Measuring violence against women
UN activities
« You can’t manage what you can’t measure »

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Background

- UN GA Resolutions 2006-2009
- Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women
- Systematic data collection and analysis
- Involvement of NSOs
- Developing a set of indicators
Friends of the Chair on VAW

- established in February 2008
- to develop indicators and methodological standards for measuring VAW
- within national statistical systems
- Australia, Bangladesh, Botswana, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa-Rica, Egypt, Ghana, Italy, Mexico (Chair), Thailand, Turkey, United States
Role of NSOs in measuring VAW

- Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
  - Impartiality
  - Professionalism
  - Confidentiality

- Methodological and technical know-how
  - Good basis for sample frame (from pop. Census)

- Continuity
Role of NSOs in measuring VAW

- Limited resources
  - NSOs financed from state budget
  - Statistical Programme adopted by a relevant body (Parliament, Government, Council)
- Lack of awareness and policy support
- Know-how in specific methodology on surveys on VAW
  - Ethical and safety measures
FoC developing VAW indicators

- Core set of 6 indicators – adopted by UNSC in February 2009
- Additional 3 indicators in December 2009
- Report and Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Violence against Women for approval by UNSC in Feb. 2011
FoC developing VAW indicators

- Both statistical surveys and administrative records needed
- Further work on use of administrative and civil society records:
  - include indicators in the core set (e.g. femicide)
  - adjust statistical data collections to provide data on gender and VAW
### Core set of indicators on VAW (1)

1. Total and age specific rate of women subjected to **physical violence in the last 12 months** by severity of violence, relationship to the perpetrator and frequency
2. Total and age specific rate of women subjected to **physical violence during lifetime** by severity of violence, relationship to the perpetrator and frequency
3. Total and age specific rate of women subjected to **sexual violence in the last 12 months** by severity of violence, relationship to the perpetrator and frequency
4. Total and age specific rate of women subjected to **sexual violence during lifetime** by severity of violence, relationship to the perpetrator and frequency
5. Total and age specific rate of ever-partnered women subjected to sexual and/or physical violence by current or former intimate partner in the last 12 months by frequency
6. Total and age specific rate of ever-partnered women subjected to sexual and/or physical violence by current or former intimate partner during lifetime by frequency
7. Total and age specific rate of women subjected to psychological violence in the past 12 months by the intimate partner
8. Total and age specific rate of women subjected to economic violence in the past 12 months by the intimate partner
9. Total and age specific rate of women subjected to female genital mutilation
Data availability on core indicators

- Overview of surveys on Violence against Women by UNSD
- 59 surveys from 49 countries
- Highest availability: women experiencing physical violence during lifetime by relationship to the perpetrator - 83%
- Low number of surveys providing information on frequency of VAW for all forms violence.
Data availability on core indicators

Percentage of surveys providing data on total rate of women subjected to...

- Physical violence in the last 12 months
- Physical violence during lifetime
- Sexual violence in the last 12 months
- Sexual violence during lifetime
- Sexual or physical violence by intimate partner in the last 12 months
- Sexual or physical violence by intimate partner during lifetime
Data availability on core indicators

Percentage of surveys providing data on rates of women subjected to..., breakdown by...

- physical violence in the last 12 months
- physical violence during lifetime
- sexual violence in the last 12 months
- sexual violence during lifetime
- sexual or physical violence by intimate partner in the last 12 months
- sexual or physical violence by intimate partner during lifetime

Legend:
- total
- by age
- by frequency
- by severity
- by relationship to perpetrator
UNDA project on VAW (1)

- “Enhancing capacities to eradicate VAW through networking of local knowledge communities” – financed by UN Development Account
- 2009-2011
- UN Regional Commissions: ECLAC, ECA, ECE, ESCAP, ESCWA, DESA/Statistical Division, DESA/DAW, coordinated by ECLAC
UNDA project on VAW (2)

Objective: to strengthen national and regional capacity to act on the prevention, sanction and eradication of VAW through

• improving statistical data and indicators of VAW
• increased knowledge sharing
Main activities

❖ Workshops, seminars, expert meeting:
  • UNECE 1st workshop 29-30 April 2010, Geneva

❖ Developing and testing a module to collect data for the core set of indicators on VAW

❖ Knowledge sharing:
  • Interregional web-portal
  • National and international publications
Survey module on VAW

- To collect data on the 8 indicators developed by the UNSC FoC group
- Led by UNECE, with other UN regional commissions, UNSD, UNDAW
- Module to be tested in 10 countries
- Tests to be completed during 2010, latest by mid-2011
Testing of the module

- Focus on the effectiveness of the module
- Test the associated procedures, e.g. interviewer training
- Test module as part of another survey, or as the core of a dedicated survey
- Survey module + detailed interviewers’ guide and training materials available
  
  [link](http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/VAW/Measuring+v+violence+against+women)
- Expert meeting possibly in autumn 2010
Thank you!