## Supplementary material 5. Semi-structured interview topic guide

- 1. Could you tell me a little bit about yourself?
  - How would describe yourself based on your current life?
  - Where would you consider as home?
- 2. How do you feel about Germany?
- 3. Are you able to feel at home in Germany or is there a sense of marginality?
- 4. To what extent do you feel accepted and part of German society?
- 5. In what circumstances have you felt that social exclusion is a problem?
- 6. What challenges or barriers have complicated your sense of belonging?
- 7. What ways have you experienced or are you experiencing less access to opportunities, for example for political and social participation, because of your background?
- 8. What in your view does the term integration refer to, and is it something positive or negative?
- 9. What is the relationship between stress, mental health and migration?
- 10. Have you received support from family and friends throughout it all?
- 11. How do the people in your life talk about racism?
  - What is said about racism against people of African descent?
  - Are there conflicting views?
- 12. To what extent do you agree that racism is a highly stressful challenge for people of African descent in Berlin?
- 13. In what ways can experiencing racism have profound effects on people's mental health?
- 14. Can you tell me a little bit about how racism has impacted your mental health?
  - Were you able to get support from mental health services?
- 15. How do people in your life talk about sexism?
  - What do they say about sexism?
  - Are there conflicting views?
- 16. In your opinion, in comparison to African men, is the impact of racism different for women of African descent?
- 17. To what extent do you agree that sexism is a stress factor imposed on women that can affect their mental health?
- 18. What are some forms of sexism you have experienced?
- 19. How has discrimination based on the fact that you are a women (or a man) impacted your experiences in Germany?
- 20. Can you tell a little bit about how sexism has impacted your mental health?
- Were you able to get support from mental health services?
- 21. Do you consider yourself a feminist?
  - What does feminism mean to you?
- 22. What does intersectionality mean to you?
  - What does it look like?
  - What its impact across Global North-Global South divides?
- 23. What is privilege?
  - -what are some personal experiences you've had in terms of dealing with or noticing privilege? - why is it important that we recognise privilege in our lives?
- 24. What is solidarity in the context of intersectional feminism?
- 25. How can we become more aware of opportunities to challenge and renegotiate power?
- 26. What does resilience-building look like and feel like to you?
- 27. What mental health inequalities exist in regards to women (or men) of African descent?
- 28. Do you think women (or men) of African descent would want to get involved in this type of research?
- 29. What types of challenges need to be addressed in order to make it easier for women (or men) of African descent to participate in this type of research?
- 30. Do you feel that mental health services are safe for women (or men) of African descent to utilise?