



## Violence and abuse issues in Mandya CBR Research

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### Emancipatory research

- 371 persons with disabilities in 17 thematic meetings – 57% male, 46% female, 1% transgender persons; average age 29 years (5.6% children, 81.5% between 16 to 45 years, 12.9% above 46 yrs)
- We are presenting some life stories from Mandya about violence and abuse.

## **Violence and abuse in life stories**

- **There was no specific meeting on violence and abuse issues**
- **In some way or another, in most life stories people talked about issues of abuse and violence at homes, schools, in communities ..**

## **Abuse in school**

- **In theme meeting on visual disabilities, a boy called Sunil who used eye glasses told his story – he was teased by his friends and he felt very bad about it. He told his father that he did not want to go to school. Father went to the school to talk with headmaster.**

## **Abuse in community**

- **A girl told her story – she was working in the home of someone, other persons in the community said that you are disabled, and why are you going to other homes to work**

## **Abuse in family**

- **A girl with physical disability told that her mother says that “You are not our daughter, do not show your face to us”. Her parents also ask her to hide when relatives and friends come to their house ...**

## **Violence in the family**

- A father of a 8 year disabled girl is an alcoholic. One month ago, he was drunk and he took his daughter, pour kerosene on her and burned her.

## **Abuse and violence: conclusions**

- We did not ask any direct question about violence and abuse
- Abuse in different forms is very common in families, in communities, in schools ..
- Violence is less commonly mentioned and most often involves family members
- In some life stories, persons talked about sexual abuse