase access?

Location of interview: Boora refugee camp in Bagara[[1]](#footnote-1), ‘Dex’ Tea-house

Time of observation: 10am-11am

Humanitarian context: Cross-border conflict causing mass displacement

***Extract from observation***

When I first sit down in the tea-house there is a group of 5 young men who seem to be aged between 19 and 26 years old sat around a small wooden table. They turn to me as I sit down and 2 of the young men stare for a few minutes before they turn back to face one another.

Three of the five men are looking at their mobile phones (smartphones, model unknown). One of those three guys has music playing on his mobile phone. They are dressed in baggy jeans and basketball or football shirts, their clothes and shoes are clean.

The five men sit without talking to each other for a few minutes, the two on their phones are staring at the walls. One of the men says something I cannot hear which made the others laugh.

They have a plastic bowl of 6 mandazi (doughnut) in the middle. One of them takes a mandazi using a piece of newspaper to pick it up. A newspaper is also on the table in-between all of the men. It is opened which suggests to me they have been reading it.

The atmosphere feels quite serious, but the five men seem comfortable in each other’s company.

1. Fictional – to be adapted to context. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)