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**Report of the Expert Group Meeting on Measuring Violence against Women <sup>1</sup>**

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**REPORT OF THE MEETING**

**I. BACKGROUND**

1. The main purpose of this expert group meeting was to discuss a proposal for a survey module and methodology to measure the violence against women interim set of indicators approved at the fortieth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission<sup>1</sup>; and agree on a strategy for testing the module in a number of countries across the world.
2. The following substantive items were discussed:
  - (i) Setting the context: overview of the United Nations development account project on the eradication of violence against women
  - (ii) Proposed survey module questions and methodology
  - (iii) Testing strategy: countries to be involved; method; evaluating test outcomes
3. A summary of the discussion and decisions is provided below.

**II. SETTING THE CONTEXT**

4. The United Nations General Assembly has urged States to ensure the systematic collection and analysis of data to monitor all forms of violence against women (A/RES/63/155). One of the five key outcomes of the United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign, "UNiTE to End Violence against Women" is the establishment in all countries by 2015 of systems for data collection and analysis (see the Framework for Action adopted by the Campaign). A recommended set of questions used to collect data on the interim indicators can prevent countries from diverging in their application of surveys on violence against women and facilitate international comparability of results.
5. The development and testing of a short survey module to measure violence against women is part of a United Nations Development Account project on "enhancing capacities to eradicate violence against women through networking of local knowledge communities". This project is being implemented by all five United Nations Regional Commissions, in cooperation with the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD) and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (UNDAW). Spanning two-years (2009-2011), the project includes a range of activities:
  - (a) Development of a bilingual toolkit for the collection and use of information on violence against women
  - (b) Workshops on the collection of data and measurement of violence against women
  - (c) Interregional web portal / knowledge sharing platform
  - (d) Short module to measure violence against women
  - (e) National publications on violence against women
  - (f) One interregional publication based on national findings.

6. The aim of a module is to enable countries to collect a minimum set of information to measure the prevalence of physical and sexual and intimate partner violence through other appropriate

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<sup>1</sup> See the Report of the Friends of the Chair on the review of indicators on violence against women (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc09/2009-13-GenderStats-E.pdf>) and Report of the fortieth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc09/Report-English.pdf>).

population-based surveys. This initiative emerged from discussions at the joint UNDAW/UNECE/UNSD Expert Group Meeting on Indicators to measure violence against women (Geneva, 8-10 October 2007). As outlined in the report of that meeting<sup>2</sup>, a sound module may be considered as an alternative in the case that a dedicated survey is not possible, due to limited resources for example.

7. In response to the General Assembly resolution 61/143, which requested the United Nations Statistical Commission to develop a set of possible indicators on violence against women in order to assist States in assessing the scope, prevalence and incidence of violence against women, the Statistical Commission established a Friends of the Chair group, currently comprising representatives from 15 countries. In its first report to the Statistical Commission, the Friends of the Chair group presented an interim set of statistical indicators for measuring violence against women, as well as a recommendation for developing a set of Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Violence against Women. The Statistical Commission adopted the report and the recommendations and requested the Friends of the Chair (FoC) to continue the work on developing the statistical indicators on violence against women; it also request UNSD to initiate the work on developing the Guidelines. These guidelines will comprise an overview of violence against women and the importance of good measures; core and non-core topics for inclusion in surveys, sampling, ethical and safety considerations, statistical editing and processing, tabulations and examples of existing international and national questionnaires.

8. The next meeting of the FoC will be on 9-11 December 2009, at which they will review the recent methodological and phenomenological study of violence against women surveys in over 60 countries, which is currently being produced by UNSD. This research will inform the development of the guidelines, which are tentatively planned to be completed by the end of 2010 (following an expert group meeting to provide feedback on an initial draft in mid-2010). The UNSD guidelines will concentrate on dedicated surveys of violence against women, however, the outcomes of the development and testing of this survey module will be taken into consideration.

9. The work of the United Nations Statistical Division and its Commission is highly relevant to the interregional project. The Regional Commissions and UNSD will take this opportunity to share information and coordinate their work on measuring violence against women.

### III. PROPOSED SURVEY MODULE QUESTIONS

10. A proposal for the survey module questions was presented at the meeting (see Annex 1). Its development was based on the following criteria:

- (i) Allow collection of at least the interim set of approved indicators and required classifications<sup>3</sup>
- (ii) Building on existing instruments that have been well tested and validated across cultures
- (iii) Enabling comparative results

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<sup>2</sup> The report of the Expert Group Meeting on Indicators to Measure Violence Against Women (Geneva 8-10 October 2008) is available at [www.unece.org/stats/documents/ece/ces/ge.30/2007/mtg1/zip1.3.e.pdf](http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/ece/ces/ge.30/2007/mtg1/zip1.3.e.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> The approved core indicators are :

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 women subject to physical or sexual violence by current or former intimate partner in the last 12 months by severity of violence and frequency.
6. Total and age specific rate of women subject to physical or sexual violence by current or former intimate partner during lifetime by severity of violence and frequency.

- (iv) Limiting the questions to an appropriate length for a module that will be attached to other household surveys.

11. The draft module included questions on intimate partner violence and violence by others, as well as a number of proposed optional questions on emotional abuse, controlling behaviors and sexual violence experienced before age fifteen. In addition to the questions and related classifications / answer categories, a number of conceptual issues were discussed. Many of these issues will be clarified in the accompanying question-by-question guide for interviewers, which will be developed as part of the module package. This guide, to be available by the end of October, will take into account the following discussion and decisions reached at the meeting.

### **Household selection form**

12. The opening section of the questionnaire (questions 1-3) provides an example, taken from the WHO multi-country study, of a method for selecting one respondent per household. Ethical and safety considerations require that the module questions are never asked for more than one woman in the household. The way the household selection form is structured will depend upon the target population and sampling method used for the survey to which the module is attached.

13. The suggested method for selection includes domestic servants, lodgers and long-staying visitors in the household. This is to ensure women who are living outside their own household are not excluded from the survey.

### **Concept of intimate partner**

14. The aim of the module is to capture data on those women at risk of partner violence and therefore the definition of intimate partner should be as broad as possible, for example, not limited to marriage. There were concerns about the impact on comparability between countries if the definition of intimate partner differs. However, even with the seemingly straightforward concept of total population of women aged 15 years or more, comparability issues exist, because the typical age at which women become involved in intimate partner relationships may differ. For the purpose of analysis and comparability, some general parameters around what should be included and excluded from the concept of intimate partner will be incorporated in the accompanying interviewer's guide and training module.

15. In the approved core indicators, the denominator is the population at risk: females aged 15 years or more. The first four indicators use this total population as denominator, whereas for the indicators on intimate partner violence, the denominator will be all women who have ever been in an 'intimate partner' relationship, whether currently or past.

16. The questions on current relationship status (V02-V04 in the draft module) will be amended to clarify the existence and nature the current or most recent relationship. As there is a difference between a woman's official status and their current relationship situation, there is no need to collect the information specifically on marital status or to draw assumptions based on this. Possible clarification questions to be included at the appropriate point in the question set were:

- (i) *How did the last relationship end?* (partner died or the relationship broke up)
- (ii) *Are you involved in a relationship with a man without living together?* (used in the International Violence Against Women Survey (IVAWS).
- (iii) *If partnered, what was the nature of the relationship?* (currently married, separated, divorced, living together, engaged but not living together, dating)

17. The former partner question relates to any violent former partner. However, putting the past relationships all together makes it impossible to analyze the nature of the relationship and how many of the previous partners have been violent. A question will be added to ask the nature of the relationship with the most recent partner and also clarify the nature and number of previously violent partners.

18. It was suggested that to reduce confusion and facilitate analysis, the question set on experiences with violence be asked about the current partner and then repeated for all previous

partners individually. However, this may significantly extend the length of the survey and that level of detail is not needed to calculate the interim indicators. Questioning separately for each previous partner is more appropriate for a dedicated survey.

19. Coverage of the population in same-sex relationships was discussed. If same-sex relationships are included in the indicator on intimate partner violence, a question on the sex of partner will need to be added to the module. As presented, the module can capture experiences of violence in by non-male perpetrators through the questions on non-partner violence. Countries that wish to measure the extent of violence against women in same-sex relationships will need to add additional questions to specify the sex of the intimate partner.

### **Questions on emotional and economic violence and controlling behaviors**

20. Although they are not required to calculate the interim indicators, questions on emotional and economic violence and controlling behaviors were included in the proposed module. It was agreed that these provide a good introduction to the questions that follow and should remain part of the questionnaire. The development of this module also provides an opportunity to test these questions and provide input to further discussions on indicators being undertaken through the FoC.

21. Examples of questions about economic violence include:

- (i) *“He prevents you from knowing about or having access to family income, even if you ask”* (used in Canada)
- (ii) *Refusing to give you money, if he has money* (used in Turkey)
- (iii) *Not allowing you to work* (used in Turkey)

22. It was noted that questions on frequency (once, few times, many times) of emotional and economic violence and controlling behaviors are not included. This is because this violence is about characteristics of the relationship and is often an ongoing pattern rather than specific acts. The frequency may depend more on how often the woman attempts to do these things, rather than the extent of the controlling behavior.

23. The concepts of threatening violence with a weapon versus being threatened with a weapon were discussed and their appropriate categorization under emotional or physical violence. It was agreed that there are three different concepts here: verbal threats of using a weapon (without the weapon being present); actual threats with a weapon (where the weapon was not ever used); and using the weapon. Verbal threats of using a weapon are categorized under emotional violence (V06 (d) in the draft module) and are therefore excluded from calculation of the interim indicators on physical and sexual violence. The wording of V06 (d) may be changed to “Verbally threatened...”. Threats with a weapon and use of a weapon are categorized under physical violence and the wording of V07 (f) will be changed to “Threatened with...”.

### **Frequency**

24. The development of this survey module is an opportunity to test how to gather more detailed information on the frequency of violence. It was agreed to add a probing question to ask those who responded “few” or “many” to estimate the frequency of violence during the last twelve months (e.g. *“Can you estimate how often these incidents have happened in the last twelve months?”*). When the frequency is high, the actual number of incidents may be unlikely to be recalled precisely<sup>4</sup> and therefore a classification, such as “daily” and “a few times a week”, will be proposed in the revised module. The testing provides an opportunity to test two different approaches: a question on frequency after the overall section on physical/sexual violence; and a question following on each act of violence.

### **Sexual violence**

25. In order to ensure the survey captures unwanted sexual acts that are not sexual intercourse, nor necessarily considered degrading or humiliating, it was agreed to change to the relevant question (e.g.

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<sup>4</sup> Asking a question on actual number of incidents was considered, but concerns about the reliability of respondents’ precise recall of events, and the need to limit the module to a minimum standard, it was proposed such a question is more appropriate for a dedicated survey.

V08 (c) to "... something sexual when you did not want to". A probing question on the act being "degrading and humiliating" can be used.

26. In order to capture the full range of non-consensual sexual acts and since definitions of rape have evolved from requiring physical force to requiring lack of consent, the word "physically" will be removed from the related questions.

#### **Adult lifetime and child sexual violence**

27. The indicators do not clarify whether the concept of lifetime includes childhood experiences or only adult experiences. Due to the complexities of measuring child abuse, such as needing additional questions on the nature of care at the time of the incident, physical violence and neglect, witnessing abuse, etc, it was agreed that this survey should focus on adult lifetime ("since the age of 15" without an upper age limit) rather than childhood experiences, and that the proposed optional questions (V33-V35) will not be included in the module. Data collection on violence experienced before age 15 should be gathered through a separate questionnaire or module.

28. Experiences of violence in childhood may be a predictor for experiences in adult life and therefore some argued to include questions on child sexual abuse. However, the perpetrator's exposure to violence in childhood is also a likely predictor and this information is not collected through this module. Gathering this information for the woman only may bias the results.

29. Interviewers should be trained to deal with the situation where a woman reports an incident that occurred before age 15 and how to handle cases where a woman is married before age 15.

#### **Violence by others (not intimate partners)**

30. It was agreed that the questions on experiences of violence by others (V25, V27) would be expanded by including more examples of acts of violence.

31. The question on sexual violence (V29) should be adjusted to enable the identification of rape. There should be at least two questions asking whether the respondent has experienced (1) unwanted sexual intercourse out of force or fear (e.g. combine the categories of V08 (a) and V08 (b)); and (2) other unwanted sexual acts. A question on "attempted to force you to engage in sexual acts" can be added to capture incidents of attempted rape. The questions used in IVAWS may be considered:

- (i) "*Touch you sexually when you didn't want him to in a way you found distressing*" (this should be expanded to ensure that all unwanted sexual acts are captured).

#### **Relationship to perpetrator**

32. The addition of a question on the sex of the perpetrator was discussed, as was done, for example, in the French survey, where respondents were asked if each act of violence was afflicted by one man, one woman, many men, many women or a group of mixed sex. Rather than over-complicate the module, it was decided to review the classification for relationship to perpetrator so that their sex can be more easily identified.

33. The following classification was suggested:

FATHER /STEP-FATHER  
MOTHER-IN-LAW  
OTHER MALE FAMILY MEMBER  
OTHER FEMALE FAMILY MEMBER

SOMEONE AT WORK  
FRIEND, ACQUAINTANCE  
RECENT (CASUAL) ACQUAINTANCE  
COMPLETE STRANGER

TEACHER  
DOCTOR / HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

PRIEST/RELIGIOUS LEADER  
POLICE/SOLDIER

OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

34. There were concerns that the data collected through testing may not be sufficient to protect the privacy of teachers, doctors and priests. These may be combined into “positions of authority”. For the purposes of the testing, a longer list of categories will be used with a view to analyzing the results and compressing the list for the final module. A multi-level classification may also be considered. For example, other female family member can be broken down into mother, sister, cousin, auntie, etc. Since the list will not be read out to the respondent, categories will only be used if the respondents name them of their own initiative.

35. It was noted that neighbour is explicitly mentioned in the probing questions, but is not explicit in the classification. This is usually coded as part of friend or recent (casual) acquaintance.

36. It was suggested that combining friends and acquaintances into one category is problematic as these are quite different concepts.

37. How the employer of a domestic worker would be classified was also discussed. One option would be someone at work or adding “Employer” to someone as work. Note that the perpetrator may not be the person whose role is “employer” but some other member of the household; instructions to interviewers should clarify how to enter such data.

38. The category of “Boyfriend” was removed from the list as it is addressed in the questions on intimate-partner violence.

### **Severity**

39. The level of severity may be measured by the form of violence perpetrated (i.e. acts (a)-(b) in the forms of violence are rated moderate and acts (c)-(f) are rated severe) and/or whether any injury has occurred as a result of the violence. Severity of violence is categorized as moderate or severe. The proposed questions on extent of injuries, allow classification by grouping of injuries into three different levels of severity. In order to make it more comparable with WHO and other studies, it was proposed to also add:

- (i) Add internal injuries and miscarriage
- (ii) Replace the word ‘serious’ with ‘similar’ from category 21a(c) so as not to imply that other levels of injury are not serious.
- (iii) Add other missing categories to the groups (e.g. scratches, eardrum injuries).

40. If appropriate, an extended set of categories could be given to the interviewer to guide them how to classify other injuries.

41. Detailed questions on injuries are asked once for intimate partner violence, without differentiating between physical or sexual violence. Experience of previous surveys was that it is important to ask about injuries also in the case of sexual violence, and therefore differentiation by the type of incident is not necessary in the module.

42. Further questions to gauge severity based on the extent feelings of fear of the current/most recent or previous partners are included in the module (V12/V22). It was suggested to change the wording to

- (i) “Are you **ever** afraid...”
- (ii) “Were you **ever** afraid...”

43. An optional question on whether the respondent had initiated any violence (V13/V23) was removed from the module, as it was considered outside the scope of a minimal set of questions.

44. The possibility to include other measures of severity and impact were explored, such as use of medical services. Some countries have used questions on 'fear and distress' (Ireland) or a question such as: "*Would you say your partner's behavior has affected your physical or mental health?*". It was agreed to add a question on impact on mental wellbeing after the one on fear referred to above.

#### **Hidden violence**

45. As an indication of the extent of underreported violence is likely to be required by policymakers as part of a minimum set of information on violence against women, it was agreed to add a question such as, "*Who have you told about this?*", followed by prompts of "*Anyone else?*". Appropriate categories will be determined, such as relatives, friends, parents, medical services and police.

#### **Internal consistency of the questionnaire:**

46. The questionnaire has to be revised to ensure consistency, for example:

- (i) reference to "since age 15" in V07 (D).
- (ii) V27 has to be expanded to refer to some of the other acts of violence mentioned in V07.
- (iii) Replace V30a with the same question asked in the same way as V08 (a), (b) and (c).

### **IV. TESTING STRATEGY**

47. The module should be tested in a number of countries across the world. The focus will be on testing the effectiveness of a module for collecting data on violence against women and on the associated procedures, such as interviewer training. The possibility to test prevalence and disclosure rates will depend upon the sample size of the tests. Testing should simulate how the module is intended to be used, that is, it should be tested as part of another appropriate population-based survey, be that an actual survey or a replicated one. In preparation for the testing phase, Regional Commissions have suggested a total of 13 countries which have either expressed interest in being involved in the testing or are considered a feasible candidate. More information is now needed to plan how the tests may be incorporated into their work programmes.

48. It can take considerable time to go through the necessary approval and preparation phases before testing of a module could be incorporated into a country's work programme. The timeframe of the interregional project calls for the development and testing of this module to be completed before mid-2011. However, sooner results would allow the findings to be considered in the other training and advocacy activities that are occurring as part of the project (outlined in section II above).

49. In order to develop a testing strategy to be implemented over the next 14 months, potential testing countries will be asked to provide more information on how the tests could be conducted. This information will be gathered through a short questionnaire covering the following:

- (i) Which surveys will be conducted over the next 12 months that may incorporate the testing of this module?
- (ii) How is the sampling done for each of these surveys?
- (iii) Will a pretest be done and if so, when and on what size sample?
- (iv) What are the sources of funding and resources are involved in the survey (e.g. number of interviewers and supervisors)?
- (v) Which surveys have been conducted recently that could be replicated for a test of this module?
- (vi) What steps or approvals would be needed before this testing could be conducted?
- (vii) Which kind of collection technique(s) will be used (telephone, face-to-face, mail-out, etc)?
- (viii) Has a survey of women only ever been conducted in the country?
- (ix) Can the module testing be done with women interviewers only?

50. UNSD clarified that the FoC meeting in December will benefit from the outcomes of this expert group meeting as well as the follow-up work to develop the testing strategy. The relevance of



this module to the FoC is not going to be undermined if the testing is not completed by February 2010 (the initial timeframe being considered).

51. Other considerations in developing the testing strategy are: testing the survey both as a module and as a stand alone survey in some countries in order to validate the effectiveness of the module in terms of disclosure; testing two versions of the sequence of questions (starting with questions on non-partner followed by questions on intimate partner and vice versa); testing placement of the module within different parts of the survey; conducting tests through the next round of International Crime Victimization Survey (ICVS), Demographic Health Survey (DHS) or Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), depending upon when they are next being conducted; and involving the countries on the FoC group in conducting the tests.

52. Testing of the module will include gathering feedback from respondents on their level of comfort in answering the questions and from the interviewers on their experiences in implementing the survey. Analysis of the testing results will be coordinated centrally through the UNECE and there are some contractual services funds included in the project for this. The next expert group meeting, which is scheduled for June 2010 (see section V below), will provide an opportunity to review the results of testing completed to date and to agree on any changes to the module questions and methodology.

53. Before testing starts, it is important to collaborate with women's support services in the country to make sure that (a) they are aware of this project; and (b) contact information for support services can be prepared and given to all respondents. Service providers and the government should be aware that there may be an increase in demand for services as a result of the survey, and arrangements should be made accordingly.

#### **Criteria for surveys into which the module may be incorporated**

54. The survey must be on a related topic, such as health care or quality of life, and most importantly, it must meet the ethical and safety requirements of a survey on violence against women. These considerations are well documented by the World Health Organization and will be summarized in the guide accompanying the module.

#### **Interviewer training and guidelines**

55. The development of this module will include preparation of an interviewer's guide and training package. Depending upon the content of the training for the survey in which the module is attached, an additional 1.5 – 2 days of training will be needed, specifically on the module. During the testing phase, this training will clarify the purpose of the testing, mechanisms for reporting on test outcomes and supervisory considerations. An interviewer debriefing meeting, held after tests are conducted, will also be useful to gather further information on the effectiveness of the module and the interviewer training and preparedness.

56. The training of interviewers should cover:
- (i) Background on violence against women and gender equality and women's human rights issues
  - (ii) Ethical considerations: confidentiality, safety and support to women
  - (iii) Interview techniques to build rapport and encourage disclosure
  - (iv) How the questions, prompts and skips should be done
  - (v) Role plays
  - (vi) Ideally some real life practice through a small pilot
  - (vii) How to handle various situations, such as interruptions, distress, and the importance of interviewer self-care
  - (viii) How to administer the test – i.e. what to look for, how to record the test outcomes
  - (ix) Quality thresholds.

57. An additional half day of training, specifically for supervisors, may also be required. Mechanisms for the interviewers to mark where difficulties occur during the interview (an approach used by Italy) can help with recall when reporting on test outcomes.

58. As mentioned throughout the discussions, some definitions and questions in the module will need to be adapted to the country context. The module guidelines should provide some parameters for this, for example, putting a limit on additional questions in order to keep the survey module at an appropriate length.

#### **Collection methods, sample sizes and quality thresholds**

59. There was some discussion on the appropriate methods for collection, sample sizes and the threshold for response rates. As these aspects depend upon the context of the country and structure of the survey to which the module is being attached, it was not possible to decide upon general recommendations at this stage.

#### **Inclusion of harmful practices**

60. The harmful practices of female genital mutilation and early marriage are included in the recommended indicators on violence against women. However, the FoC recommendation to the Statistical Commission is that more work is needed in this area. It was agreed that the limited scope of this module would not enable these phenomena to be adequately measured at this stage. It was noted that some countries may wish to gather this information by adding a question.

### **V. NEXT STEPS**

61. Further work on the development and testing of the module will be coordinated by the UNECE in close cooperation with the established expert group, other Regional Commissions, UNDAW and UNSD. Next steps include:

- (i) Revise the draft module reflecting the discussions at this meeting
- (ii) Gather more information from countries on the upcoming opportunities for testing
- (iii) Explore opportunities to collaborate with the initiatives of Eurostat, Macro International (DHS), UNICEF (Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) and others
- (iv) Develop and implement the testing strategy
- (v) Prepare the accompanying draft interviewers guide and training package by the end of October for consideration at the FoC meeting in December
- (vi) Develop and maintain a website for this project to share information as the work progresses.

#### **Next meeting**

62. The next meeting of the expert group will be held on 31 May – 2 June 2010.

Attachment 1: Original proposed module (discussed at the expert group meeting)

## **Attachment I**

### **Suggested Violence against Women Module<sup>i ii</sup>**

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**See notes at the end of this document**

**Blue highlighted sections are optional**

## HOUSEHOLD SELECTION FORM

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I am calling on behalf of CENTRE FOR SURVEY RESEARCH. We are conducting a survey in STUDY LOCATION on XXXXX.

1	Please can you tell me how many people live here, and share food? PROBE: Does this include children (including infants) living here? Does it include any other people who may not be members of your family, such as domestic servants, lodgers or friends who live here and share food? MAKE SURE THESE PEOPLE ARE INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL	TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD [ ][ ]
2	Is the head of the household male or female?	MALE ..... 1 FEMALE ..... 2 BOTH ..... 3

	FEMALE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HH	RESIDENCE	AGE	ELIGIBLE
3	<b>[For some of the questions]</b> we would like to talk to only one woman from your household. To enable me to identify whom I should talk to, would you please give me the first names of all girls or women who usually live in your household (and share food).	What is the relationship of NAME to the head of the household.* (USE CODES BELOW)	Does NAME usually live here? SPECIAL CASES: SEE (A) BELOW. YES NO	How old is NAME? (YEARS, more or less)	SEE CRITERIA BELOW (A +B) YES NO
LINE NUM.					
1			1 2		1 2
2			1 2		1 2
3			1 2		1 2
4			1 2		1 2
5			1 2		1 2
6			1 2		1 2
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9			1 2		1 2
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<b>CODES</b>	06 MOTHER	12 DOMESTIC SERVANT
01 HEAD	07 MOTHER-IN-LAW	13 LODGER
02 WIFE (PARTNER)	08 SISTER	14 FRIEND
03 DAUGHTER	09 SISTER-IN-LAW	98 OTHER NOT RELATIVE:
04 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW	10 OTHER RELATIVE	_____
05 GRANDDAUGHTER	11 ADOPTED/FOSTER/STEP DAUGHTER	

**(A) SPECIAL CASES TO BE CONSIDERED MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD:** <sup>iv</sup>

- DOMESTIC SERVANTS IF THEY SLEEP 5 NIGHTS A WEEK OR MORE IN THE HOUSEHOLD.
- VISITORS IF THEY HAVE SLEPT IN THE HOUSEHOLD FOR THE PAST 4 WEEKS.

**(B) ELIGIBLE:** ANY WOMAN 15 YEARS AND OLDER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD. <sup>v</sup>

**MORE THAN ONE ELIGIBLE WOMEN IN HH:**

- **RANDOMLY SELECT ONE ELIGIBLE WOMAN FOR INTERVIEW.** TO DO THIS, WRITE THE LINE NUMBERS OF ELIGIBLE WOMEN ON PIECES OF PAPER, AND PUT IN A BAG. ASK A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER TO PICK OUT A NUMBER – SO SELECTING THE PERSON TO BE INTERVIEWED. <sup>vi</sup>
- **PUT CIRCLE AROUND LINE NUMBER OF WOMAN SELECTED.** ASK IF YOU CAN TALK WITH THE SELECTED WOMAN. IF SHE IS NOT AT HOME, AGREE ON DATE FOR RETURN VISIT.
- **CONTINUE WITH HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE**

**NO ELIGIBLE WOMAN IN HH:** <sup>vii</sup>

- **SAY “I cannot continue because I can only interview women 15–49 years old. Thank you for your assistance.”**
- **FINISH HERE.**

\* If both (male and female) are the head, refer to the male.

**V. VIOLENCE MODULE**

<b>CHECK HH SELECTION FORM</b>	<b>WOMAN SELECTED FOR THIS SECTION</b> [ ] ↓	<b>WOMAN NOT SELECTED</b> [ ] ⇒	<b>GO TO NEXT SECT.</b>																																
V01	<p><b>READ TO RESPONDENT</b></p> <p>Now I would like to ask you questions about some other important aspects of a woman's life. Some of the topics may be difficult to discuss, but many women have found it useful to have the opportunity to talk. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to. I want to assure you that all of your answers will be kept strictly secret and will not be told to anyone. And no one else will know that you were asked these questions.</p> <p>It's very important that we talk in private. Is this a good place to hold the interview, or is there somewhere else that you would like to go?</p> <p><b>CHECK FOR PRESENCE OF OTHERS. DO NOT CONTINUE UNTIL EFFECTIVE PRIVACY IS ENSURED.</b></p> <p>PRIVACY OBTAINED.... 1 ↓</p> <p>PRIVACY NOT POSSIBLE ... 2 ⇒</p>		<b>GO TO NEXT SECT.</b>																																
V02	<p>Are you at the moment married, living together, in other couple relationship?<sup>viii</sup></p>	<p>CURRENTLY MARRIED ..... 1 ⇒V04</p> <p>LIVING WITH MAN, NOT MARRIED ..... 2 ⇒V04</p> <p>CURRENTLY HAVING A REGULAR PARTNER (SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP), ..... 3 ⇒V04</p> <p>NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A MAN (NOT INVOLVED IN A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP) ..... 4</p>																																	
V03	<p>Have you ever been married/living together or been in a couple relationship?</p>	<p>YES ..... 1</p> <p>NO ..... 2 ⇒V24</p>																																	
V04	<p>How many times in your life have you been married and/or lived together with a man or had a couple relationship? (INCLUDE CURRENT PARTNER)</p>	<p>NUMBER OF TIMES..... [ ][ ]</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>																																	
<p><b>READ TO RESPONDENT</b></p> <p><b>When two people marry or live together, they usually share both good and bad moments. I would now like to ask you some questions about how your current (or most recent) husband / partner treats (treated) you. If anyone interrupts us I will change the topic of conversation.</b></p>																																			
V05 <small>ix</small>	<p>I am now going to ask you about some situations that are true for many women. Thinking about your (current or most recent) husband / partner, would you say it is generally true that he:</p> <p>a) tries to keep you from seeing your friends</p> <p>b) tries to restrict contact with your family of birth</p> <p>c) insists on knowing where you are at all times</p> <p>d) ignores you and treats you indifferently</p> <p>e) gets angry if you speak with another man</p> <p>f) is often suspicious that you are unfaithful</p> <p>g) expects you to ask his permission before seeking health care for yourself</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>YES</th> <th>NO</th> <th>DK</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a) SEEING FRIENDS</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b) CONTACT FAMILY</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c) WANTS TO KNOW</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d) IGNORES YOU</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e) GETS ANGRY</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>f) SUSPICIOUS</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>g) HEALTH CENTRE</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		YES	NO	DK	a) SEEING FRIENDS	1	2	8	b) CONTACT FAMILY	1	2	8	c) WANTS TO KNOW	1	2	8	d) IGNORES YOU	1	2	8	e) GETS ANGRY	1	2	8	f) SUSPICIOUS	1	2	8	g) HEALTH CENTRE	1	2	8	
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V06	<p>The next questions are about things that happen to many women, and that your (current/most recent) husband/ partner may have done to you.</p> <p>Has your husband / partner, ever....</p>	<p>A) (If YES continue with B. If NO skip to next item)</p> <p>YES NO</p>	<p>B) Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months?</u> (If YES ask C and D. If NO ask D only)</p> <p>YES NO</p>	<p>C) <u>In the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?</p> <p>One Few Many</p>	<p>D) Did this happen <u>before the past 12 months?</u></p> <p>IF YES: would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?</p> <p>NO One Few Many</p>
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	d) Threatened to hurt you or someone you care about?	1 2	1 2	1 2 3	0 1 2 3
V07 x xi	<p>Has your (current/most recent) husband /partner ever....</p>	<p>A) (If YES continue with B. If NO skip to next item)</p> <p>YES NO</p>	<p>B) Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months?</u> (If YES ask C and D. If NO ask D only)</p> <p>YES NO</p>	<p>C) <u>In the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?</p> <p>One Few Many</p>	<p>D) Did this happen <u>before the past 12 months?</u><sup>xii</sup></p> <p>IF YES: would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?</p> <p>NO One Few Many</p>
	a) Slapped you or thrown something at you that could hurt you?	1 2	1 2	1 2 3	0 1 2 3
	b) Pushed you or shoved you or pulled your hair?	1 2	1 2	1 2 3	0 1 2 3
	c) Hit you with his fist or with something else that could hurt you?	1 2	1 2	1 2 3	0 1 2 3
	d) Kicked you, dragged you or beat you up?	1 2	1 2	1 2 3	0 1 2 3
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V08 xiii	A) <b>(If YES continue with B. If NO skip to next item)</b>	B) Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u> ? <b>(If YES ask C and D. If NO ask D only)</b>	C) <u>In the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?	D) Did this happen <u>before the past 12 months</u> ?  IF YES: would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?	YES NO	YES NO	One Few Many	NO One Few Many
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V09	VERIFY WHETHER ANSWERED YES TO ANY QUESTION ON PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, <b>SEE QUESTION V07</b>		YES, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE ..... 1 NO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE ..... 2					
V10	VERIFY WHETHER ANSWERED YES TO ANY QUESTION ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE, <b>SEE QUESTION V08</b>		YES, SEXUAL VIOLENCE ..... 1 NO SEXUAL VIOLENCE ..... 2					
<b>CHECK V09 AND V10</b>	<b>IF 'YES' TO V09 AND/OR V10</b> [ ] ↓		<b>IF 'NO' TO BOTH V09 AND V10</b> [ ]		<b>V12</b>			
V11a xiv	Did the following ever happen as a result of what your husband/partner did to you?		b) ONLY ASK FOR RESPONSES MARKED YES IN V11a: Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u> ?					
			YES NO	YES NO				
	a) You had cuts, bruises or aches?		1 2	1 2				
	b) you had eye injures, sprains, dislocations or burns?		1 2	1 2				
c) you had deep wounds, broken bones, broken teeth or any other serious injury?		1 2	1 2					
<b>V12 OPTIO NAL</b>	Are you afraid of your current/most recent husband or partner? Would you say never, sometimes, many times, most/all of the time?		NEVER ..... 1 SOMETIMES ..... 2 MANY TIMES ..... 3 MOST/ALL OF THE TIMES ..... 4 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8 REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9		xv			
<b>V13 OPTIO NAL</b>	Have you ever hit or physically mistreated your husband/partner when he was not hitting or physically mistreating you? IF YES: How often? Would you say once or twice, several times or many times?		NEVER ..... 1 ONCE OR TWICE ..... 2 SEVERAL TIMES ..... 3 MANY TIMES ..... 4 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8 REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9					
V14	<b>CHECK V04 (NUMBER OF PARTNERS)</b>	<b>IF 2 OR MORE</b> [ ] ↓	<b>IF 0 OR 1</b> [ ] ⇒		<b>V22</b>			

	I would now like to ask you some questions about your how (any of) your <u>previous</u> husband / partner treated you (any partner that you may have had before the parther that we just talked about).										
<b>V15</b>	Thinking about (any of) your previous husband / partner(s), would you say it is generally true that he:										
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	a) tries to keep you from seeing your friends	a) SEEING FRIENDS	1	2	8						
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<b>V16</b>	Has (any of) you previous husband / partner(s), ever....	<b>A)</b> <b>(If YES continue with B. If NO skip to next item)</b>  YES NO	<b>B)</b> Has this happened in <u>the past 12 months</u> ? <b>(If YES ask C and D. If NO ask D only)</b>  YES NO		<b>C)</b> <u>In the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?  One Few Many			<b>D)</b> Did this happen <u>before the past 12 months</u> ?  IF YES: would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?  NO One Few Many			
	a) Insulted you or made you feel bad about yourself?	2 2	2	2	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
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	c) Done things to scare or intimidate you on purpose (e.g. by the way he looked at you, by yelling and smashing things)?	2 2	1	2	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
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V17	Has (any of) your previous husband partner(s) ever....	A) (If YES continue with B. If NO skip to next item)  YES NO	B) Has this happened in the past 12 months? (If YES ask C only. If NO ask D only)  YES NO	C) In the past 12 months would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?  One Few Many	D) Did this happen before the past 12 months?  IF YES: would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?  NO One Few Many
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	a) Did (any of) your previous husband/partner(s) ever physically force you to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?	1 2	1 2	1 2 3	0 1 2 3
	b) Did you ever have sexual intercourse you did not want to because you were afraid of what your partner or any other partner might do?	1 2	1 2	1 2 3	0 1 2 3
	c) Did your partner or any other partner ever forced you to do something sexual that you found degrading or humiliating?	1 2	1 2	1 2 3	0 1 2 3
V19	VERIFY WHETHER ANSWERED YES TO ANY QUESTION ON PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, SEE QUESTION V17	YES, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE .....1 NO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE .....2			
V20	VERIFY WHETHER ANSWERED YES TO ANY QUESTION ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE, SEE QUESTION V17	YES, SEXUAL VIOLENCE .....1 NO SEXUAL VIOLENCE .....2			
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24	In their lives, many women experience different forms of violence from relatives, other people that they know, and/or from strangers. If you don't mind, I would like to briefly ask you about some of these situations. Everything that you say will be kept private. I will first ask about what has happened since you were 15 years old, and thereafter during the last 12 months. <sup>xvi</sup>  FOR WOMEN WHO WERE EVER PARTNERED ADD: These questions are about about people other than your husband/partner(s).																																																																														
V25	Since the age of 15, has anyone ever hit, beaten, kicked or done anything else to hurt you physically?	YES ..... NO .....2	⇒V29 <sup>xvii</sup>																																																																												
V26a	Who did this to you?  PROBE: Anyote else? How about a relative? How about someone at school or work? How about a friend or neighbour? A stranger or anyone else?  MARK ALL MENTIONED	FATHER <sup>xviii</sup> ..... B STEP FATHER ..... C OTHER MALE FAMILY MEMBER ..... D FEMALE FAMILY MEMBER: ..... E  TEACHER..... F POLICE/ SOLDIER ..... G MALE FRIEND OF FAMILY ..... H FEMALE FRIEND OF FAMILY ..... I  BOYFRIEND ..... J STRANGER..... K SOMEONE AT WORK ..... L PRIEST/RELIGIOUS LEADER ..... M  OTHER (specify): ..... X	b) ASK ONLY FOR THOSE MARKED in a). How many times did this happen since you were 15? Once or twice, a few times, or many times  <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Once or twice</td> <td>A few times</td> <td>Many times</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table>	Once or twice	A few times	Many times	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	c) ASK ONLY FOR THOSE MARKED IN a) Where you bruised, scratched, cut or injured in any way since you were 15? <sup>xix</sup>  <table border="1"> <tr> <td>YES</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </table>	YES	NO	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
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	IF YES: Who did this to you?  IF YES OR NO CONTINUE: How about someone at school? How about a friend or neighbour? Has anyone else done this to you?		

<b>V34a</b> <b>OPTIO</b> <b>NAL</b>	IF YES: Who did this to you?	ASK ONLY FOR THOSE MARKED IN V34a				
		b) How old were you when it happened with this person for the first time? (more or less)	c) How old was this person?  PROBE: roughly (more or less).	d) How many times did this happen?		
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## COMPLETION OF INTERVIEW

V35  
OPTIONAL

I would now like to give you a card. On this card are two pictures. No other information is written on the card. The first picture is of a sad face, the second is of a happy face.

No matter what you have already told me, I would like you to put a mark below the sad picture if, someone has ever touched you sexually, or made you do something sexual that you didn't want to, before you were 15 years old.

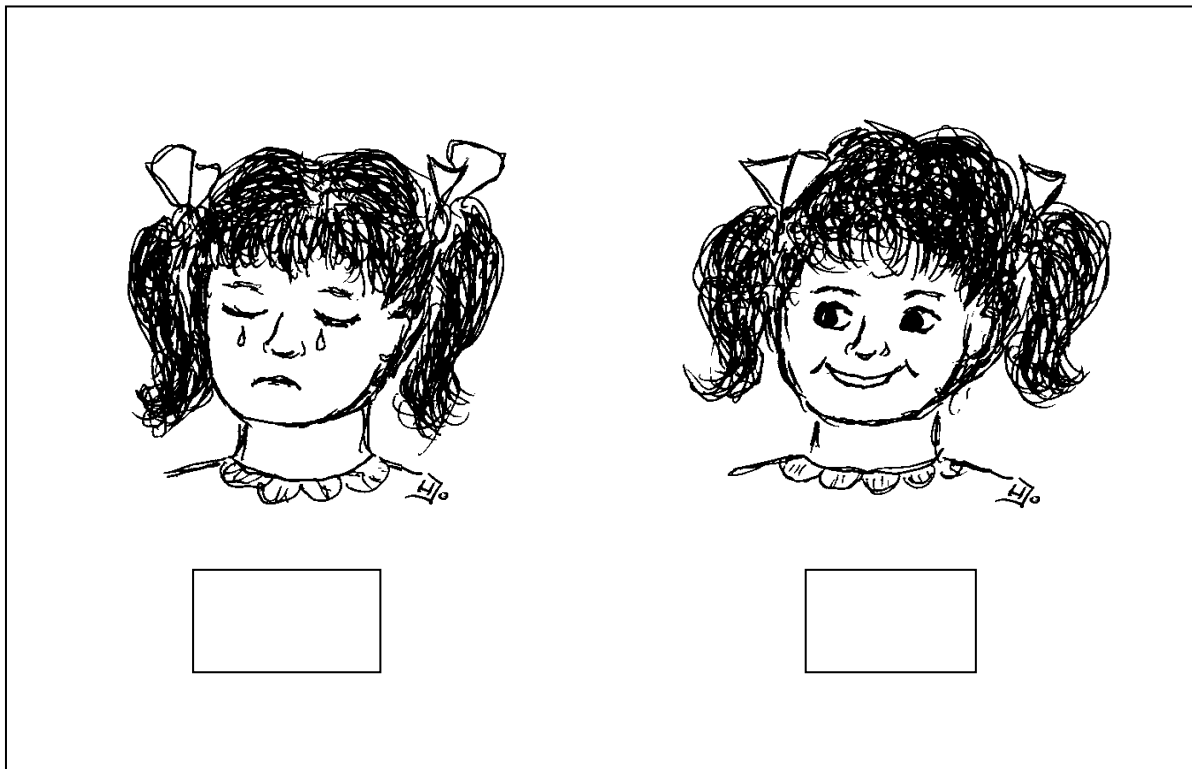
Please put a mark below the happy face if this has never happened to you. Once you have marked the card, please fold it over and put it in this envelope. This will ensure that I do not know your answer.

GIVE RESPONDENT CARD AND PEN. MAKE SURE THAT THE RESPONDENT FOLDS THE CARD; PUTS IT IN THE ENVELOPE; AND SEALS THE ENVELOPE BEFORE GIVING IT BACK TO YOU. ON LEAVING THE INTERVIEW SECURELY ATTACH THE ENVELOPE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE (OR WRITE THE QUESTIONNAIRE CODE ON THE ENVELOPE).

CARD GIVEN FOR COMPLETION .....1

CARD NOT GIVEN FOR COMPLETION .....2

Sample of card:



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<sup>i</sup> This module builds on the Violence against Women instrument that was developed for the WHO mult-country study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence against women, and modified to specifically address the set of indicators as developed by the Friends of the Chair

<sup>ii</sup> In principle the questions could also be asked from men

<sup>iii</sup> The household selection form presented here is an example. The form to select one eligible woman per household may differ depending on the type/content of survey; for example some surveys may already have a listing of all household members, which may be used

<sup>iv</sup> These selection criteria for whom belongs to the 'household' (including live-in domestic workers and long term visitors – as used in the WHO study) may not be feasible for surveys on other subjects

<sup>v</sup> For some countries this may be 18+

<sup>vi</sup> Random selection could be done by this or any other method such as first birth date or Kish table

<sup>vii</sup> Whether the interview ends here or not depends on the purpose of the vehicle survey

<sup>viii</sup> Partner concept should be wide: married cohabitated and dating with sexual relationship (excluding occasional or sporadic dating as this would fall under "others"). Note that dating relationship may not be appropriate in all cultures. Consider including information on whether women who have no current partner are widowed, divorced/separated – this has shown to be associated with levels of partner violence (this can be collected as in WHO questionnaire q 121).

<sup>ix</sup> V05, V06, V15 and V26: These questions on acts of emotional abuse and controlling behaviours (from the WHO instrument) is out of scope of the TOR (i.e. not addressing the current set of indicators) but provides a good introduction to subsequent questions, ensures a gradual build up and aids in establishing rapport between interviewer and respondent. Including this question has additional advantage that it these questions collect information on other manifestations of violence (in relationships), -- in this case emotional violence – which is currently not included in the set of indicators. However, it is foreseen that in the near future a fuller spectrum of indicators on violence against women is achieved (point 35 in report of Friends of the Chair). Adding questions to this respect may be part of ongoing methodological development. Or it may be suggested that they are optional.

Note: V05- Five of the subquestions in the DHS questionnaire are practically identical with those in WHO questionnaire

V06: question on controlling behaviours a, b, d (from HOW questionnaire) similar to those in DHS

<sup>x</sup> Partner violence questions are adapted from the WHO method. Main differences: (1) in the WHO method they include any partner, whereas in this proposed module there are different sets of questions for current/most recent partner and previous partners; (2) the frequency for each of the acts in this module are asked for both the past 12 months and the period before the past 12 months.

For consistency with the non-partner questions it could be considered to modify this breakdown into lifetime and past 12 months. In that case could delete the columns asking whether it happened in the past 12 months, and ask only about frequency during lifetime and past 12 months (which should include the answer option "it did not happen in past 12 month". Could also discuss whether we need a more precise estimate for incidence than suggested breakdown for frequency.

<sup>xi</sup> V07: All the subquestions (from WHO questionnaire) are the same as those in DHS

<sup>xii</sup> Column D answer options have been modified compared to the WHO questionnaire to enable them being asked from all women who report the act (in the WHO questionnaire column D was only asked if the act had NOT occurred in the past 12 months).

<sup>xiii</sup> Cf. In DHS only 2 questions for sexual violence: one about forced sexual intercourse and one about sexual act you did not want.

<sup>xiv</sup> This question is being asked for those who reported physical or sexual violence. From the WHO experience we learned that we miss out on injuries if asked for physical violence only. Severity of physical violence could be operationalized by nature of the acts (c-f) as well as by injuries. Need to decide if we also include those who report injuries for only sexual violence without including physical violence. It should be realized that one case of victimization can have several acts and that in case of repeated victimization one severe incident raises the overall severity of all victimizations.

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Note: Another operationalization for severity would be use of medical services. I chose to not include this among others because of the differential use of services also dependent on access and availability.

<sup>xv</sup> V12 and V13 (and V22 and 23) are optional. They do not strictly address the set of indicators but are considered important because they address the following concerns that are crucial for measuring Violence against women.

V12 and V22 (not in the WHO instrument) addresses whether the woman is living in constant fear (an alternative question could be 'fearing for her life'), which is a measure of her subjective experience of the severity of the violence she is living.

V13 and V23 addresses (together with frequency and severity) issues around gender symmetry.

<sup>xvi</sup> Suggested approach has main focus on perpetrators and secondary focus on specific acts (with a question of injuries to operationalize severity). Alternatively one could focus on acts, followed by a question on perpetrators, which (in examples that I saw), risks losing out on linking specific acts with perpetrators.

<sup>xvii</sup> Skip could alternatively be to V27 instead of to V29 to give a second opportunity to disclose. This is the same for subsequent question (skip at V29 could be to V31 instead of to V33).

<sup>xviii</sup> List of perpetrators for non-partner taken from WHO instrument. Do we want to know for all of them whether male/female? (note this is not asked in the proposed indicators – but may be considered relevant in gender context)

<sup>xix</sup> The injury question was not in the WHO questionnaire. It may be the only additional piece of information for measuring severity of physical violence by others..

<sup>xx</sup> Do we need to distinguish forced sexual intercourse, attempted forced sexual intercourse or other kind? (note that this is not needed for the indicators).

<sup>xxi</sup> V34 on child sexual abuse and face card are optional. They are from the WHO questionnaire, well tested and work well in most countries. They may be considered to be included (for surveys that are not already very long) as they follow same format as preceding questions, moreover it deals with an important manifestation of abuse that is easiest to collect retrospectively. Moreover it anticipates to the near future when a fuller spectrum of indicators on violence against women is expected to be achieved (point 35 in report of Friends of the Chair), of which child sexual abuse forms part.