



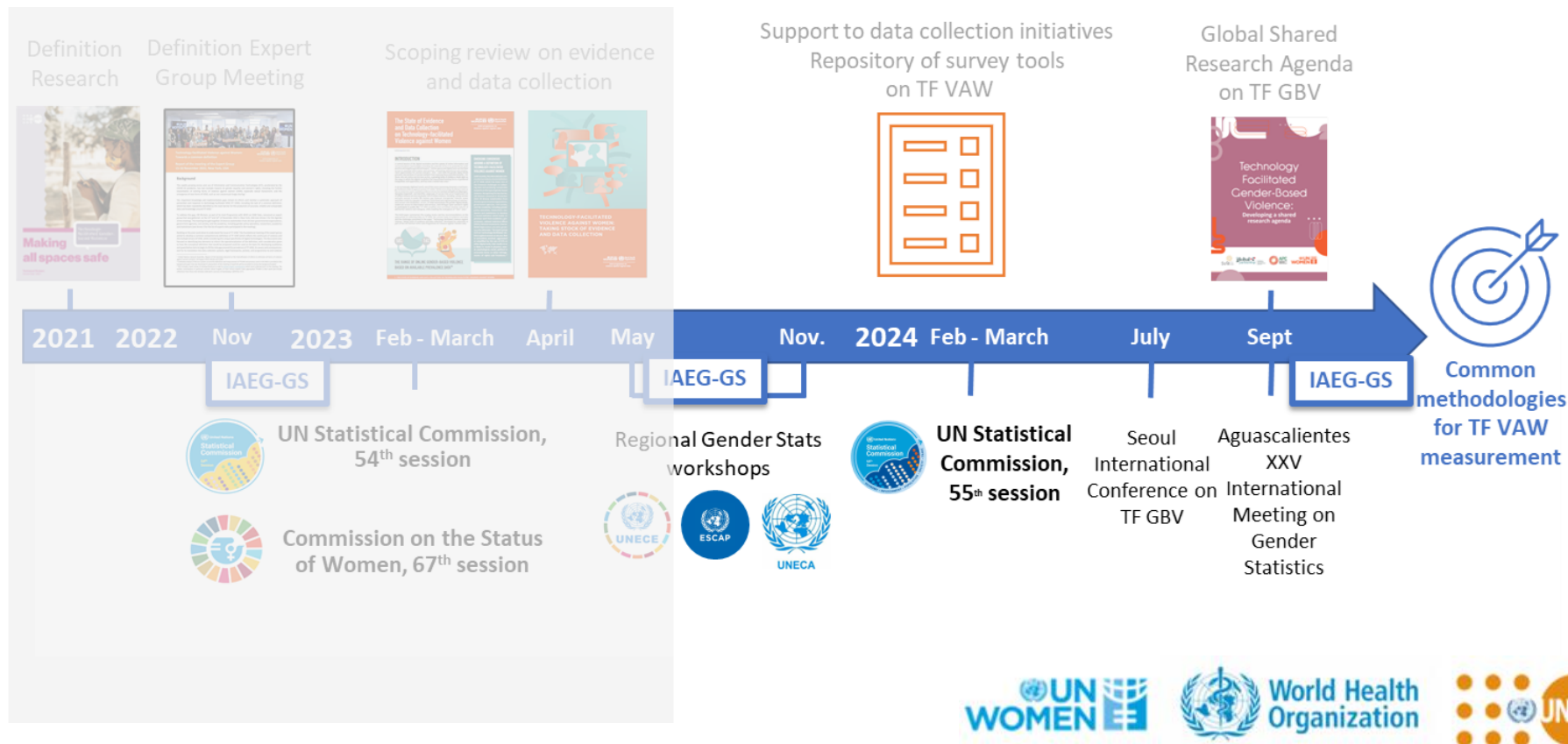
# TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

## UPDATES ON LEARNING AND PROGRESS TOWARDS COMMON METHODOLOGIES FOR MEASUREMENT

Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics  
18<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 4 December 2024



# PATH TOWARDS COMMON METHODOLOGIES FOR TF VAW MEASUREMENT



# UN STATISTICAL COMMISSION 55TH SESSION, 2024

*“Welcomed the progress made on measuring technology-facilitated violence against women, and requested the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the World Health Organization, the United Nations Population Fund and other partners: (i) to conduct technical consultations, testing and piloting, in close collaboration with and with the active contribution of national statistical offices; and (ii) to propose a statistical framework for standardized internationally comparable measures on the topic”*



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SIDE-EVENT TO THE 55TH SESSION OF THE UN STATISTICAL COMMISSION

## **Technology-facilitated violence against women: towards common methodologies for measurement**

Monday 12 February 2024  
9.30am-11am EST/3:30pm-5pm GMT+1



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# ENGAGING REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS

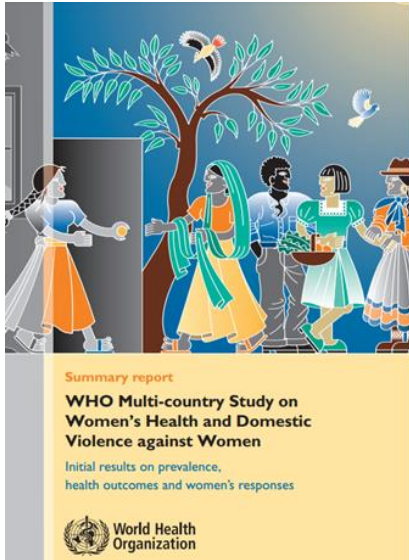
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Group on  
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# MEASURING TF VAW: WHO MULTI-COUNTRY STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE



Updates of the WHO Multi-country survey questionnaire (long and short versions) based on ongoing measurement work and field learnings – most recent update: end-2024

2017-18 update included two initial questions on technology-facilitated violence against women

Conceptualized as a modality of existing forms of violence

Added to question set on controlling behaviours by a partner/husband and sexual harassment

## ONGOING AND NEXT STEPS: WHO MCS SURVEY INSTRUMENT

- Review and shortlist of questions on TF-VAW in existing surveys - significant increase in number of population-based VAW surveys/modules with TF-VAW items
- Expert consultations with VAW, health and other survey experts ensuring geographical diversity



# WHO MCS: EXISTING TF VAW QUESTIONS

## Intimate Partner: Controlling Behaviours

- a) Try to stop you from seeing female friends?
- b) Try to restrict your contact with your family of birth?
- c) Insist on knowing where you (are/were) at all times in a way that (makes/made) you feel controlled?
- d) Stop you from seeking health care for yourself?
- e) Get jealous or angry with you if you (speak/spoke) with another man?
- f) Wrongly accuse you of being unfaithful?
- g) **Use mobile technology to check where you (are/were) in a way that (makes/made) you feel controlled?**

He (uses/used) mobile technology to check where you (are/were) or track you via GPS in a way that (makes/made) you feel controlled?

insist on knowing where you are in a controlling way or tracking you via GPS, phone, social network, etc.?

followed or spied on you remotely, such as installing a tracking app on your phone, using a GPS device or accessing your mobile phone's location data

Restricted your access to phone media and other social media sites

# MEASURING TF VAW: WHO MULTI COUNTRY STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE

## Sexual Harassment

At any place you ever worked, have you ever experienced unwanted sexual advances or behaviours that made you feel uncomfortable or afraid?

**Has anyone ever sent you unwanted personal electronic messages with sexual content such as remarks, invitations, or pictures that were hurtful to you or made you feel uncomfortable? For example, via Facebook, cell phone, e-mail. Not including spam.**

...inappropriate advances on social networking websites?

... inappropriate sexually explicit emails or text messages?

**Shared sexual photos or videos of you via the internet, mobile phones, text messages (SMS), instant messages, or social media without your consent**

Have you ever been harassed/blackmailed with sexual content (your personal messages/audio clips/video clips/pictures, etc.) via mobile phones/internet?

Someone offered me money or gifts in return for sexual images or videos



# MEASURING TF VAW: DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEYS

Now I want to ask you about your experiences using technology including the internet, mobile phones, text messages (SMS), instant messages, social media or any other technology platforms (e.g. Facebook, What'sApp, Twitter...).

1 Have you ever had the following experience:

2 How often did this happen during the last 12 months: often, only sometimes, or not at all?

	EVER		OFTEN	SOME-TIMES	NOT IN LAST 12 MONTHS
a) Someone tried to publicly humiliate you on the internet, mobile phones, text messages (SMS), instant messages, or social media	YES 1 NO 2 ↓	→	1	2	3
b) Someone sent you threatening messages via the internet, mobile phones, text messages (SMS), instant messages, or social media	YES 1 NO 2 ↓	→	1	2	3
c) Someone shared sexual photos or videos of you via the internet, mobile phones, text messages (SMS), instant messages, or social media without your consent	YES 1 NO 2 ↓	→	1	2	3
d) Someone sent you sexual photos, videos, or messages the internet, mobile phones, text messages (SMS), instant messages, or social media without your consent	YES 1 NO 2 ↓	→	1	2	3

# Acts of TF GBV measured in Vanuatu 2024

## Intimate partner violence (s717)

- **Restricted your access** to your phone, internet or social media sites
- Asked you to perform any sexual acts on the phone or another device
- Sent you messages or images, or made you watch something of a sexual nature
- Send messages or images of a sexual nature that you did not want
- Threatened or actually did share private or sexual images
- **Monitored your phone or other devices to track your movements**, who you talk to, or where you go

## Non-partner violence by men (N11)

- Asked you to perform any sexual acts on the phone or another device
- Sent you messages or images, or made you watch something of a sexual nature
- Send messages or images of a sexual nature that you did not want
- Threatened or actually did share private or sexual images

## Intimate partner violence

- Controlling behaviour
- Psychological IPV
- Physical IPV
- Sexual IPV
- Economic Abuse

## Non-partner sexual violence

### Sexual harassment

- School
- Workplace
- Public spaces

# ONGOING AND NEXT STEPS: WHO MCS SURVEY INSTRUMENT

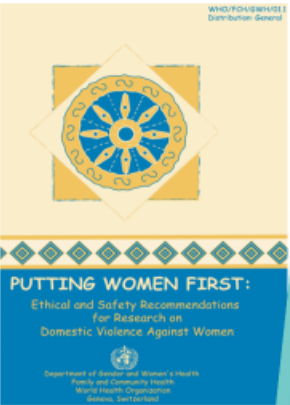
Key considerations for inclusion of (additional) TF-VAW questions into existing (VAW) surveys

- Denominators – which group of women are we including/excluding when measuring TFVAW
- Types of acts included and measured and what ‘constructs’ forms of violence are these measured as
- Balance between standardization and capturing country contexts
- Perpetrators – how do we capture and analyse known, unknown and secondary perpetrators
- Time frames – past 12 months, lifetime, other
- Reporting practices – combined prevalence or reporting prevalence of TFVAW separately

**Cognitive testing of questions in diverse settings**

# ETHICAL AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

- ★ Safety of respondents and survey/research team is paramount
- ★ Methodologically sound and build on current research experience
- ★ Protecting confidentiality is essential
- ★ Careful selection and training of research team
- ★ Minimise distress to participants and researchers
- ★ Ethical obligation to ensure findings are properly interpreted to advance policy and intervention
- ★ Violence questions should be incorporated *only* when ethical and methodological requirements are met







# THANK YOU

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