



Use of *SenseMaker*[®] to Conduct Research Among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

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Background



- **Syrian crisis** resulted in over 1.2 million Syrians displaced into Lebanon
- **Child marriage** reportedly increased and the age of marriage decreased
- **Limited evidence** is available on the use of SenseMaker® in humanitarian settings



Child Marriage



- Affects **girls** more often
- Violation of **rights**
- Form of **gender-based violence**
- Profound and long-term **consequences**



SenseMaker®



- Developed by **Cognitive Edge**
- **Mixed-methods** approach
- Based on **story-telling**
- Tell a **story** in response to an **open-ended prompt**
- Participants **interpret** their own story



Story Prompt

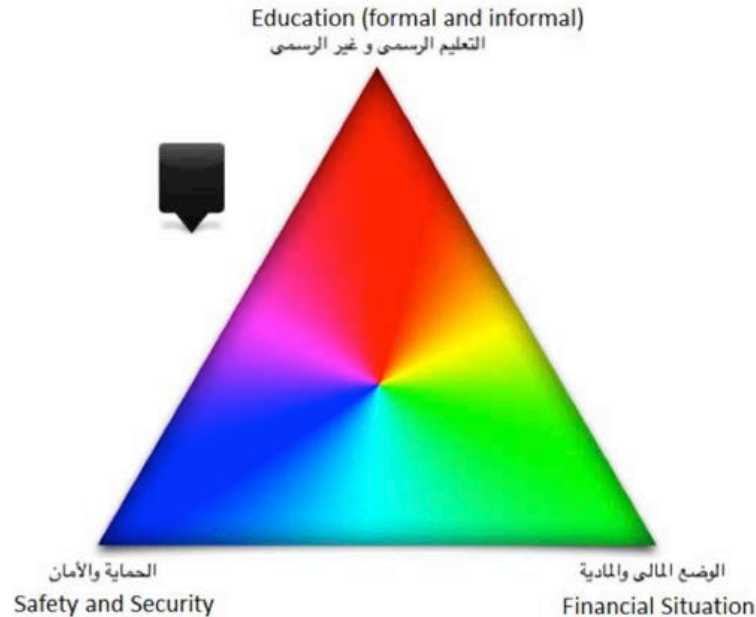
خبرنا/خبرينا عن حالة سمعت/ي عنها أو مرت معك بتعلينا فكرة عن أفضل أو أسوأ شيء عن حياة البنت السورية تحت 18 سنة بلبنان .

Tell a story about a situation that you heard about or experienced that illustrates the best or worse thing about the life of a Syrian girl (under the age of 18) in Lebanon.

Triad

The shared story relates mostly to:

القصة يلي خبرتها بتتعلق أكثر شي بـ



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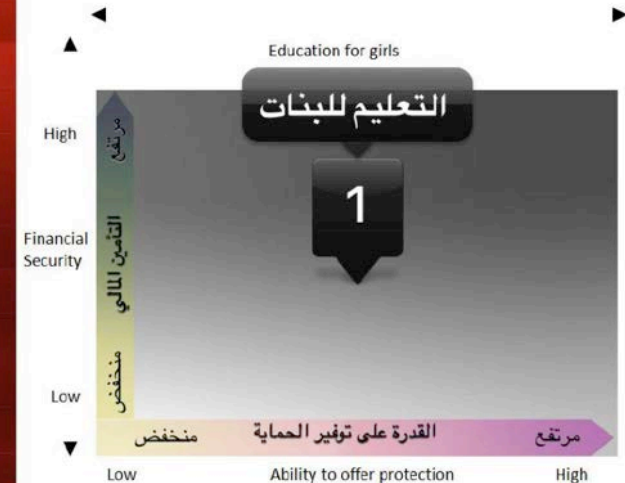
From your perspective, the Syrian girl(s) in your story is/are
من وجهة نظرك، البنت أو البنات السوريات في لبنان يلي بقصتك

N/A



Stones

- 1 التعليم للبنات
- 2 إيجاد الزوج المناسب
- 3 الأمان
- 4 الحفاظ على شرف العائلة
- 5 توظيف البنات
- 6 حقوق البنات
- 7 السعادة



Study Methods

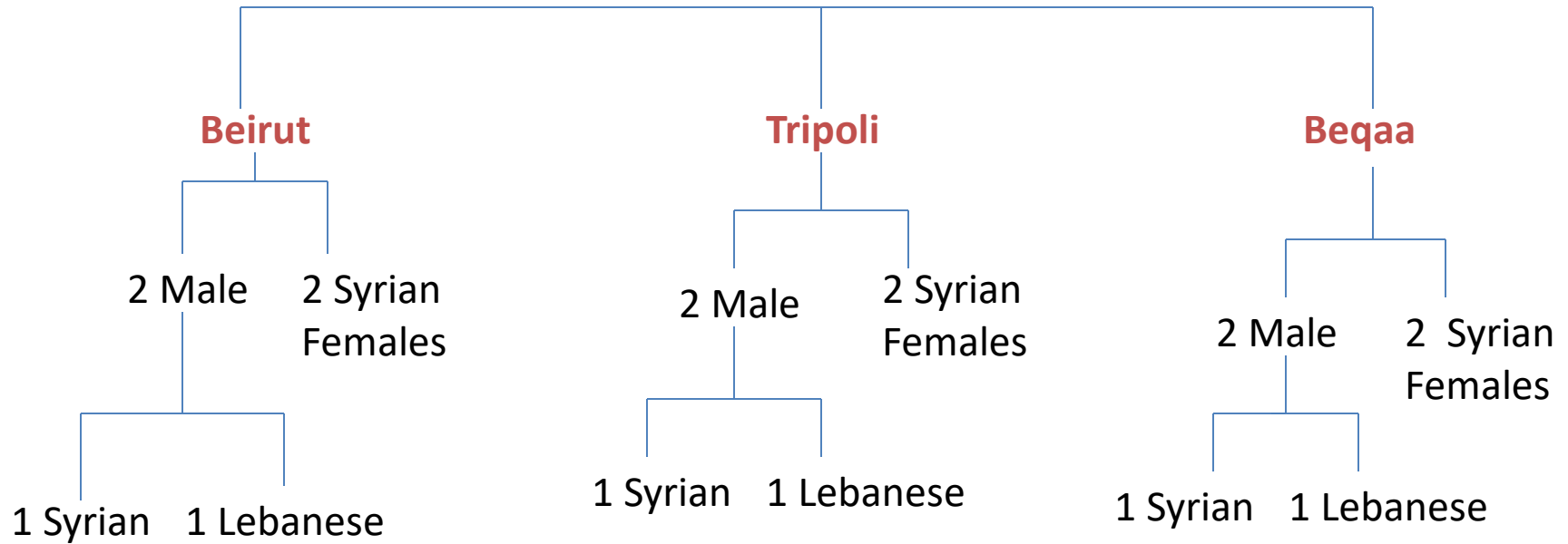


- Lebanon July–Aug 2016
- Variety of participant groups
- Audio recorded stories
- iPad Mini 4



Interview Team

- 12 purposively selected interviewers
- 4 days of training





Results & Conclusions



Data Collection



- 1,422 narratives from 1,346 unique participants in 7 weeks
- Variety of participant subgroups
- Data summaries accessed weekly
- Allowed close monitoring
- Generally well accepted by participants



	Beirut	Beqaa Valley	Tripoli	Subgroup total
Married Syrian girls	58	72	67	197
Unmarried Syrian girls	78	70	82	230
Syrian mothers	83	88	74	245
Syrian fathers	63	83	52	198
Unmarried men	92	79	97	268
Married men	70	66	92	228
Community leaders	23	13	20	56

Strengths of SenseMaker®



- Efficient data collection
- Audio recording of stories is quick
- Reduces researcher bias
- Avoids direct questioning
- Close quality assurance

Limitations of SenseMaker®



- Stories sometimes **lacked depth and richness**
- **Small, fixed font** on iPad
- Not well adapted for **Arabic**
- Cannot perform **skip logic**
- Qualitative data **lacked depth**

Conclusions



- SenseMaker® was an efficient mixed-methods data collection tool
- It can be used in a humanitarian settings and among refugee communities

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