

Global Monitoring of Violence against Women Methodological Work: Progress report

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SDG Indicators 5.2.1 and 5.2.2

- **5.2.1:** Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by form of violence and by age
- **5.2.2:** Proportion of women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by age and place of occurrence

Presentation

- Process and mechanisms
- Methodological work:
 - Psychological intimate partner violence
 - Non-partner sexual violence
 - Violence in older women
- Next steps

Inter-agency work

- WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women, UNSD and UNODC
- Workplan includes estimates, methodological briefs
- Technical Advisory Group established and meeting to provide advice, including advice on models and variables included for estimates

Prevalence database

- 2013 estimates based on systematic review up to 2011
- Updated database:
 - We double screened **5432** abstracts from four databases: Medline, Embase, Global Health and PsycInfo
 - Extracted and double checked data extraction for **98** studies.
 - Searched for unpublished manuscripts and reports via all statistics offices and google search for each country
 - Extracted and double checked data for an additional **103** studies

Availability of data

- Some data available for 139 countries
- 78 countries have more than one time point
- 40 of those countries have more than 2 time points from different years

Availability of data

- 88 countries have data available for one form of IPV (physical, sexual, emotional or physical and/or sexual)
- 49 countries have data available on non-partner sexual violence or sexual violence by any perpetrator (not only sexual IPV)
- For 94 countries, national representative data is available, for the others the data is mixed rural and urban data.

Data quality issues and challenges example: Sample inclusion

Pakistan 2012

3687 women selected – one currently married woman aged 15-49 from each household

3687 women are currently married

None are not married

All receive the spousal violence questions

Namibia 2012

2226 women selected – one woman aged 15-49 from each household

963 women are currently married

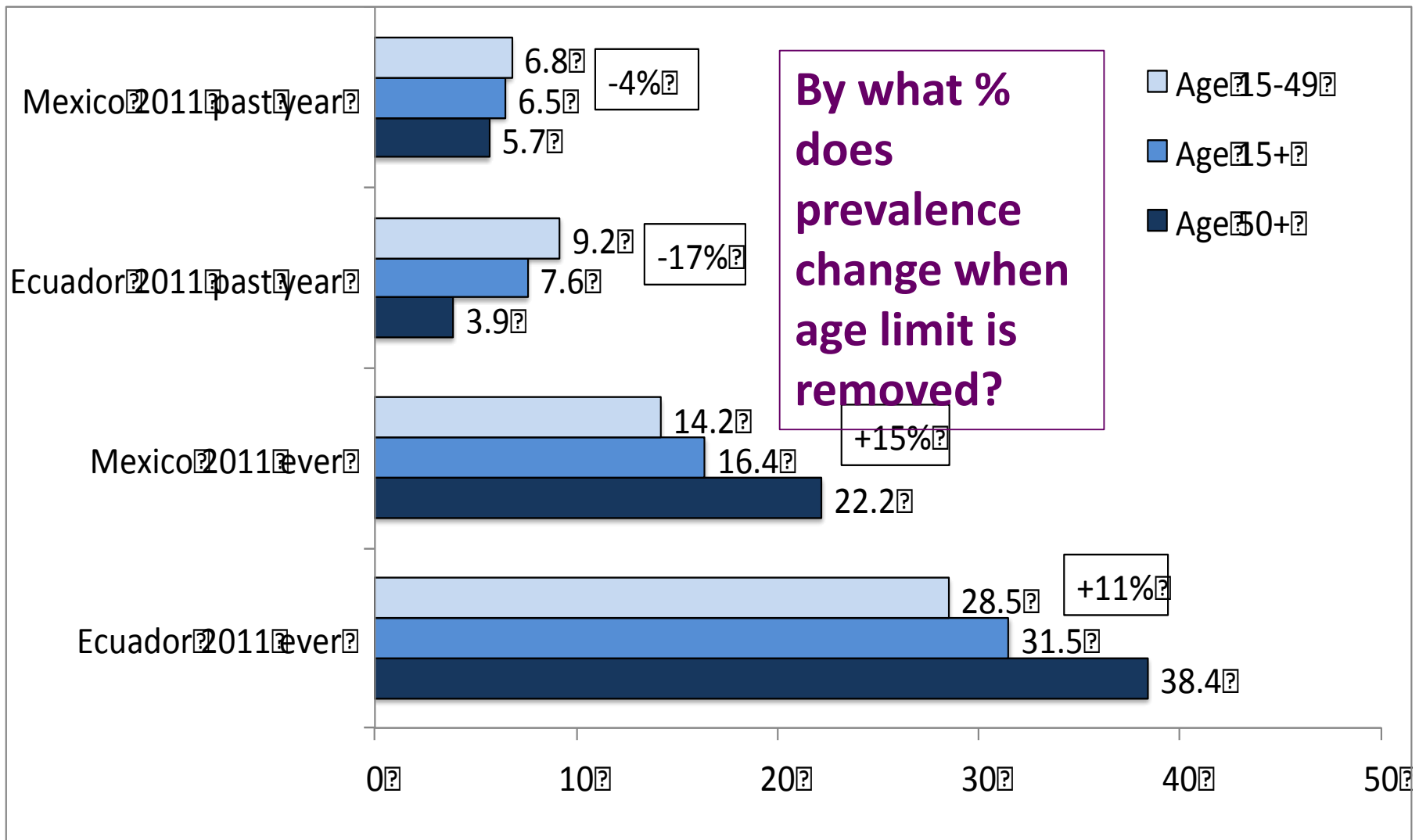
1263 are not married

Not all receive the spousal violence questions

- Asking all women about intimate partner violence?
- Asking about current partner violence, spousal violence or any partner?

How much does age 15-49 vs. 15+ matter?

% of physical and/or sexual violence by current/most recent partner, among women/girls who ever **had a romantic or intimate partner**



Estimates

- Given the data currently available, IPV estimates will focus on the following: "Proportion of women aged 15-49 subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner."
 - Analyses by age and other variables as feasible
 - Measurement and methodological efforts will continue to ensure that the more expansive definition of the SDG indicator above are reported on.
- WHO will undertake a Country Consultation process for sharing estimate

Defining and measuring psychological violence

- What are the core domains?
- Are the items currently used to measure these domains appropriate?
- Is controlling behaviour a part of psychological violence?
- Is economic abuse a part of psychological violence?
- What is the threshold?
 - At what point does unkind behaviour become psychological violence?
 - Is it the type of act? Frequency of acts?

Recommendations from 2016

Expert Meeting

- Domains to focus on: a) insults and humiliation; b) threats and intimidation; and c) control and social isolation
- Exclude economic abuse from the proposed domains at this time
 - Difficulty with developing universal definition of economic abuse
- Analyse controlling behaviors separately
 - Pattern of behaviours vs. specific acts
- Items
 - Standardize abuse frequency measures, timeframes and item stems for all psychological violence items
 - Reword items to focus on women's experiences, rather than perpetrator intent, i.e. change "Did things to scare you on purpose" to "Did things that made you feel scared or intimidated"
- Work on threshold is ongoing

Next steps on psychological IPV methodology and analysis

- Extracting psychological violence data for systematic review
- Test proposed thresholds using existing data
- Pilot and refine revised items

Next steps

- TAG and VAW –IAWGE meetings in early January
- Updated estimates (and trends analysis where feasible)
- Country consultation
- Continue work on psychological IPV
- Fundraise for developing work on measuring violence among older women