Measurement of the UN indicators on Violence against Women

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Background to UN VAW indicators (1)

- 2006 GA adopted a resolution entitled “Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women” – urging States to take action, including efforts towards better measurement of this phenomenon. The resolution of 2006 requested, among others, the UN Statistical Commission to develop and propose a set of possible indicators on VAW, for assessing its scope, prevalence and incidence.

- Febr 2008: establishment of the Friends of the Chair group of the United Nations Statistical Commission on Statistical Indicators on Violence against Women – to develop a core set of indicators to measure VAW (2011)
In 2007, 2009 and 2010, UNECE convened meetings of an Expert Group on Measuring Violence against Women. They contributed to the identification of the interim set of indicators on measuring violence against women and, thereafter guided the development of a questionnaire module for collecting data on the set of indicators.

The module is expected to become a standard data collection tool on violence against women for national statistical offices worldwide (2015).
UN core indicators on VAW 1

1. Total and age-specific rate of women subject to physical violence in the last 12 months by severity of violence, relationship to perpetrator(s) and frequency

2. Total and age-specific rate of women subject to physical violence during lifetime by severity of violence, relationship to perpetrator(s) and frequency

3. Total and age-specific rate of women subject to sexual violence in the last 12 months by severity of violence, relationship to perpetrator(s) and frequency

4. Total and age-specific rate of women subject to sexual violence during lifetime by severity of violence, relationship to perpetrator(s) and frequency
5. Total and age-specific rate of ever-partnered women subject 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 subject 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
### Required classifications for the indicators 1-8

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**Denominators**
- 1-4: all women
- 5-8: ever partnered
BRAIN STORM 1

There separate indicators on physical or sexual partner violence (indicators 5 and 6), while physical and sexual violence by perpetrator (including by partner) are already covered by of the indicators 1-4.

Can you comment on the possible reasons for having these extra indicators on partner violence?
Possible answers

- Different nature – Partner violence as course of conduct - physical and sexual violence part of the same phenomenon by the same perpetrator, cf physical violence by others and sexual violence by others generally refers to different incidents and different perpetrators.
- Partner violence is much more hidden, harder to disclose
- Partner violence makes up a large part of the violent experience in a woman’s life and if it is not highlighted separately the importance may not be recognized.
- Violence in the public life was traditionally measured in crime surveys and is easier to measure
- Partner violence needs different policies and programs compared to other types of violence.
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Background:
2009 Inventory on (6) indicators and dimensions of VAW collected in 59 existing surveys

- Almost all surveys give indicators of prevalence of physical and sexual violence
- Many on perpetrators
- Few on frequency
UNECE VAW module - Aims:

- To obtain reliable estimates for the main indicators of violence against women
- To obtain an impression of the extent to which violence is not reported to authorities
Criteria that were considered for draft module

- Initial set of indicators should be addressed (as a minimum)
- Building on instruments that have been well tested and validated across cultures
- Enabling comparative results (also with surveys already done)
Process of development module

- 2009: Draft module building on WHO study on VAW and using experiences from many countries
- Draft survey module and testing strategy discussed at Expert Group Meeting on Measuring Violence against women (Geneva Sept 2009)
- Module modified subsequently
- 2010: testing and further revision of module
Structure of UNECE VAW module

- Questions on demographic characteristics of respondent (besides age in particular partnership status and partnership history)
- Questions on partner violence: psychological, economic, physical, sexual
- Questions on violence by others since age 15: physical and sexual
- 12m/lifetime, frequency and severity
SECTION ON
VIOLENCE BY PARTNERS
Intimate partner violence: 2 sets of questions

- A) Questions for current or most recent partner
- B) Questions for any other previous partner

- Acts of controlling behaviour
- Acts of economic violence
- Acts of psychological violence
- Acts of physical violence
- Acts of sexual violence
Measurement of controlling behaviour by partner

- He tries to keep you from seeing your friends?
- He tries to restrict contact with your family of birth?
- He insists on knowing where you are at all times?
- He ignores you and treats you indifferently?
- He gets angry if you speak with another man?
- He is often suspicious that you are unfaithful?
- He expects you to ask his permission before seeking health care for yourself?
Measurement of economic abuse by partner

- He refuses to give you enough money for household expenses, even when he has money for other things?
- [other questions if applicable]
Measurement of psychological violence by partner

- 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)?
- Verbally threatened to hurt you or someone you care about?
Measurement of physical violence by partner

- Slapped or threw something at that could hurt you?
- Pushed or shoved you or pulled your hair?

- Hit with his fist or with anything else that could hurt you?
- Kicked, dragged or beat you up?
- Choked or burnt you on purpose?
- Threatened with or actually used a gun, knife or other weapon against you?
Measurement of sexual violence by partner

- Were you ever 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 did not want or that you found degrading or humiliating?
Reference period

- For each of the acts of abuse or violence: emotional, physical and sexual violence:
  - past 12 months
  - lifetime
Frequency

- For acts of emotional, physical and sexual violence, and for both past 12 months and before past 12 months: Once, few, many times

**In test module** for events of physical and sexual violence in the past 12 months:
- 1) daily, weekly, monthly, less than 1/month
- 2) estimated absolute count
Severity

- For physical violence: nature of act
- For physical or sexual violence:
  - Injuries as direct effect of any physical or sexual violence (asking for specific injuries)
  - Miscarriage as direct effect
  - Self reported impact on physical or mental wellbeing
  - Are you ever afraid of partner (never, sometimes, many times, all the time)
Type of partner relationship

- Partner violence questions are separately asked for
  - current or most recent partner
  - any previous partner(s)

- Type of relationship with partner (married, living together, dating) is collected for the previous partners who were violent for each set of controlling behaviours, emotional, physical and sexual violence.
Non reporting of violence

- One question at the end -- referring to any type of partner violence reported:

“Who have you told about your (previous) partner’s behaviour?” (pre-coded list)
### Beware of gender bias in prevalence of domestic violence: incidents and gender (British Crime Survey)

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SECTION ON VIOLENCE BY OTHERS THAN PARTNERS
Measurement of physical violence by others than partners

- Since the age of 15, has anyone ever hit, beaten, kicked or done anything else to hurt you physically? Threw something at you? Pushed you or pulled your hair? Choked or burnt you on purpose? Threatened with or actually used a gun, knife or other weapon against you?

- PROBE:
  - Anyone else?
  - How about a relative? How about someone at school or work? How about a friend or neighbour? A stranger or anyone else?
Perpetrators, reference period and severity

- Pre-coded list of perpetrators (incl. sex)
- For each of the perpetrators mentioned:
  - How many times did this happen since you were 15 y: once, few, many
  - How many times did this happen in the past 12 months: once, few, many
  - For the each of (max 3) most serious perpetrators: 3 questions on injuries
1. Measurement of sexual violence by others than partners – Rape

- Since the age of 15, has anyone ever forced you into sexual intercourse when you did not want to for example by threatening you, holding you down or putting you in a situation that you could not say no. Remember to include people you have known as well as strangers. Please at this point exclude attempts to force you.

- Who did this to you? (followed by probes)
2. Measurement of other forms of sexual violence by others

- Since the age of 15, has anyone attempted to force you into a sexual act you did not want, attempted to force you into sexual intercourse (which did not take place), touched you sexually, or did anything else sexually that you did not want. Remember to include people you have known as well as strangers.

- Who did this to you? (followed by probes)
Perpetrators and reference period sexual violence (both sets)

- Pre-coded list of perpetrators
  - Includes sex of perpetrator
- For each of the perpetrators mentioned:
  - How many times did this happen since you were 15: once, few, many
  - How many times did this happen in the past 12 months: once, few, many
- Severity: rape vs. other sexual abuse
Many surveys measure violence for two reference periods: in the past 12 months and during lifetime.

1. Explain for each of the reference periods how the results should be interpreted (what do they tell us).

2. Describe for the results of these reference periods how (for what purpose) they could be used.
### Possible answers

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- Question by question explanation
- Training program for interviewers with training facilitators manual and PPT
- Interviewer manual including ethical and safety measures
- [Outline for feedback report and guides for debriefing interviewers]
- Code book and analysis plan for the VAW indicators
- SPSS recodes and syntaxes
## Codebook

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Total non-partner violence by relationship and sex of perpetrator

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Recode and analysis syntaxes

*** prsevpa - severity based on acts (first 2 acts only = moderate)

IF (prphys = 0) prsevpa = 0 .
IF (V27aa = 1 | V27ab = 1) prsevpa = 1 .
IF (V27ac = 1 | V27ad = 1 | V27ae = 1 | V27af = 1) prsevpa = 2 .
VARIABLE LABELS prsevpa 'severity phys violence by former partner (acts)'.
VALUE LABELS prsevpa 0 'no phys violence' 1 'moderate phys violence only' 2 'severe phys violence'.
EXECUTE .

*** prsevpi - severity based on injuries (first 2 acts only = moderate)

IF (prphys = 0) prsevpi = 0 .
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VARIABLE LABELS prsevpi 'severity phys violence by former partner (injuries)'.
VALUE LABELS prsevpi 0 'no phys violence' 1 'phys violence no injuries' 2 'phys violence and injuries'.
EXECUTE .
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Putting women first in violence research

- 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
Challenges of ensuring data quality and respondent safety are often greater when VAW module is incorporated in surveys on other topics compared to in specialized (dedicated) surveys in VAW
Outcome of testing (2010):

- Microdata used to develop and test analysis syntaxes to see if indicators can be derived.
- Update and finalization of module and materials
- Used for further development of VAW indicators and guidelines by UNSD

Not achieved:

- To test as module with other survey
- Proper results on counting of incidents
More considerations around module

- Module to survey on other topic
  - not suited for deeper understanding of violence
  - more issues of safety and ethics
  - more issues around underreporting/comparability

- A dedicated survey remains the golden standard

- Way ahead: a dedicated survey bringing together existing knowledge and experience....
Current developments (2011)

- Development UNSD UN guidelines for statistical surveys on VAW

- Development of an e-course on measurement of VAW by ECLAC:
  - 20 June – 8 July: course for e-tutors;
  - October-November: 8 week e-course for technical staff of statistics and gender mechanisms
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Greetings from Mrs Sonia Montañó

Communication and interaction

- Online Chat Rooms
- Presentation of Participants
- Technical and Pedagogical Consultation Forum (use of the platform)
- Virtual cafe / Open space
- Sharing relevant and interesting resources

Module 1: Understanding violence against women

- Do you know your facts on violence against women? Take the Say NO quiz and find out!

Information

- Learning objectives Module 1
- Book on Content Module 1
- Reference materials and Complementary Reading

Exercise: recognizing existing ideas or knowledge

- Quiz "Sex and gender"

Workshop: digesting what we learned

- Building a glossary of Key Concepts on Violence against Women

Assignment: sharing our worlds

- "Magic Glasses"
- Sharing our Worlds
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“... I hardly could pull myself together not to cry. I wanted to get out of the house as soon as possible and cry out loud.... I hardly made it to the car; as soon as I told my whole team they all burst out in tears. The most painful thing for me was not being able to do anything. At the end I thought that this very research is about hope, and I have done my part.” (interviewer)
“Maybe I was mediating by listening to her for half an hour, and it was worth the world when at the end she thanks me and tells me she felt worthy.”

(interviewer)
Survey as social action

- For interviewers: a life-changing experience, with many going on working on women issues.

- For respondents: their awareness was raised, they were listened to, and they were made to feel worthy.
Conclusions (1)

- REALIZE that this is different from routine surveys
- Women are willing to share experiences with trained and empathic interviewers
- Key features to the success of the study are selection and training of interviewers
Conclusions (2)

- Ethical issues, including safe name
- Psychological support for interviewers and respondents
- It is an intervention in itself:
  - Survey as a participatory activity
  - Survey as transforming for interviewers and researchers
  - Survey as awareness building among respondents
Good luck!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND MATERIALS:
http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/VAW/Measuring+violence+against+women

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