

Response to Reviewer Comment

Reviewer Comment:

The section on evidence-based training appears to overlap with the literature review. The general discussion of GBV and training interventions could be integrated for better flow rather than presented under separate headings.

Response:

Thank you for this helpful suggestion. The manuscript has been revised to improve coherence and narrative flow by consolidating the sections previously titled *“The Need to Strengthen Professional and Community Leadership Capacity”* and *“Evidence-Based Training Study.”* These have now been integrated into a single section titled *“Strengthening Professional and Community Capacity Through Evidence-Based GBV Training.”*

This revision ensures a more seamless progression from the broader discussion of GBV in Eswatini to the role of training interventions in strengthening response capacity. Additionally, transitions have been strengthened to clearly link the problem context, existing evidence, and the rationale for the present study. Language that could be interpreted as presenting findings has also been refined to reflect literature-based evidence.