



Report of this Expert Group meeting

Limited to scope, prevalence and incidence of VAW

Give an overview of existing initiatives for the development of indicators

Consider the types of violence that should be covered in a possible set of indicators and propose an approach for defining a technical description of each possible indicator



Essential challenges

(1) What is the purpose?

- National /vs trans national
- Awareness, influencing policy, comprehension, policy evaluation

(2) Tension between comprehensive and minimum (ideal vs realistic)

(3) Taking account of differential resources and capabilities

(4) Methodological challenges: ethical and safety measures, interviewers

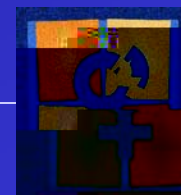


Types of violence

- Intimate partner violence
- Rape
- Other sexual assault
- Stalking
- Sexual harassment at work
- FGM
- Forced marriages
- Honour based crime
- Murder of women

One generic indicator?

Sources of data



- Intimate partner violence
- Rape
- Other sexual assault
- Stalking
- Sexual harassment at work
- FGM
- Forced marriages
- Honour based crime

"Universal"	Context specific
XX	
X	?
X	?
?	?
?	?
	X
	X
	X



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Intimate partner violence

Violence resulting in injuries

Measure of severity, only for physical, but not all severe violence results in injuries..

Violence in pregnancy

Measure of severity, only for ever pregnant women

Emotional violence

Methodological development underway, problem with threshold, comparability

Controlling behaviours

As above, abuse or risk factor

Economic violence

Limited experience

Stalking from partner

Limited experience



Measurement of physical violence by partner

Has your partner ever.....

Slapped or threw something at that could hurt you?

Pushed or shoved you or pulled your hair?

Moderate

Hit with his fist or with something else that could hurt you?

Kicked, dragged or beat you up?

Choked or burnt you on purpose?

Threatened to use or actually used a gun, knife or other
weapon against you?

Severe



Measurement of sexual violence by partner

Were you ever physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?

Did you ever have sexual intercourse you did not want because you were afraid of what he might do?

Ever force you to do something sexual that you found degrading or humiliating?



Measurement of emotional abuse:

Has your partner ever....

- Insulted you or made you feel bad about yourself?
- Belittled or humiliated you in front of other people?
- Done things to scare or intimidate you on purpose (e.g. by the way he looked at you, by yelling and smashing things)?
- Threatened to hurt you or someone you care about?



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Incidents

- Intimate partner violence
- Rape (by non partner)
- Other sexual assault
- Stalking
- Sexual harassment at work
- FGM
- Forced marriages
- Honour based crime

Frequency in past year
X
X
X
X
X
X

Once, a few
times, many
times??



Suggestions for all types of violence against women

- Define the study population broadly
- Use behaviorally specific questions: specific acts
- Specify time frames (last year, ever) and frequency
- Context and how the questions are phrased
- Cue respondent to different contexts and perpetrators

• In reporting be specific about what you measured!





Putting women's safety first

1. Safety of respondents and research team
2. Studies need to be methodologically sound
3. Confidentiality for safety and data quality
4. Selection and training of team members
5. Actions to reducing distress to respondents
6. Possibilities of referral, support mechanisms
7. Proper interpretation and use of study results
8. Violence questions in other surveys



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