



**Measured Impact Webinar**  
 Group work with survivors of Torture:  
 Engaging Communities

Online Consultation

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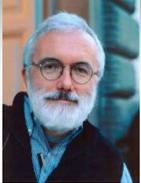
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### Objectives

- Identify potential benefits associated with engaging community-based organizations and interventions in their group work with survivors of torture
- Cite key points and best practices in providing group work to survivors of torture
- Identify the essential components of distance supervision



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### IRC Tucson Adjustment Support Group

- Used Pathways to Wellness Curriculum blend



Photos courtesy of IRC Tucson



- 8-Week Group in Kinyarwanda and English



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### Location: Community Garden



Photo courtesy of IRC Tucson

- Easily accessible by bus
- Located in apartment complex several clients lived in or near
- Several clients had a garden plot here already through New Roots program



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### Incentive: Knitting/Crocheting



- Donations received from the wider Tucson community (and beyond)



- Clients' finished projects inspired one another
- Increased sense of self-efficacy

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### Closing Ceremony: Pomegranate Tree Planting in Community Garden



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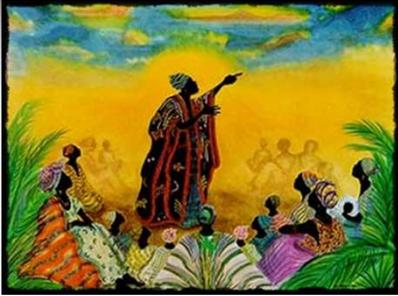
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### Discussion Questions

- How did your organization determine that you would implement group work?
- How did your organization determine what kinds of groups you would implement?
- What challenges have you encountered in implementing your group and how have you addressed them?
- What insights have you gained in doing group work?
- What are the challenges of doing Group work with SOTs in two languages?
- How do you evaluate your outcomes in Groups designed for SOTs?

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