GENDER-RELATED KILLINGS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS (FEMICIDE/FEMINICIDE)

Towards a common statistical framework

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“The different frameworks, definitions and classifications used in the conceptualization of femicide often complicate the collection of data from different sources and could lead to documentation that may not be comparable across communities or regions.”

Rashida Manjoo, Special rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences. 2012

- Pledge for the development of a **statistical framework on gender-sensitive crime statistics, with a focus on the gender-related killing of women and girls (femicide/feminicide)**, based on the ICCS

- UN Women, UNODC and other Int. agencies have discussed the key elements to build a **common UN approach** on gender-related killings of women and girls (femicide/feminicide) for statistical purposes
PROBLEM

- The concept of “femicide/feminicide” can have very different connotations, in some countries it is even considered as a specific criminal offence.

- The current discussion at the international level is about a comprehensive definition of the concept of gender-related killing of women and girls (femicide/feminicide) for statistical purposes only.

- Objective is to identify specific types of killings that have a policy-relevance from a gender perspective and have objective features such that they can be measured.
The current international standard for crime statistics is the International Classification of Crimes for Statistical Purposes (ICCS).

Countries are still in the process of fully adopting the ICCS and produce disaggregated data in line with its various variables.

The ICCS offers various opportunities to identify gender motivation of crime and the gender-related context, though more operational guidance is needed.

The ICCS defines Intentional Homicide as the “Unlawful death inflicted upon a person with the intent to cause death or serious injury”. Femicide/ Feminicide falls into this category.
Towards a common approach

- 33 gender-related criteria (and related disaggregating variables and categories) have been identified to have an open discussion with data producers, practitioners and substantive experts.

- Criteria grouped by themes:
  - Victim
  - Perpetrator
  - Modus Operandi
  - Gender-biased context
  - Conflict-related context
An initial approximation to the gender-related killing of women and girls (femicide/feminicide) is the measurement of killings by intimate partner/family member. But this is only a subset of the whole phenomenon, further disaggregation is needed.
Killing involving sexual violence
PROPOSED DATA COLLECTION

Killing involving sexual violence

ICCS Section 03 Injurious acts of a sexual nature
ICCS CRIME CATEGORIES

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CRITERION EXAMPLE “A”

Authority and/or care relationship between the victim and the perpetrator
ICCS DISAGGREGATING VARIABLE

Authority and/or care relationship between the victim and the perpetrator

Relationship between victim and perpetrator of intentional homicide
**ICCS CATEGORIES**

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United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
## Proposed Additional Categories

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Global outreach to National Statistical Offices, Gender equality/Women Empowerment Institutions, Law enforcement and Criminal Justice institutions asking to review the criteria taking into account:

- **Validity of criterion**
  - Is the criterion determinant to identify gender motivation?

- **Validity of disaggregating variables**
  - Do these variable and categories capture the intention of the criterion?

- **Data collection and availability status**
  - Are data according to this criterion available or they could be so in near future?

- **Relevance**
  - How do/would you use data disaggregated by this criterion?
NEXT STEPS

- **Consultation launch**: Finalise questionnaire/platform and descriptive document.
  
  Ongoing

- **Feedback**: Receive responses from national institutions/experts
  
  Early 2021

- **Assessment**: Analysis of feedback
  
  Q1 2021

- **Development**: prepare draft statistical framework
  
  Q1-Q2 2021

- **Refinement**: final consultation on the proposed framework
  
  Q2 2021

- **Submission**: Framework is sent to UNSC for its endorsement in its 53rd session
  
  Q3 2021
Questions

- Do you think that data on gender-related killings, at national and international level, can be a valid instrument to monitor and analyse VAW (as a complement to survey-based data)?

- Any suggestion/question on the elements of the framework?

- Any suggestion/question on the consultation process?
THANK YOU

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