

## **UNSD Proposal for reconciliation on Violence against Women indicators**

(revised to be inline with the comments of the Advisory Group on Emerging Issues - September 2013)

Please take note of the fact that the 8 FOC indicators are in fact multi-dimensional tabulations. The forthcoming *Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Violence against Women* (already gone through the Stat Commission) will present these tabulations to be produced by NSOs.

Below are some points to keep in mind while considering how to ensure that inds 48 and 49 are in line with the indicators of the Friends of the Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission on indicators on violence against women (FOC indicators on VAW):

1. Minimize deviation from the wording used in the Minimum Set of Gender Indicators as the set has been approved by the Statistical Commission. Wording can be adjusted, but the meaning and intention of the indicators needs to remain the same.
2. Use the last 12 months as time reference. The last 12 months has stronger programmatic purposes as well as policy implications (used to measure change) compared to the lifetime measure which aims to build awareness.
3. Maintain the distinction between intimate partner and non-partner violence. One indicator (48) is about domestic (intimate partner violence) and one indicator (49) is about non-partner violence. The distinction between domestic and non-partner violence again addresses policy needs.
4. Through in depth discussion with selected experts, it appears that information/indicators on VAW most often used by policy makers (and reported by media) are: physical/sexual for partner violence and sexual for non-partner violence
5. Minimize additional burden of data collection, data processing and reporting on countries by using specific "marginals" of the the suggested multi-dimensional tabulations (corresponding to the FOC indicators on VAW) and contained in the forthcoming publication, *Guidelines for producing statistics on violence against women*.

Thus, we propose the following changes to the current inds on VAW in the min set: :

### **Current Minimum set indicator 48:**

Proportion of women aged 15-49 subjected to physical or sexual violence in past 12 months by an intimate partner

### **FoC Indicator V:**

Total and age specific rate of ever-partnered women subjected to sexual and/or physical violence by current or former intimate partner in the last 12 months by frequency; Indicator V above is multi-dimensional and translates in the *Guidelines* into 4 possible tabulations. Below we reproduce only the table of interest for this exercise.

### **Proposed NEW indicators 48:**

**48a. Total rate of partnered women subjected to physical violence in the last 12 months by an intimate partner.**

**48b. Total rate of partnered women subjected to sexual violence in the last 12 months by an intimate partner**  
(if we wanted to take the wording directly from the FoC we would use "Current or former intimate partner")

Table V-1. Women reporting physical, sexual, physical or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in past 12 months by age (UN Guidelines, forthcoming)



Age group	Total ever partnered	Any partner (most recent and/or Former partner)						Current/most recent partner						Former partner						
		Physical violence		Sexual violence		Physical or sexual violence		Physical violence		Sexual violence		Physical or sexual violence		Physical violence		Sexual violence		Physical or sexual violence		
		(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	
	N																			
15-19																				
20-24																				
25-29																				
30-34																				
35-39																				
40-44																				
45-49																				
50-54																				
55-59																				
60+																				
Total																				



**Current Minimum set indicator 49:**

Proportion of women aged 15-49 subjected to physical or sexual violence in past 12 months by persons other than an intimate partner

**FoC Indicator I and III:**

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Total and age specific rate of women subjected to physical violence in the last 12 months by severity of violence, relationship to the perpetrator and frequency;

**FoC Indicator III:**

Total and age specific rate of women subjected to sexual violence in the last 12 months by severity of violence, relationship to the perpetrator and frequency;

For min set indicator 49, we need to use information from both FoC indicator I and III, and thus, marginals from two different set of tabulations. As the other FOC inds, also indicators I and III are multi-dimensional and translate in the *Guidelines* into 4 possible tabulations each. Below we reproduce only the tables of interest for this exercise.

**Proposed NEW indicators 49:**

**49a. Total rate of women subjected to physical violence in the last 12 months by persons other than an intimate partner**

**49b. Total rate of women subjected to sexual violence in the last 12 months by persons other than an intimate partner**

Table I-1. Women reporting **physical** violence in the past 12 months by age and relationship to perpetrator (UN Guidelines, forthcoming)

Age group	Total Women N	Type of Perpetrator					
		Partner		Non-partner		Any	
		(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n
15-19							
20-24							
25-29							
30-34							
35-39							
40-44							
45-49							
50-54							
55-59							
60+							

Total							
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Table III-1. Women reporting **sexual** violence in the past 12 months by age and relationship to perpetrator (UN Guidelines, forthcoming)

Age group	Total Women N	Type of Perpetrator					
		Partner		Non-partner		Any	
		(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n	(per cent)	n
15-19							
20-24							
25-29							
30-34							
35-39							
40-44							
45-49							
50-54							
55-59							
60+							
Total							

To summarize: NEW inds 48 and 49 in Min Set of Gender Indicators:

48a. Total rate of partnered women subjected to physical violence in the last 12 months by an intimate partner.

48b. Total rate of partnered women subjected to sexual violence in the last 12 months by an intimate partner

49a. Total rate of women subjected to physical violence in the last 12 months by persons other than an intimate partner

49b. Total rate of women subjected to sexual violence in the last 12 months by persons other than an intimate partner