



TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

UPDATES ON LEARNING AND PROGRESS TOWARDS COMMON METHODOLOGIES FOR MEASUREMENT

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WHAT IS TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED VAW (TFVAW)?

Cyberbullying

involves the sending of intimidating or threatening messages.



Image-based sexual abuse

happens when a nude or sexual image of a person is shared without their consent or permission



Doxing

sharing of personal or identifying details



Trolling

posting messages, images or videos and the creation of hashtags for the purpose of provoking or inciting violence against women



.....and many more forms!!!

STATISTICAL COMMUNITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING TFVAW

Scoping/

Assessment

Standard

concepts,
definitions, and
methods

**TFVAW is
measured**

based on
standards

Access to
**more and
better data**
on TFVAW

Quality data is

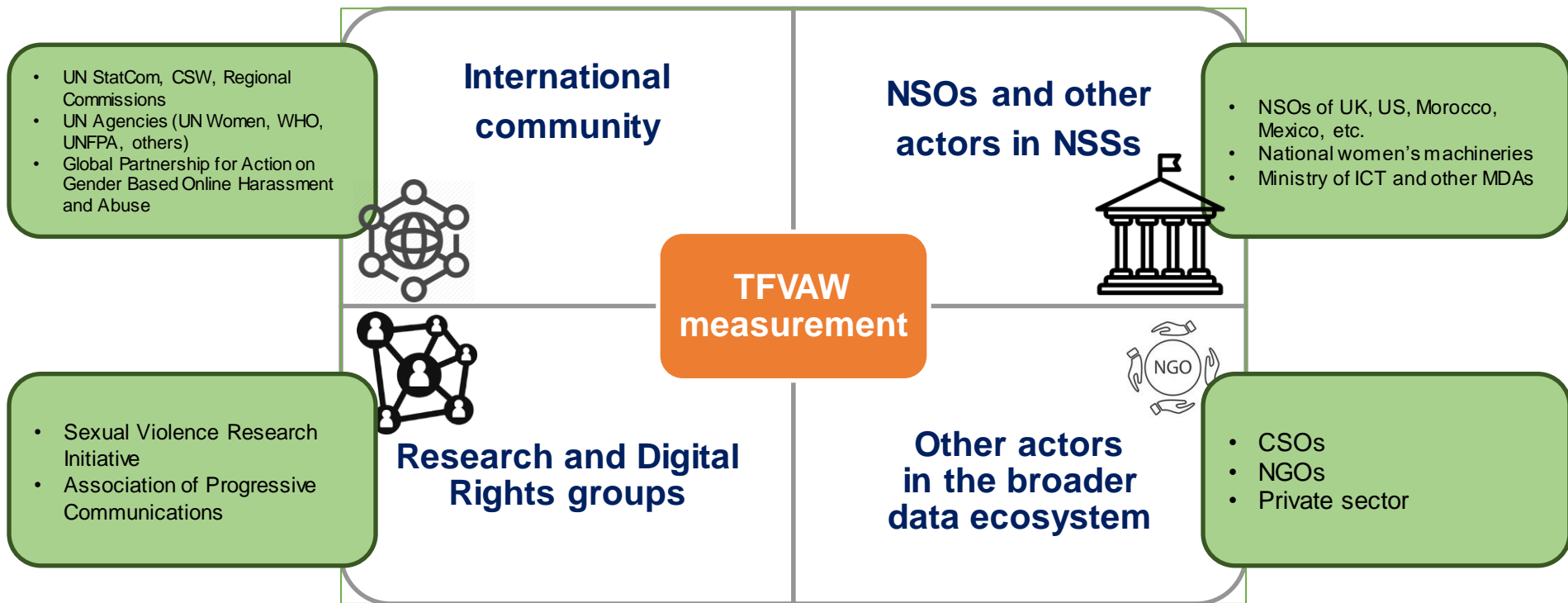
USED to

**prevent and
address TFVAW**

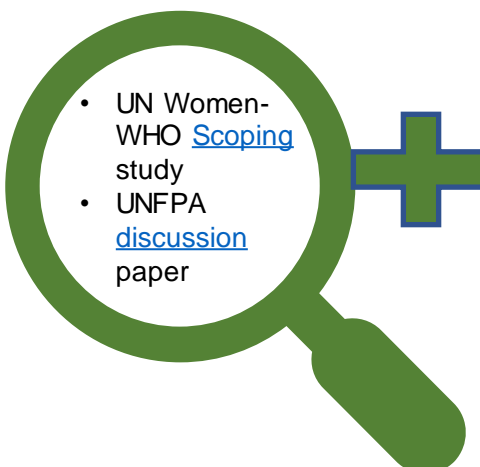
**STOP
THE
VIOLENCE**




WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS TFVAW MEASUREMENT

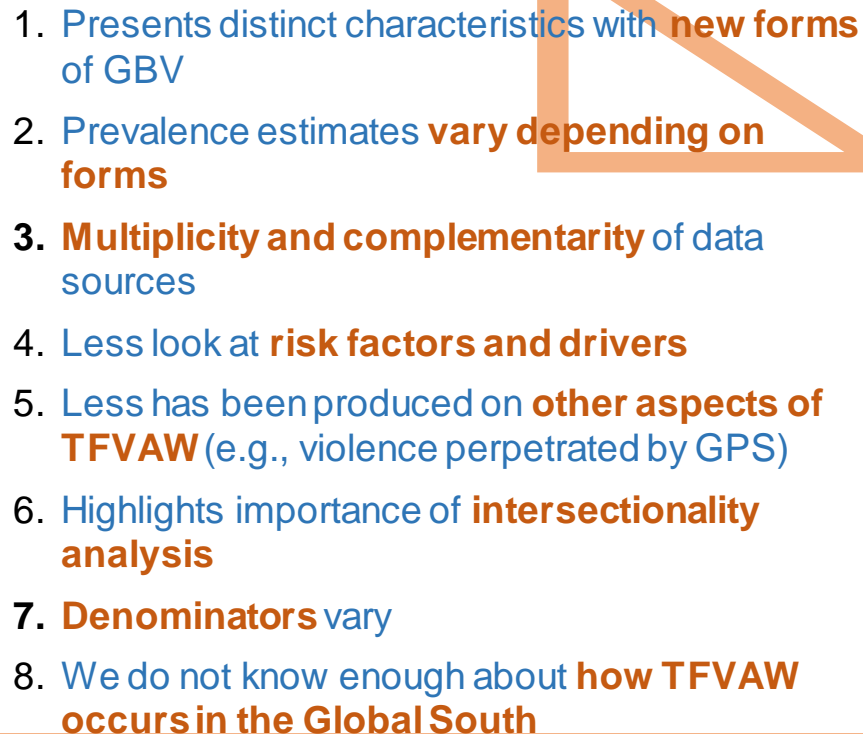


WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

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- UN Women-
WHO [Scoping](#)
study
 - UNFPA
[discussion](#)
paper



Preliminary
landscape
[analysis](#) (Global
Partnership)

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1. Presents distinct characteristics with **new forms** of GBV
 2. Prevalence estimates **vary depending on forms**
 3. **Multiplicity and complementarity** of data sources
 4. Less look at **risk factors and drivers**
 5. Less has been produced on **other aspects of TFVAW** (e.g., violence perpetrated by GPS)
 6. Highlights importance of **intersectionality analysis**
 7. **Denominators** vary
 8. We do not know enough about **how TFVAW occurs in the Global South**


PATH TOWARDS COMMON METHODOLOGIES FOR TFVAW MEASUREMENT



Nov 2022

Dec 2022

Legend

-  Target
-  Ongoing
-  Completed

- 54th UN Statistical Commission (UNSC)
- 67th UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

- Regional socialization workshops (UN Women, UNFPA, WHO)
- Regional technical consultations (with Reg'l. Comms)
- Workshop at the Global Forum of SVRI (UN Women, WHO, UNFPA)

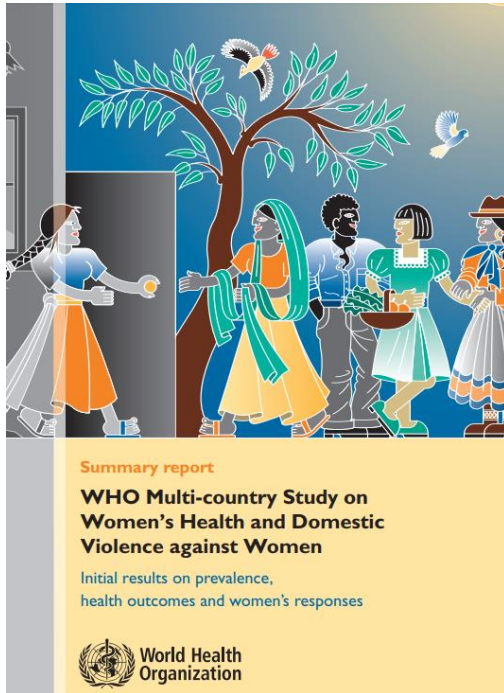
- SVRI
- APC
- UN Women
- Global Partnership

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. What are the **main challenges** NSOs and national partners encounter when measuring TFVAW?
2. What are the **main needs** that would need to be addressed by NSSs and international organizations?
3. What do you think can your NSO/NSS **contribute** to the global methodological developments? For example, learnings to share in a community of practice or another forum to exchange practices?



Measuring TFVAW: WHO Multi-country Study Questionnaire



- ❖ Multi-country study questionnaire and its adaptations used in over 65 countries
- ❖ Updates of the WHO Multi-country survey questionnaire (long and short versions) based on longstanding and ongoing measurement work, methodological developments and field learnings – most recent update: end-2023
- ❖ 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



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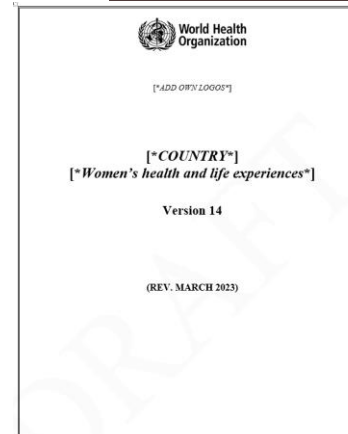
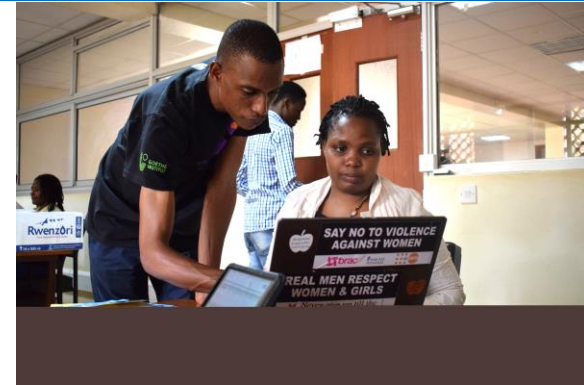
| 703 | I would now like to ask you about some situations that happen to many women. A. (Does/did) your (current/most recent) husband/partner do any of the following? | IF NO, SKIP TO NEXT SUBITEM | | | IF YES ASK B AND C: | | | | |
|-----|---|-----------------------------|----|------|--|-----|-----|------|------|
| | | | | | B) How often has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u> ? Would you say one time, a few times, many times or not at all? | | | | |
| | | A. EVER | | | B. PAST 12 MONTHS | | | | |
| | | YES | NO | R/NA | NONE | ONE | FEW | MANY | R/NA |
| | a) Try to stop you from seeing female friends? | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| | b) Try to restrict your contact with your family of birth? | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| | c) Insist on knowing where you (are/were), at all times in a way that (makes/made) you feel controlled? | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| | d) Stop you from seeking health care for yourself? | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| | e) Get jealous or angry with you if you (speak/spoke) with another man? | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| | f) Wrongly accuse you of being unfaithful? | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| | g) Use mobile technology to check where you (are/were) in a way that (makes/made) you feel controlled? | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 |

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|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|----|-------|-------|---|-------|
| 1019 | Now I would like to ask you about experiences that might have occurred at any time in public spaces such as on a street, in a park or on public transportation. A. Have you ever been groped, sexually touched or had someone rub against you without your consent in a public place? | YES | | | | 1 | ⇒1020 |
| | | NO | | | | 2 | |
| DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER | | | | 7 | ⇒1020 | | |
| REFUSED/NO ANSWER | | | | 9 | | | |
| | B. Did this ever happen: a) On a bus or other form of public transport? b) In a street or a park? c) Somewhere else? IF SOMEWHERE ELSE: Where was that? (SPECIFY:) | YES | NO | DK/DR | R/NA | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 8 | 9 | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 8 | 9 | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 8 | 9 | | |
| 1020 | 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. | YES | | | | 1 | |
| NO | | | | 2 | | | |
| DOES NOT USE ELECTRONIC MEDIA | | | | 7 | | | |
| REFUSED/NO ANSWER | | | | 9 | | | |

Measuring TFVAW: WHO Multi-country Study Questionnaire

Recent update and planned expansion of the WHO MCS instrument

- ❖ Review of questions on TFVAW in existing surveys
- ❖ Expert consultations with VAW, health and other survey experts ensuring geographical diversity
 - ❖ Key considerations for inclusion of (additional) TFVAW questions into existing (VAW) surveys
 - ❖ Structure and placement (modality v/s new form of violence)
 - ❖ Harmonization and work towards standardization of measures, analyses and reporting
- ❖ Cognitive testing of questions
- ❖ Piloting of questions in planned surveys (and translation as needed)
- ❖ Update of the WHO MCS with tested questions and question-by-question manual



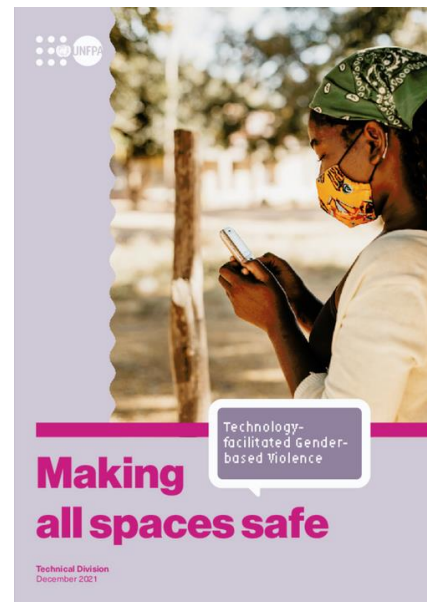
UNFPA progress on measuring TF GBV

1. Knowledge management and thought leadership

- Technical report: *Making All Spaces Safe* (2021)
- Thought leadership (forthcoming): *How to Bake in Consent into Tech*

2. Convening

- Global Symposium on Technology-facilitated GBV (2022)
Three days of technical discussions on 1) data and research, 2) feminist technology, and 3) law and policy.
Report of symposium outcomes to be published soon.
- Second edition in 2023, with a focus on programming



UNFPA progress on measuring TF GBV



3. Capacity strengthening on TF GBV data: the kNOwVAWdata initiative

- kNOwVAWdata course to include a module on TF GBV data (forthcoming)

4. Evidence and data generation

- Measuring technology-facilitated gender-based violence. A discussion paper (2023)

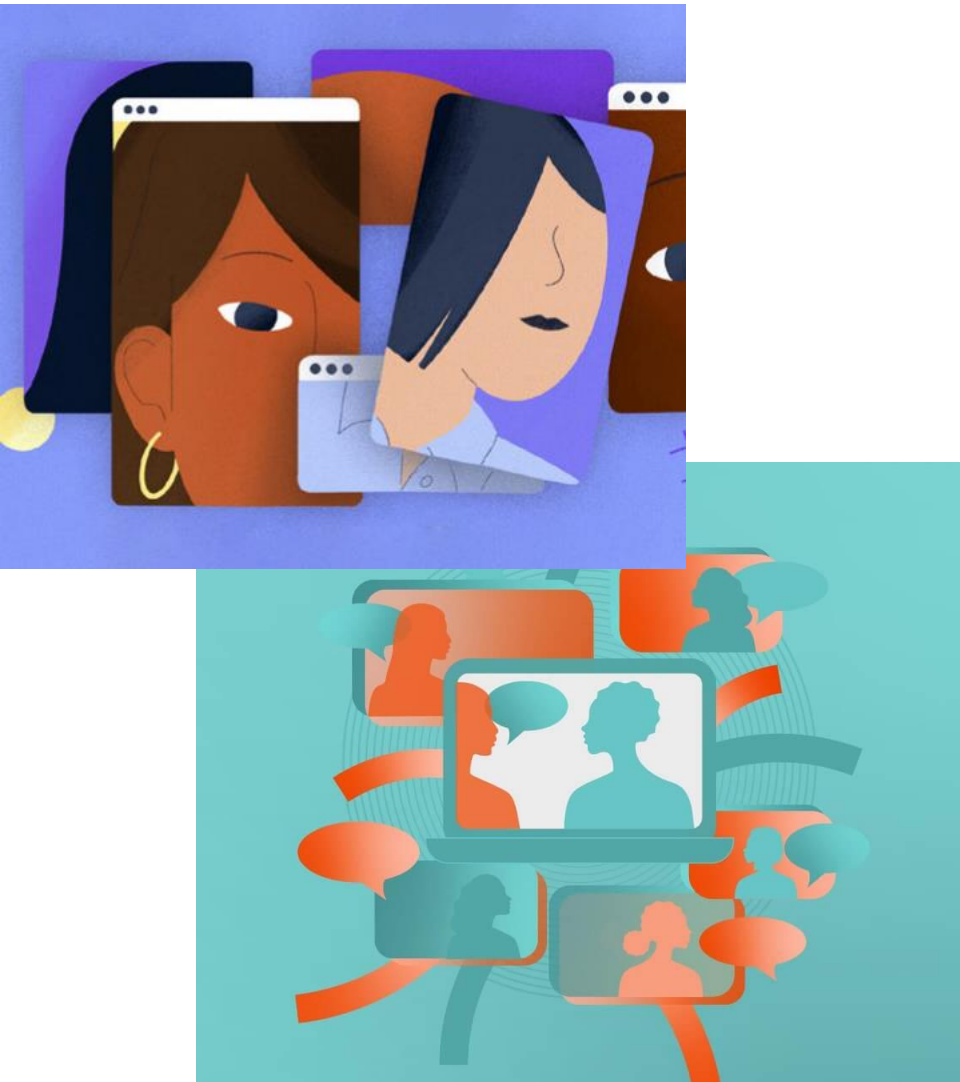
Conclusion: Small scale qualitative and quantitative surveys are necessary alongside prevalence surveys, to comprehensively understand TF GBV.

- *Guidance on the Safe and Ethical Use of Technology to Address Gender-based Violence and Harmful Practices* (2023, full version forthcoming)

With key recommendations for safe and ethical data collection, use and storage

- Technology-facilitated gender-based violence program evaluation framework (forthcoming)
- Scoping review on methodologies to measure TF GBV (forthcoming)
- Small scale studies at country level

Türkiye (2021), Serbia (2022), Tunisia, Lao PDR and Pakistan (forthcoming)



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