

The intergenerational impact of war: longitudinal relationships between caregiver and child mental health in postconflict Sierra Leone

Theresa S. Betancourt,^{1,2}

i i i
(, 2001/ , 1 / , i ,
, & , 1 / &
, 200 / - i , 2014).
(2011)
i i , i i
i i , i i

Measures

Internalizing symptoms. Internalizing symptoms were assessed using the Internalizing Symptom Scale (ISS) (First & Gibbon, 2004). The ISS is a 4-item self-report scale that measures internalizing symptoms. The scale consists of 25 items with a maximum score of 100. The scale is composed of 10 items with an $\alpha = .2$ (First, Gibbon, & Williams, 1996) and 15 items with an $\alpha = .2$ (First, Gibbon, & Williams, 1996). The total score of the ISS is calculated as the sum of the 25 items scores divided by the number of items (i.e., 25). Internalizing symptoms were assessed at baseline, 3, 6, and 12 months post-treatment.

War exposures. War exposures were assessed using the War Experiences and Trauma Scale (WETS) (First & Gibbon, 2004). The WETS is a 10-item self-report scale that measures war exposures. The scale consists of 10 items with a maximum score of 100. The scale is composed of 10 items with an $\alpha = .2$ (First, Gibbon, & Williams, 1996). The total score of the WETS is calculated as the sum of the 10 items scores divided by the number of items (i.e., 10). War exposures were assessed at baseline, 3, 6, and 12 months post-treatment.

..... i i i i i i i

Key points

- Although it is well established that caregiver mental health plays a role in child mental health in Western settings, there is a dearth of longitudinal studies in postconflict environments investigating this relationship following war exposure.
- A two-wave prospective study of mental health among former child soldiers and their caregivers was

Journal of Clinical Psychiatry, 41, 1-10.

(2000).

Clinical Psychology Review, 28, 2-11.

(1991).

Health Policy, 19, 33-44.

(2000).

International Review of Psychiatry, 20, 211-303.

(2003).

[Infant Mental Health Journal, 24, 111-125.

(2000). Dyadic data analysis.

(2000).

Croatian Medical Journal, 49, 411-414.

(2000).

Journal of the American Medical Association, 300, 1-02.

(2014).

British Journal of Clinical Psychology, 53, 333-341.

(1991).

(1991).

Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, 150, 22-24.

(1991).

Child Development, 67, 10-11.

(2004).

Journal of Refugee Studies, 17, 40-42.

(2005).

Journal of the American Medical Association, 294, 51-55.

(2012).

American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 82, 34-35.

(2000).

International Journal of Epidemiology, 38, 1033-1045.

(2000).

Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, 163, 531-533.

(1991).

Journal of Clinical Child Psychology, 28, 151-155.

(1991).

Journal of Women's Health: Research on Gender, Behavior and Policy, 4, 25-311.

(2000).

Lancet, 374, 10-11.

(2014).

Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry, 55, 313-321.

(2011).

International Perspectives on Children and Mental Health, 2, 1-10.