INTERVIEW SCRIPTS

Interview 1: Samira, 15 years old, Nairobi, Kenya

• Bullying Experience:

o "I was in the hallway when I saw a group laughing at another girl's clothes. She looked so embarrassed and just walked away. I didn't know what to do."

• Coping Mechanisms:

o "When it happened to me, I just pretended not to care, but I felt terrible inside. I never told anyone because I didn't think they'd help."

Social Media:

 "Once, someone made a meme about my friend and posted it online. She cried for days. The comments were so mean."

• Solutions:

 "I think schools should have someone who checks in with students privately to see if they're okay."

Interview 2: Jaden, 16 years old, Kisumu, KENYA

Bullying Experience:

o "At football practice, the older players always make fun of younger kids. They think it's funny, but it's not."

• Coping Mechanisms:

o "I just try to avoid them. I stay in groups where I feel safe."

• Social Media:

• "People bully online because they feel powerful behind a screen. I think there should be stricter rules on platforms."

• Solutions:

• "We need workshops to teach everyone, even bullies, about how their actions hurt others."

Interview 3: Hannah, 17 years old, Kapsabet, KENYA

• Bullying Experience:

 "I've seen bullying happen in group chats. It's hard to stop because everyone just laughs along."

• Coping Mechanisms:

o "I left the group chat when it happened. I didn't feel like confronting them."

• Social Media:

• "It's easy for bullies to post anonymously. Platforms need better reporting systems."

Solutions:

o "I'd like an app where students can report bullying without being identified."