

WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY STATISTICS

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Where we stand and how to move forward

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WHAT ARE WPS STATISTICS?

- Victims of sexual violence as a war tactic
- Participation in security forces
- Preparedness of NS Forces to respond to sexual violence
- Perceptions of safety
- Participation in peace negotiations
- Participation in planning/recovery
- Participation in decision making
- Access to justice for human right violations
- Access to services (in displacement, before, during & after conflict)
- Access to economic resources



MDGs did not cover WPS

- Beijing had a priority area on Women in Armed Conflict, but no specific monitoring framework followed
- UNSCr 1325(2000) monitoring framework first international framework to guide the production of WPS statistics
 - Set of 26 indicators agreed in 2010
 - Indicators cover progress by member states and international/regional organizations
 - UN Women coordinates data collation through the SC-WPS
 - 21/36 series have data available
 - Data repository within Knowledge Gateway

- New Deal's peacebuilding and statebuilding goals
 - 5 goals, 50 indicators
 - No repository exists, individual country reports
- Regional frameworks (EU, NATO, AU, League Arab States)
 - Adapted 1325 indicators
 - Region-specific indicators (RAPs)

National Action plane (16 available 20

Sector specific statistics

- Displacement: refugees, IDP, pop. of concern (UNHCR)
- Safety and security: indiscriminate killings and injuries (OCHA), homicides (UNODC), use of small arms (UNODC, Small arms survey), perceptions/ experiences of safety (World Value, Gallup, SHaSA)
- SGBV: by non-intimate partner (UN Women, UNSD, UNFPA, WHO)
- Governance: perceptions and experiences of corruption, discrimination, capable institutions

- Asset ownership & entrepreneurship: land ownership and laws (FAO), access to credit/livestock/dwelling (EDGE), vulnerable employment (ILO), time use
- Access to services: education (UIS), health incl. reproductive health (WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNPD, WB)
- Rule of law & transitional justice: access to truth commissions and reparations (UN Women), national staff registries in justice and security systems (non-reported)
- Financing: Gender markers (OECD, IASC, UNICEF, UN-PBF), military spending (SIPRI)

NEW INITIATIVES

- Goal 16 on Peace, ROL & capable institutions
- SHaSA modules on governance, peace and security
- Praia group on governance statistics
- Review of 1325
- EU Council review of 1325 indicators
- NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme

Limited international statistical coordination

- SC-WPS group on indicators
- Not always statisticians
- Few/No national statisticians
- Possible consideration of WPS work by IAEG-GS might help
- Lack of internationally agreed methodological guidelines
 - UN Women produced guidelines for some 1325 indicators
 - Other agencies for their indicators
 - Guidelines unavailable for numerous indicators

Changing populations (limit comparability)

- Set of "conflict" countries changes over time
- Countries split up/unify
- Changes in population (casualties, displacement)
- Lack of political commitment

• WPS stats left out of non-conflict country dev. plans

Donor funds shift away from stats. during conflict

- Difficult data collection during conflict (surveys)
 - Difficulty reaching households (safety)
 - Reduced reliability of responses (fear/distrust)
 - Larger samples needed to account for non-response
 - Sensitivity of topics intensifies (SGBV, use of small arms, perceptions of corruption) – enumerators need further training
 - Association to political, religious, ethnic groups (need to build trust)
 - Increased survey cost
 - More female headed households (might not respond

- Difficult data collection during conflict (administrative)
 - Records might be destroyed
 - Shifts in funding towards amorging priorities
 - Staff safety concerns



- ■Designing a framework, compiling and reporting data → improved international coordination
- ■Vague indicator wording → limited measurability, comparability & availability
- ■Lack of international guidelines → reduced comparability → inadequate dissemination
- ■Lack of national commitment → reduced availability
- Data compiled in conflict/post-conflict countries only → comparability issues & limited evidencebased decision making in non-conflict countries

■Increased data availability → enhanced evidence-based decision making, increased fund allocations





Peace negotiation processes (2013)



Processes with gender experts







CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Quality and availability of WPS needs significant improvement. How?

- Review of internationally agreed indicators (right counterparts)
- Fully measurable indicators
- Methodological guidelines
 - Take into account lessons learned from monitoring 1325
 - Take into account developments in IAEG-GS
 - Work with City Group (Praia)

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Improved coordination (with int. stat. system and within NSS)
- Commitment from data producers (to compile and report, BEYOND conflict countries)
- Long term financing of statistical activities
 - Financial and technical support in conflict countries
 - Include WPS indicators in development plans and international frameworks

SUMMARY OF NEXT STEPS

- Global review of 1325 → assess most and least useful indicators (fine tune, add, delete, boost data production), request to IAEG-GS
- Improved coordination through Indicator WG of SC-WPS → include national and international data producers more actively, coordinate with IAEG-GS
- Draft methodological guidelines in coordination with data producers (City Group)
- Capacity building and financing on request
- Commitment to data production (e.g. women in NS forces)
- Knowledge gateway on WPS (public database, metadata, methodological guidelines, resources)