Session 1: The Importance of Costing VAW

Step by Step towards Costing Violence against Women in the Arab Region
Impact of Marital Violence in the Arab Region

Marital VIOLENCE

Affects
Health

Affect women’s access to pursue

Education

Discourage women from seeking

(National Economy and Society)

Carry high costs for

(Mental, Physical, Psychological, Sexual) Status

Reduce women’s employment opportunities and ability to perform

Losses in potential and productivity constraints to

• Women’s low socioeconomic status further heightens the risk of violence

• Women’s limited education and poor health has spill-over effects onto the next generation

• Witnessing violence as a child is associated with experiencing or perpetrating violence later in life

• Children’s poor health, behavior and educational attainment

NATIONAL ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

Increases expenditures on

Prevention

Protection

Prosecution

Compensation

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The importance costing VAW in the Arab region

• Violence against women (VAW) in the Arab region is widely recognized as a critical human rights violation that requires political commitment and leadership to prevent it, mitigate its consequences, and prosecute its perpetrators. Marital violence, in particular is very prevalent in the region and data is available in this area to a certain extent.

• Costing marital violence in the Arab region will fill a gap in knowledge on the economic impacts of marital violence.

• A focus on economic costs of marital violence in the Arab region can potentially offer an entry point to influence budgeting decision makers in the Arab states.
The importance of a guide on costing VAW in the Arab region

• Costing marital violence will help Arab States coordinate their efforts on a national level since current efforts have been disconnected and fragmented. This is evident in the disengagement of the national legal frameworks from the policy frameworks and the services that have been established.

• Costing marital violence will help Arab States to implement their due diligence and meet their international commitments and obligations, such as the Beijing Platform of Action, and CEDAW.

• Analyzing the cost of marital violence will enable Arab States to fully assume their role as duty bearers, confirming the severity of the problem, and that it is a matter of public, not private, concern.
Which Countries are Costing Marital Violence in the Arab Region?

• Egypt completed the costing of gender based violence in 2015
  
• Palestine (started 2017)
  
• Saudi Arabia (started 2017)
  
• Tunisia (started 2018)
  
• Lebanon (started 2018)
I. The Purpose of Costing Violence against Women

II. Why Costing VAW in the Arab region?/ How could costing VAW influence policy reform in the Arab region

III. Issues to Consider when Costing Marital Violence
   A. Site Selection
   B. Operational Definitions
   C. Time Frame for the Study
   D. Sampling
IV. Estimating Costs of IPV at the Household and Community Level

A. Household Level Costs of marital violence
   1. Mapping Help Seeking Behavior
   2. Household Out-Of-Pocket – Direct Costs
   3. Household Indirect Costs

B. Community Level Costs of marital violence
   1. Mapping of Services Available at the Community Level
   2. Provider Survey to Collect Data on Volume and Cost of Services Provided

C. Gender Responsive Budgeting
Tentative Outline for the Guidelines – Continuation

V. Ethical Guidelines in Intimate Partner Violence Research

VI. Additional Considerations
Case Studies

1. Egypt
2. Vietnam
3. United Kingdom
4. Kazakhstan
5. Palestine
6. Saudi Arabia
Proposed Steps for Costing Marital Violence in the Arab Region

Preparatory Phase (Report)

National Consultation Phase (Tailored National Operational Plan)

Implementation Phase

Conduct a National Household Survey
  - Data Collection
  - Data Analysis
  - Report Writing

Hold Technical Meetings (Develop and Validate Survey)
  - Data Collection
  - Data Analysis
  - Report Writing

Undertake a Survey to Cost Service Provision
  - Data Collection
  - Data Analysis
  - Report Writing

Mapping Survivors’ Access to Services
  - Data Collection
  - Data Analysis
  - Report Writing

Conduct Gender Budgeting at a National Level
  - Review of National and Sectoral Budgets
  - Report Writing

Develop a Study on Cost of Violence against Women

Awareness Raising Campaign

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Annexes

I. Illustrative Example of Mapping Help Seeking Behavior

II. Help-Seeking by Women after experiencing IPV

III. Draft list of questions for the fieldwork
Proposed Documentation of Case Studies

Case Studies

I. Countries Completed the Costing Exercise
Egypt, Vietnam, United Kingdom, Kazakhstan;

II. Countries in the Process:
Palestine, Saudi Arabia
Thank you.

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