

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

Introduction

Interviewer: *Hi Hannah, thanks for joining this study on bullying. I am Martin Raymond and your insights will help us understand and address the issue better. Everything you say is confidential.*

Hannah: *Okay, let's do it.*

Bullying Experience

Q: *Can you describe a time when you witnessed or experienced bullying?*

A: *It was in a group chat. Some girls started making fun of another girl's photos, saying she looked "cheap."*

Q: *How did it make you feel, and what did you think?*

A: *It was awful to watch. I left the group because I didn't want to be part of it.*

Q: *Why do you think they acted that way?*

A: *They probably wanted attention or thought it was funny.*

Coping Mechanisms

Q: *How do you react when faced with bullying?*

A: *I try to avoid it. Confrontation feels scary.*

Q: *Did you talk to anyone?*

A: *No, I felt like no one would take it seriously.*

Q: *What would help?*

A: *Having someone reach out to check if I'm okay would make a difference.*

Social Media

Q: *Have you seen bullying on social media?*

A: *Yes, especially in comments on posts. People can be so mean.*

Q: *Why do you think people bully online?*

A: *It's easy to say things when you're not face-to-face.*

Q: *What could platforms do better?*

A: *Add filters to block mean comments automatically.*

School/Community Response

Q: *What does your school do about bullying?*

A: *We have an anti-bullying club, but not everyone takes it seriously.*

Q: *Do you feel comfortable reporting bullying?*

A: *Not really. It feels like nothing will change.*

Q: *What's one thing you'd improve?*

A: *Make reporting easier and more private.*

Future Solutions

Q: *What would make you feel safer?*

A: *Knowing there's a system that actually protects victims.*

Q: *What can adults do differently?*

A: *Take time to listen without judging.*

Q: *If you could create an app, what would it do?*

A: *It would have resources, like videos on how to handle bullies, and let you report incidents safely.*

Closing

Interviewer: *Thanks for sharing, Hannah. Your input is really valuable. Do you know anyone else who might be interested in joining this study?*

Hannah: *I can ask my friend. She might have a story to share.*