

Violence Against Women:

**Expert Group Meeting on Indicators to
Measure Violence Against Women**

Beijing Platform of Action



Strategic objective D.2.

Action to be taken

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Initiatives in data collection on VAW

- › @ Regional Level
 - › ESCWA paper on Gender-Based Violence: Concept, Issues and Measurement in Workshop on Gender Statistics as a Tool for Policy Formulation and Analysis
 - › “G IS IN” Framework – 15 proposed indicators on VAW in IAEG Meeting on Gender and MDGs, Cairo, 10-11 October 2007.
- › @ National Level
 - › DHS modules on FGM and DV – Egypt, 2005
 - › DCMHS module on FGM – Yemen, 1997
 - › Domestic Violence Survey – Palestine, 2005
 - › Women and Men Report – Crime- Yemen, 2002
 - › MDGs - Honor Crimes – Jordan, 2004

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-Women in power and decision-making - *Women and the media*

G4: Reduce child mortality

- The girl-child

G5: Improve Maternal Health

- Women and health

G6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

G7: Ensure environmental sustainability

G8: Develop a global partnership for development

Issues:

I- Female Genital Mutilation:

- i- Egypt Case
- ii- Yemen Case

II- Domestic Violence:

- i- Egypt Case
- ii- Palestine Case

III- Grime and Violence:

- i- Yemen Case

FGM

Initiatives in data collection

- › The practice of FGM has been a tradition in some Arab countries like Egypt, Sudan, Yemen...
- › This operation negatively affects the lives of women, it causes:
 - Pain and Injuries
 - Complications during delivery
 - Psychological traumas
- › Questions designed to assess the current prevalence of circumcision have been included in Egypt DHS and Yemen DCMHS questionnaires

FGM

Source & Target Population

Egypt

Yemen

Sources	EDHS 2005	DCMHS 1997
Target Population	Women Respondents and their Daughters <small>Slide 43</small>	Women

FGM Prevalence

Egypt

- virtually a universal practice
- 96% EMW circumcised
- Ranged btw 92% urban-98% rural
- <90% in:
 - Urban Governorates 89%
 - Frontier Governorates 72%
- 98% No education
- 92% Secondary/higher
- 93% working for cash
- 96% not working for cash
- 89% lowest – 87% highest wealth Q

Egypt Background Characteristic: Wealth quintile

Yemen

- 51% reported only hearing of this operation
- 23% circumcised after marriage
- 20% circumcised before marriage
- Most circumcisions are carried out:
 - 68% by traditional midwife

Yemen Prevalence

97% at home

75% using shaving blades

Yemen Prevalence

FGM Indicators

Egypt

Yemen

-% EMW (15-49) circumcised by background characteristics (Age, urban rural residence, education, work status, wealth quintile)

-% girls (0-17) currently circumcised

-% girls (0-17) who are not yet circumcised but whose mothers intend them to be circumcised

-% expected to be circumcised by age 18 taking into account the current circumcision status and mother's intention by girl's current age, and mother's background characteristics

- % girls 0-17 reported by mothers being circumcised by age at circumcision, urban-rural

-% of female circumcision among married women

-% of female circumcision among non-married women

-% of circumcision carried out by type of peoples profession:

midwife

barber

relative

doctor

-% of circumcisions carried out by type of place:

home

hospital



-% women (15-49) who believe circumcision is required by religious perception

-% EMW (15-49) own attitude and perceptions

Domestic Violence Initiatives in Data Collection

- › Domestic violence has been acknowledged as a worldwide violation of basic human rights as it creates:
 - Health burdens
 - Intergenerational effects
 - Demographic consequences
- › Egypt included a special module on DV in its DHS, while Palestine conducted an independent survey.
- › The objectives:
 - Make available crucial database
 - Provide data and indicators on types and forms of DV
 - Explore relation between domestic and political violence
 - Identify size and degree of problem
 - Identify the victim's and perpetrator's socio-demo charac.
 - Identify the means to counter it



Egypt

Palestine

Sources	EDHS 2005	PCBS 2005
Target Population	Only one women per HH	Survey conducted on 4 groups of people: - Women who are or have been married (15-24) - Unmarried women (18+) -Children (5-17) -Senior citizens (65+)

Egypt

Palestine

-Women's marital status was strongly related;

75% of divorced or separated

43% of widowed

47% of currently married women

-25% rural women

-19% urban women

-> 50% among less-educated women

- < 40% secondary or higher education subjected to physical violence

-26% husbands had been exposed to psychological violence compared with 4% who stated that their husbands had been exposed to physical violence (stated by wives).

-25% NMW (18+) exposed to physical violence compared with 53% exposed to psychological violence at least once by one of the HH members

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-30% NMW (18+) were exposed to physical violence compared with 53% exposed to psychological violence at least once by one of the HH members during the period preceding 2005.

-Mother stated that 52% of their children have been exposed to violence

-6% of elderly people (65+) were exposed to physical Violence by one of the HH members

-17% of elderly people (65+) were exposed to Emotional abuse by one of the HH members

Forms of Physical violence

Egypt

- Pushed, shook, or threw something at women
- Slapped her or twisted her arm
- Punched her with fist or object
- Kicked or dragged her
- Tried to strangle or burn her
- Threatened her with a knife, gun, or weapon
- Attacked her with a knife, gun, or weapon

Palestine

- Throwing heavy objects at the women
- Twisting her arm or pulling her hair
- An attack resulting in wounds, scratches, injuries
- Pushing and shoving
- Attacked her with a knife or any sharp object
- Hitting with miscellaneous objects (belt or cane)
- A strike on the head resulting in a concussion
- Strangulation
- Burning
- Hold tightly in an annoying manner
- An attack resulting in a broken bone



Egypt

- Said or did something to humiliate women
- Threatened harm to women herself /person close to her

Palestine

- Cussing and insulting
- Yelling and screaming
- Breaking or destroying personal objects
- Using hurtful phrases (ex: ugly or fat)
- Threatened harm to woman herself/ person close to her
- Saying things that bother the women and make her ang



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Child upbringing Issues

Person practiced Assault

- Household children upbringing is the responsibility and the business of their parents; no external party may ever intervene
- Children force parents to hit them sometimes
- Beating a child is allowed in certain circumstances in order to teach him/her
- Parents may use physical power against a child if such child does not follow their instructions

- A HH member
- A relative
- A neighbor
- A teacher
- A friend
- Boy or girl on the road

Risk Circumstances for Children

- Absent from school without an excuse or permission from anyone
- Disappeared or was absent from home for many hours
- Spent the night outside home without their consent
- Disobey the teachers
- Beaten by adults from the household
- Beat boys or girls who are strangers, school colleagues, friends, brothers, or sisters
- Beat one of the parents
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Types and Forms of Violence for the Elderly

Physical Violence

- Tried to hurt you and inflict harm
- Twisted arm or pushed
- An attack resulting in wounds, scratches, injuries
- Beat on head resulting in coma
- Beat with a belt, stick or similar sharp object
- Breaking bones resulting from attack

Emotional Violence

- Make you feel unwanted
- Afraid of any of the HH members
- Cursing and Insulting
- Forcing to do something that aren't willing
- make you feel unwanted
- Isolate you from people or prevented you from mixing with them

Economic Abuse

- Take something that you own without your approval
- Destroyed or spoiled personal belongings

Medical Abuse

- HH members don't give you the medicine you cant take yourself

Domestic Violence Indicators

Egypt

EMW

-% who have experienced physical violence since age 15

-% reporting experienced various forms of violence in their relationship with their current/most recent husband by background characteristics of both spouses

Palestine

EMW

-% exposed to any violence by husband, at least once by wife/husband background characteristics, region, type of locality and type of violence

Egypt

EMW

-% who agree that a husband is justified in beating his wife, by selected background characteristics (Age, marital status, experience with physical violence, urban rural residence, education, work status, wealth quintile)

-% experienced physical or sexual violence in their relationship with their current/most recent husband within the past year who reported seeking assistance to prevent or stop violence, by assisting persons, according to frequency of violence

-% experienced violence within past year and did not seek assistance by main reason for not seeking assistance, according to frequency of violence

Palestine

EMW

-% Distribution of their opinion about beating of wife by husband if she did any behavior may be arousing him by region, locality, education attainment, labor force status, and behaviors

Egypt

All Women

-% who experienced physical violence 1 year prior to the survey, by background characteristics (Age, urban rural residence, education, work status, wealth quintile)

-% women reporting physical violence by perpetrator of the violence and current marital status

- % women experiencing physical violence during pregnancy, by background characteristics

Palestine

EMW

-% exposed to violence of husband by region, locality and types, frequency of violence, type and actions of violence

-% exposed to violence of husband by sought institution, taken measures for assistance and satisfaction of received assistance

-% exposed to violence of husband by region, locality, availability of services near the home and type of violence

Palestine

NMW

-% (18+) who lived with HH and exposed to any violence by a member of HH at least once by background characteristics, region, type of locality and type of violence

-% (18+) who lived with HH and exposed to violence by a member of HH by types and forms of violence and region/ locality for selected years

Palestine

Children

-% EMW who agree on violence against their children when they behave in
their children when they behave in

Palestine

Elderly (65+)

-% exposed to any violence from members of HH by:

- region
- type of locality
- type of violence
- form of violence
- region

Men

-% men exposed to any violence by the wife at least once by

- background characteristics of husband
- background characteristics of wife
- region
- type of locality
- type of violence

Crime & Violence

Initiatives in Data Collection

- › **Data for crime and violence in Yemen has been collected from the ministry of interior**
- › **Data collected is classified in three groups:**
 - Rape**
 - Assault**
 - Murder**
- › **Data has been disaggregated by age and gender**

Crime & Violence

Prevalence

Yemen

Source	Ministry of interior, 2006
Prevalence	<p>Majority of violence against men occurs in the adult age</p> <p>A sizeable proportion of violence against women occur during childhood (0-14)</p> <p>Majority of those sentenced by law were men</p> <p>2% of sentenced for murder are women 1% of sentenced for robbery are women</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Yemen Prevalence</u>₃₀</p>

Crime & Violence Indicators

Yemen

Indicators	
	-% of crimes committed by women
	-% of crimes committed by men
	-% crimes committed by men by type of crime (rape, assault, murder)
	-% crimes committed by women by type of crime (rape, assault, murder)

Arab Proposed Indicators

“G IS IN” Framework

1. **No. of women victims of violence per 1, 000 people (domestic, public, workplace)**
2. **Ratio of women to men in prison per 1,000 people**
3. **Prevalence of domestic violence by type and form**
4. **Types of spousal violence experienced by women and men**
5. **# Registered deaths among women and girls caused by domestic violence**
6. **Rate per 100,000 of sexual assault reported to the police**
7. **Number of annual human rights awareness activities which are related to the issue of domestic violence**
8. **Conviction rates for sexual assault and other violent crimes**
9. **Annual # of women and children using shelters**
10. **Capacity of available shelters for women and children**
11. **Ratio of expenditure by government to donors and NGOs on preventing , mitigating, and eliminating gender-based violence**
12. **Prevalence of FGM**
13. **Number of crimes of Honor**
14. **Rates of spousal homicide reported to police, by age of victim and marital status**
15. **% physically or otherwise abused/ sexually harassed female domestic workers³² of the total domestic workers**

Constraints

- › No single tool to measure and track all dimensions of VAW
- › lack of monitoring and follow up laws
- › Low disclosure rates due to safety and confidentiality
- › Under estimates of prevalence rates
- › Lack of integrated information systems
- › Weak capacity for inter-institutional cross-referencing
- › Offender-based data
- › Excludes victims who do not report or seek help
- › Limited access to criminal records
- › Lack of protocols for recording data

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@ National level

- ' **Including VAW in Women and Men and national MDG reports**

- ' **Awareness raising on VAW**

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- › **@ Regional level**
 - **GSP in the Arab countries – revitalized**
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Annex

Egypt

Background Characteristic: Wealth quintile

Wealth quintile	% EMW (15-49) Circumcised	# EMW (15-49)
Lowest	97.8	3,565
Second	99.1	3,778
Middle	98.3	3,931
Fourth	97.1	4,137
Highest	87.3	4,063
Total	95.8	19,474

SECTION 8 FEMALE CIRCUMCISION

NO QUESTIONS AND FILTERS CODING CATEGORIES SKIP

2 → 803

801 Now I would like to talk about the practice of female circumcision. YES NO
 Have you yourself been circumcised? NO

802 How old were you when you were circumcised?
 AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS
 DONT KNOW 98

217 LEAST ONE NO 803 CHECK 214 AND AT

804 CHECK QUESTIONS 214 AND 217 AND IDENTIFY ALL OF THE WOMAN'S DAUGHTERS AGES 0-17 YEARS. ENTER THE NAME AND LINE NUMBER FOR EACH DAUGHTER IN 805 BELOW BEGINNING WITH THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER. USE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE IF MORE THAN FOUR DAUGHTERS.
 Now I would like to ask you some questions about your daughters.

(NAME)	(NAME)	(NAME)	(NAME)	(NAME)	(NAME)
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0-14 YRS	0-14 YRS	0-14 YRS	0-14 YRS	0-14 YRS	0-14 YRS
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DK (GO TO NEXT DAUGHTER)	DK (GO TO NEXT DAUGHTER)	DK (GO TO NEXT DAUGHTER)	DK (GO TO 810)
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808 Who performed the circumcision to (NAME)?

DOCTOR 1	DOCTOR 1	DOCTOR 1	DOCTOR 1
NURSE/ OTHER	NURSE/ OTHER	NURSE/ OTHER	NURSE/ OTHER
HEALTH PRV	HEALTH PRV	HEALTH PRV	HEALTH PRV
OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER
(SPECIFY)	(SPECIFY)	(SPECIFY)	(SPECIFY)

809 How old was (NAME) when she was circumcised?

AGE	AGE	AGE	AGE
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Yemen Prevalence

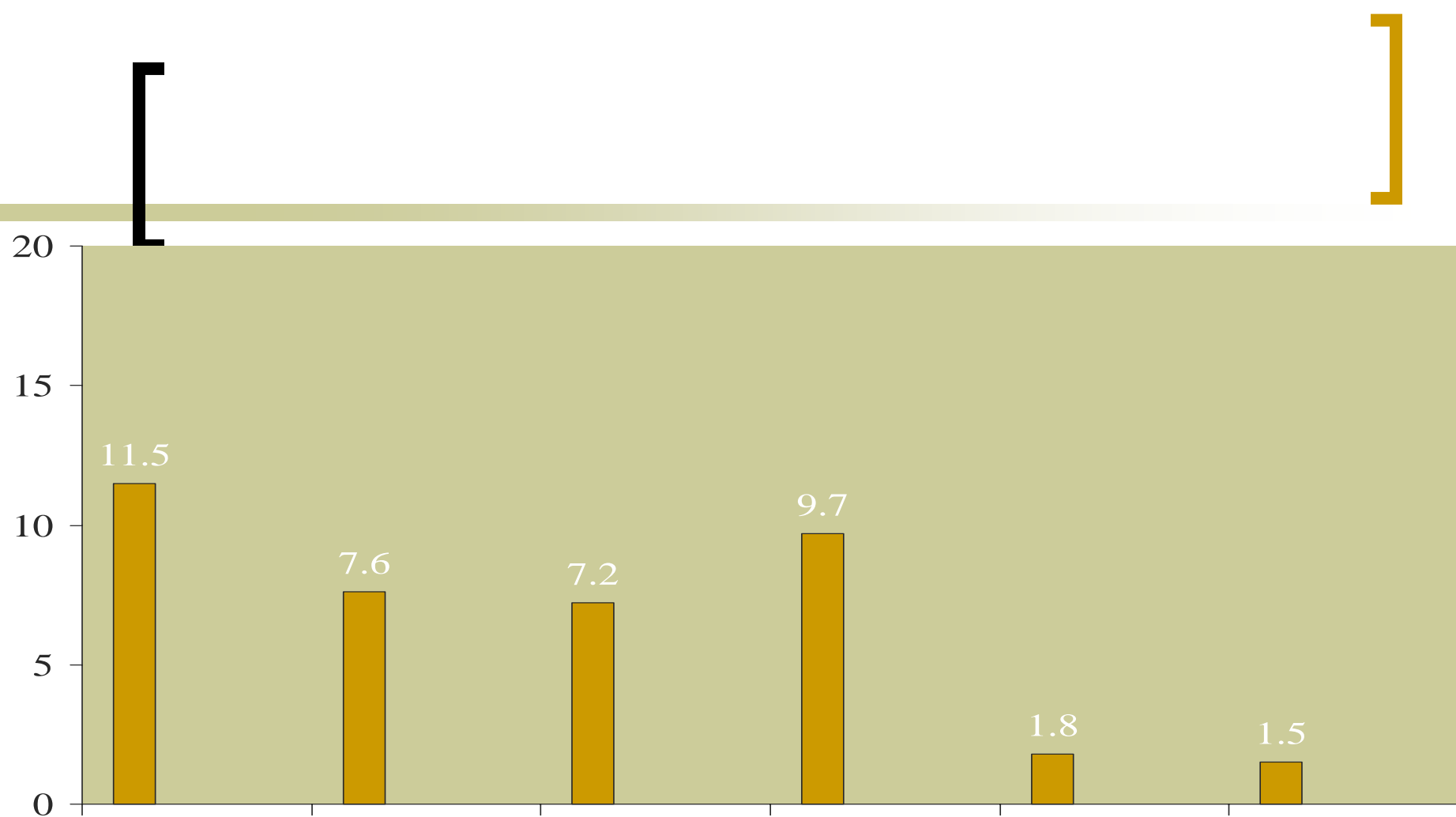
Operations carried out by:

- 68% by a traditional midwife
- 19% by relatives
- 5% by a trained midwife
- 5% performed by barbers
- <1% by doctors

FGM Prevalence

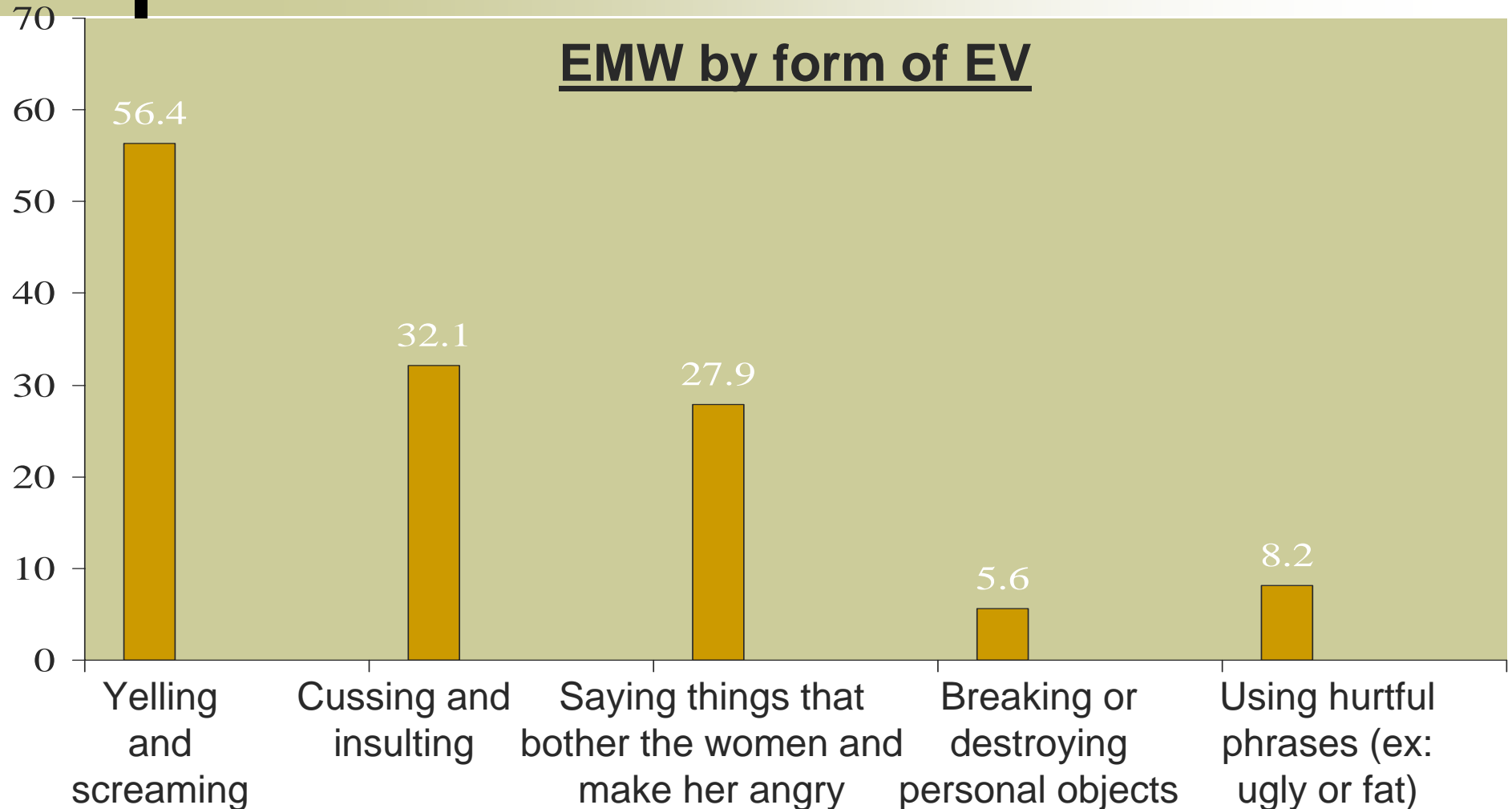
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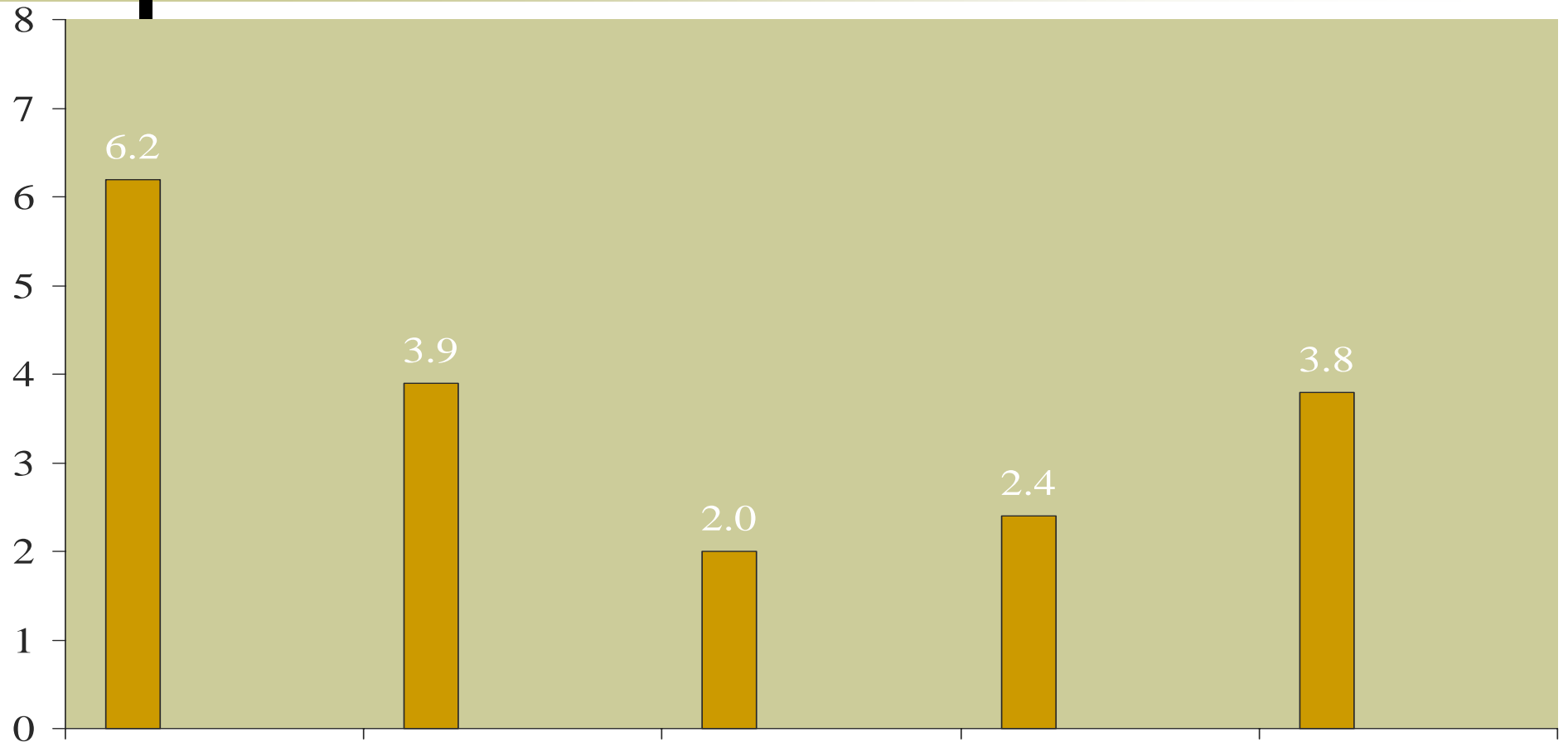


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Prevalence

EMW by form of EV

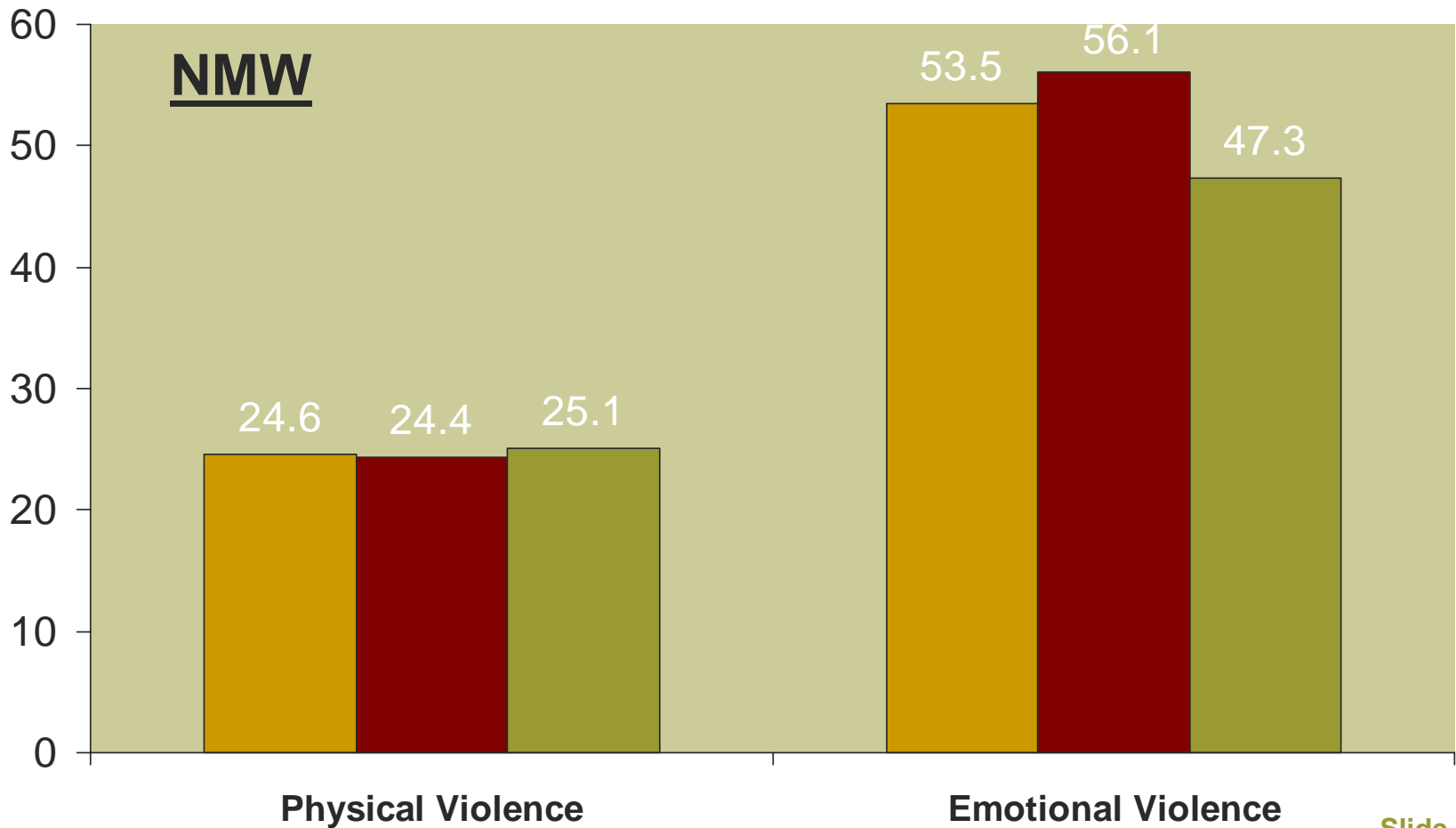


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Palestine Prevalence

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