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Regional Workshop on Measurement
of Sustainable Development Goals
on Violence Against women and
Time-Use Indicators

Interagency and methodological work on SDG indicators 5.2.1 and 5.2.2

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Overview

1. Interagency work on VAW SDGs
2. WHO systematic review and database
3. Data quality and comparability issues

I. Interagency work on VAW SDGs

- Interagency Working Group on VAW Estimation and Data – WHO, UNSD, UNFPA, UNWomen, UNICEF, UNODC
- Meetings in June 2017 and January 2018
 - Developed workplace and planned outputs
 - Convened Technical Advisory Group in January 2018

Interagency work on VAW SDGs

- Convened Technical Advisory Group, met in January 2018
 - Discussed and identified methodological issues, including models for estimation
 - Discussed and identified priority issues for further methodological work:
 - Psychological violence
 - Older women
 - Measurement of disability in context of VAW surveys
 - Sexual harassment

II. WHO systematic review and database

- **Inclusion criteria:**
 - Studies of women aged 15+
 - Nationally representative or population based studies (cross-sectional or cohort studies)
 - Studies measuring the prevalence of emotional, physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence or sexual violence by any perpetrator (or studies giving enough data to compute these estimates if not directly calculated).
 - Studies published after 2011

- **Exclusion criteria:**
 - Estimates that combine prevalence of physical and/or sexual IPV with other forms of violence
 - Estimates from particular sub-populations that might not generalize to the population, such as clinical samples.
 - Case reports, case series (less than 30 patients), letters, reviews, policy reports, commentaries, and editorials
 - Minimum reporting criteria: Studies not giving sufficient detail for extrapolation, e.g. concrete sample size, confidence intervals or standard error

Systematic review of prevalence studies – results

- **Lifetime IPV prevalence:**
 - total of 275 studies
 - 130 countries
 - self-reports from 4,250,932 women
- **Past year IPV prevalence:**
 - total of 282 studies
 - 131 countries
 - self-reports from 3,421,962 women
- **NPSV:**
 - total of 80 studies
 - 75 countries
 - self-reports from 548,135 women

Availability of data from ESCWA countries in the database

- 10 studies from ESCWA countries
- Of 18 ESCWA countries, the database includes data from 5 countries
- Includes: DHS, stand-alone violence studies and data from smaller published.

III. Data quality and comparability issues

- Definition and labeling of forms of violence
 - Aggregate indicators – unclear what forms of violence are included, i.e. ‘physical and/or sexual’ or ‘physical, sexual or psychological’
 - Some studies only report prevalence of specific items, cannot calculate aggregate from the report
- Interviewer training
 - No clear cut-off for what constitutes sufficient training

Data quality and comparability issues example: 15-49 vs. 15+

- By what % does prevalence change when age limit is removed?
 - Mexico 2011, past year: 15-49: 8.3%
 - Mexico 2011, past year, 15+: 7.5%

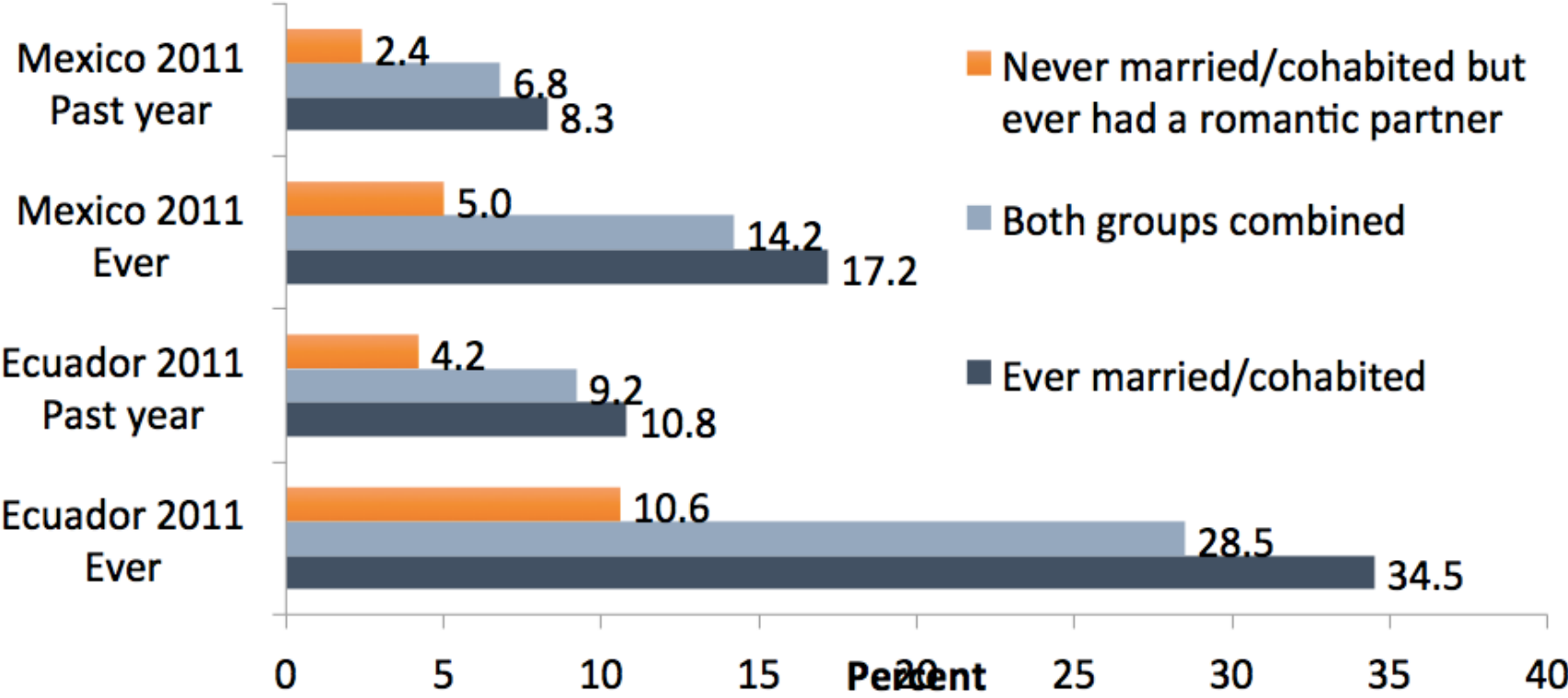
-10% difference

 - Mexico 2011, lifetime: 15-49: 17.2%
 - Mexico 2011, lifetime: 15+: 19.0%

+10% difference
- 15+ reporting of past year makes the prevalence of IPV appear lower as physical and/or sexual IPV is less frequent among older women

Data quality and comparability issues example: Definitions of partnership

- Widely varying definitions of partnership, impacts prevalence



Data quality and comparability issues 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?

Goal and objectives of inter-agency working group

To strengthen data collection, interpretation and use by:

- Improving methodologies
- Building national capacity and supporting country efforts
- Advocacy