

Sexual abuse

Survivor seeks help

Survivor does not report

Via family & community

Via formal authorities/services

**Barriers to disclosure**

**Family level**

- Feelings of shame & stigma
- Expectation that money will be demanded
- Expectation of disrespect & discrimination by services
- Threats from perpetrator
- Fear of services not facilitating communication
- Survivors have poor knowledge of their rights

**Barriers to disclosure**

**Community level**

- Community shame
- Village systems mistakenly deal with serious crime
- Inappropriate resolutions & petty compensation
- Fear of jeopardising powerful interests
- Threats from perpetrator
- Community has poor knowledge of their rights

**Barriers**

**Services level**

- Poor practice and attitudes of service providers
- Inadequate knowledge & training of service providers
- Corruption and coercion
- Poor physical access and lack of enabling services (e.g. Sign language)
- Threats from perpetrator

No action

Local resolution arranged

Services provided & case taken forward?

Risk of continued abuse

Risk of long term psychological damage

Justice not done

Reduced risk

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Responses to sexual abuse of persons with disabilities, East Africa

