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Designing projects on VAW NGOs Working with the subject of VAW



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The main topics being discussed:

- guidelines to follow when writing a projects on VAW
- recommendation for implementing a project on VAW

Participating partner organizations



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WHAT ARE THE WORLDWIDE FACTS ON VAW?

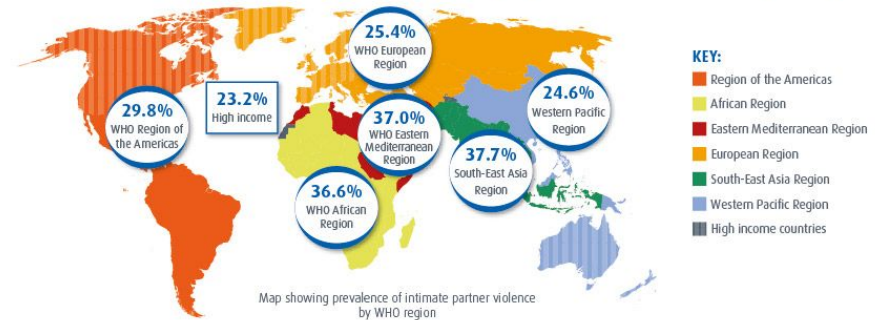
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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: PREVALENCE

1 in 3 women throughout the world will experience physical and/or sexual violence by a partner or sexual violence by a non-partner



All statistics can be found in the report entitled Global and regional estimates of violence against women: Prevalence and health effects of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence, by the World Health Organization, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and the South African Medical Research Council, found here: <http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/violence/en/index.html>

WHAT ARE THE EU-LEVEL FACTS ON VAW?

SOURCE:

[HTTPS://EIGE.EUROPA.EU/GENDER-BASED-VIOLENCE/WHAT-IS-GENDER-BASED-VIOLENCE](https://eige.europa.eu/gender-based-violence/what-is-gender-based-violence)

Gender-based violence more common than you think

In the European Union, since the age of 15:

1 in 3

women has experienced
physical and/or
sexual violence

1 in 2

women has experienced
sexual harassment

1 in 20

women has been **raped**

1 in 5

women has experienced
stalking



95%

of victims **trafficked**
for **sexual exploitation** in the EU are women

WHERE TO LOOK FOR DATA?

Violence against women: an EU-wide survey. Main Results Report. European FRA – Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2014
<https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2014/violence-against-women-eu-wide-survey-main-results-report>

EIGE / European Institute for Gender Equality: <https://eige.europa.eu/gender-based-violence>

Eurobarometer 73.2. Domestic Violence against Women Report, 2010.:
https://ec.europa.eu/commfrontoffice/publicopinion/archives/ebs/ebs_344_en.pdf

European Commission: Europa provides data about different subjects and it also contains data on violence against women in the form of reports and articles:
https://ec.europa.eu/search/?QueryText=violence+against+women&op=Search&swlang=en&form_build_id=form-ERtyDX0EF-v2VpflVTEdqsagbCeKRtImrrjnVj2njvs&form_id=nexteuropa_europa_search_search_form\:

UNWOMEN: <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/violence-against-women>

WHO/World Health Organization
https://www.who.int/health-topics/violence-against-women#tab=tab_1

EWL / European Women's Lobby: <https://womenlobby.org/-News-589-?lang=en>

COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND VAW

EIGE Report: The Covid-19 pandemic and intimate partner violence against women in the EU:

<https://eige.europa.eu/publications/covid-19-pandemic-and-intimate-partner-violence-against-women-eu>

WHO Report: Addressing violence against children, women and older people during the covid-19 pandemic: Key actions:

https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Violence_actions-2020.1

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-violence-against-women>

The Gender Action Plan III of EU (2021-2025). The Gender Action Plan III of EU (2021-2025) promotes and encourages the aim of achieving gender equality by providing better opportunities to all. This external action plan focuses on reducing gender violence and give freedom to all the genders from gender violence:

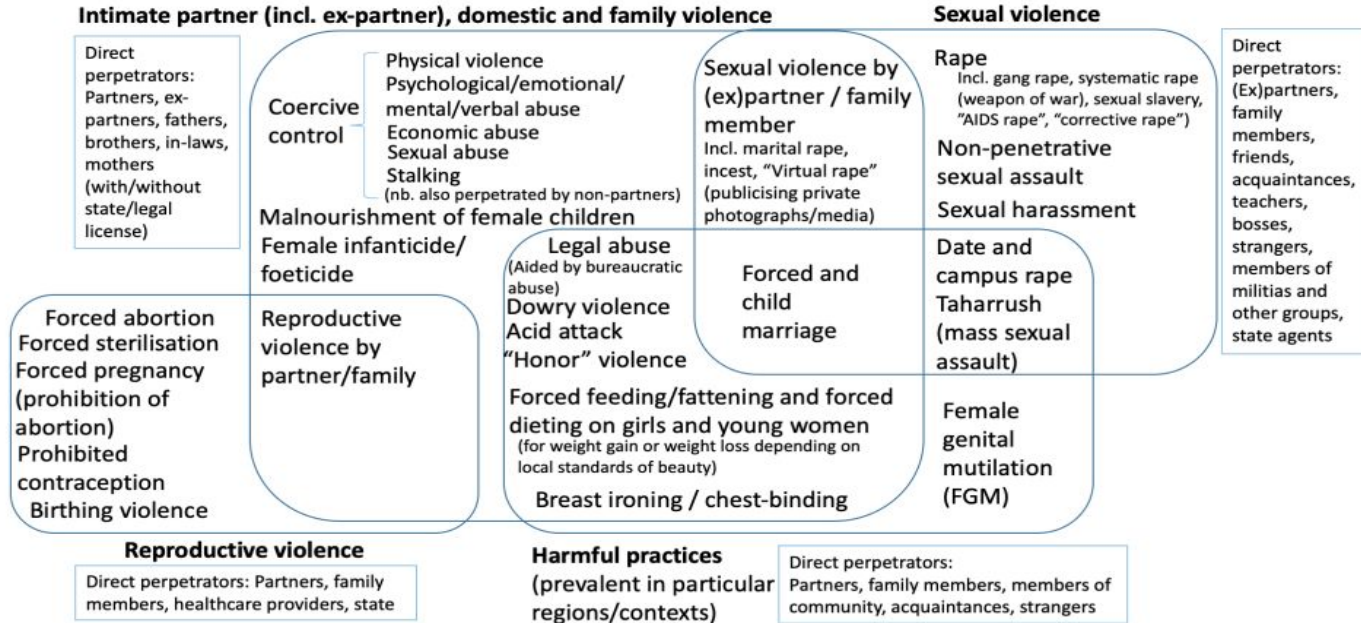
https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/system/files/join-2020-17-final_en.pdf

OECD Report: Women at the core of the fight against COVID-19 crisis. Covid-19 Pandemic has negatively affected women's life in different ways:

https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/view/?ref=127_127000-awfnqj80me&title=Women-at-the-core-of-the-fight-against-COVID-19-crisis

What forms of VAWG exist?

Forms of gender-based violence against women and girls



WHAT IS GENDER-BASED VAW?

UN-definition: “any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.” (General Assembly Resolution 48/104. Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, 1993)

Source for UN definitions:

<https://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/v-overview.htm#:~:text=The%20Declaration%20defines%20violence%20against,public%20or%20in%20private%20life>

The aspects of the term ‘gender-based’ for discussing violence:

- violence happens based on gender inequality
- violence inherently rooted in power differences/inequalities between women and men
- violence directed towards a person because of her (his)gender

Women and men can experience violence, but available data demonstrate that women are disproportionately affected by GBV. All this indicates that to understand the phenomenon of GBV, women’s unequal status in society, the unbalanced distribution of social, political, and economic power has to be tackled.

Source:<https://eige.europa.eu/gender-based-violence/what-is-gender-based-violence>

SO, WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT A VIOLENCE IS GENDER-BASED?

- Violence is "directed against a woman because she is a woman or affects women disproportionately"
- "a manifestation of historically unequal power relations between men and women, which have led to domination over and discrimination against women by men and to the prevention of the full advancement of women"
 - ↳ manifestation of gender inequality / gender injustice)
- "(gender based) violence against women is one of the crucial social mechanisms by which women are forced into a subordinate position compared with men."
 - ↳ GBV is a manifestation and a tool in upholding gender inequality / gender injustice)

⇒ GBV operates on the base of MAINTAINING GENDER ROLES AND NORMS, THE HIERARCHY BETWEEN THE SEXES

Source: General Assembly Resolution 48/104. Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, 1993

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF/YOUR ORGANIZATION

These questions help your organization to clarify intentions and find the particular topics within the broader field of VAW you wish to work on.

- 1) Why are you interested in VAW as a topic?/What are your reasons to work on this topic?
- 2) What questions do you have related to VAW?/What questions do you have related to a project working on VAW?
- 3) What doubts do you have related to VAW?/What doubts do you have related to a project working on VAW?
- 4) How to work with VAW?
- 5) Who and what type actors have a role in the project? What is their role in preventing VAW?
- 6) What could go wrong? In different activities/situations? Related to different forms of violence? (Think of a few concrete examples!)

WHEN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROJECT ON VAW

It is recommended to ensure the followings:

- Being aware and mindful of complexity of VAW and the risks it involves
- Security concerns (physical, mental, social)
- Recognising limits of competence
- Involving experts with knowledge
- Careful choice of subject and target group
- Research/training