
"Violence against women: a statistical overview, challenges and gaps in data collection and methodology and approaches for overcoming them"

Expert Group Meeting

Organized by: UN Division for the Advancement of Women
in collaboration with:
Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and World Health Organization (WHO)
11 – 14 April, 2005
Geneva Switzerland

Programme of Work

Monday 11 April 2005

- 8:30 AM** **Pick up UN Pass at Security Office (See information note)
Registration at Palais des Nations Salle XII**
- 10:00** **10:45 AM** **Welcome and introductions by UN Division for the Advancement
of Women, Economic Commission for Europe and World Health
Organization**

Plenary Session 1

Objective: To review existing initiatives to collect data and statistics on violence against women, covering 3 broad areas: international measurement survey initiatives, nationally initiated surveys, and routine data collection.

Key questions: On what forms of violence against women are data collected? What does this data indicate about the prevalence of certain forms of violence against women? What methodologies are used and who collects the data? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the different approaches? What challenges remain in getting accurate and complete data on the prevalence of such violence? On what forms of violence against women are data and statistics not collected or available? In which areas and regions are statistics available and in which are they not?

Note to presenters: It is anticipated that all papers to be presented in plenary session will be circulated to participants approximately one week before the meeting. Please note that presentations in plenary should be strictly limited to **fifteen (15) minutes** and should focus on the constraints and remaining gaps and challenges in data and methodology. The papers may be used to present findings of surveys or reports.

10:45 12:30 PM Morning session

Panel 1: Data collection on violence against women

Assessing the strengths and weaknesses of different sources of the data on violence against women collected and available through existing systems such as health, crime, death, social service, shelter and other statistics as well as surveys. What methodologies are used for collect h a sscfD(t)Tj 16 0 TD(i)Tj Tj 16 0 TD(i)Tj Tj 16 i

2:00 6:00 PM Afternoon session

Panel 3: National level efforts at assessing the prevalence of violence against women

On what forms of violence against women are data collected at the national level? Where and how is data collected? Is it systematically done? What have these efforts indicated about the prevalence of violence against women in certain countries and what gaps remain? What is the best combination of methods for systematic collection of comparable national level data? How can the experience of international level efforts be integrated into systematic, national level collection of statistics?

Holly Johnson (Canada)
Elizabeth Ardayfio-Shandorf (Ghana)
Dominique Fougeyrollas-Schwebel (France)
Ruth Ojiambo Ochieng (Uganda)

(Presentations will be followed by brief questions for clarification)

Presentations on:

Work of the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women
(Lucinda O'Hanlon)
Secretary General's Study on Violence Against Children (Amaya Gillespie)

(Coffee break)

Synthesis

Discussants will synthesize the strengths, weaknesses, limitations and lessons learned from the presentations, as well as identify gaps in terms of methodologies, types of violence against women covered, populations covered, etc.

Mary Ellsberg
Sylvia Walby

Discussion

Tuesday 12 April 2005

10:00 11:00 AM Discussion continued

Plena

Wednesday 13 April 2005

10:00 6:00 PM Working Groups

a. Use0

