Intimate Partner violence: Preliminary results from the baseline survey of men and women in 4 Districts in Ghana

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AIM: To assess the community level impact of the Gender Centre’s Rural Response System (RRS) in reducing violence against women (VAW) in Ghana.

METHODS:

Design: An unmatched cluster randomised controlled trial with two arms:

i) Intervention arm - Receive Gender Centre’s RRS /COMBAT package for communities as well as state agencies. ii) Control arm – No intervention.

Components – Both Qualitative & Quantitative

Setting:

i) Rural and urban communities in 4 districts of the Central Region of Ghana (Two coastal districts - Abura and Komenda & Two inland districts - Agona and Upper Denkyira).

ii) State Agencies (DOVVSU/Police, CHRAJ, Social Welfare, and Health Services).
Location of the 4 study sites (districts) in the Central Region of Ghana
BASELINE DATA COLLECTION

• Quantitative data: A total of 4,126 persons comprising of 2,126 men (control = 1075; intervention = 1051) and 2,000 women (control = 1047; intervention = 953) surveyed.

• Baseline survey of COMBAT members (n= 115; men=57; women=58) completed.

• Qualitative data: Included 14 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), 18 Key Informant Interviews (KIIIs), 40 In-depth Interviews (IDIIs) and review of documents on VAW cases in all districts recorded by state institutions mandated to handle VAW cases.
# Demographic Characteristics of Female Respondents

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<td>321 (30.7)</td>
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<td>Membership of groups</td>
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<td>Age of respondent (years)</td>
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<td>Number of biological children**</td>
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IPV PREVALENCE AMONG FEMALES IN PAST 12 MONTHS

- Any IPV: 34.3% (TOTAL), 35.6% (INTERVENTION), 33.1% (CONTROL)
- Either Sexual or Physical: 21.7% (TOTAL), 23.1% (INTERVENTION), 20.5% (CONTROL)
- Both Sexual and Physical: 7.1% (TOTAL), 9.8% (INTERVENTION), 4.6% (CONTROL)
- Sexual: 12.3% (TOTAL), 15.8% (INTERVENTION), 9.1% (CONTROL)
- Physical: 15.5% (TOTAL), 15.7% (INTERVENTION), 15.3% (CONTROL)
- Emotional/Psychological: 24.6% (TOTAL), 27.8% (INTERVENTION), 21.7% (CONTROL)
- Economic: 5.3% (TOTAL), 7.4% (INTERVENTION), 9.3% (CONTROL)
IPV PERPETRATION AMONG MALE RESPONDENTS IN PAST 12 MONTHS

- Any IPV
  - TOTAL: 35.3%
  - INTERVENTION: 30%
  - CONTROL: 40.9%

- Either Sexual or Physical
  - TOTAL: 21.7%
  - INTERVENTION: 20.5%
  - CONTROL: 23.1%

- Both Sexual and Physical
  - TOTAL: 9.7%
  - INTERVENTION: 9.1%
  - CONTROL: 10.3%

- Sexual
  - TOTAL: 16.9%
  - INTERVENTION: 16.3%
  - CONTROL: 17.6%

- Physical
  - TOTAL: 11.9%
  - INTERVENTION: 10.7%
  - CONTROL: 13.2%

- Emotional/Psychological
  - TOTAL: 23.1%
  - INTERVENTION: 17.3%
  - CONTROL: 29.1%

- Economic
  - TOTAL: 6.1%
  - INTERVENTION: 5%
  - CONTROL: 6.8%
FORMS OF SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL IPV PREVALENT AMONG FEMALES IN PAST 12 MONTHS

- Was threatened with or attacked with weapon
- Was kicked, dragged, beaten or choked
- Was Hit with a fist or something hard
- Was pushed or shoved
- Was slapped or had something thrown at
- Forced to watch pornography
- Forced to do something sexual
- Threatened/ intimidated to have sex
- Physically forced to have sex (Rape)
FORMS OF PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL IPV PERPETRATED BY MALE RESPONDENTS IN PAST 12 MONTHS

- Threatened to use or attacked partner with weapon
- Kicked, dragged, beat or choked partner
- Hit partner with a fist or something hard
- Pushed or shoved partner
- Slapped or threw something at partner
- Forced partner to watch pornography
- Forced partner to do something sexual
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**CHART:**

- **TOTAL**
- **INTERVENTION**
- **CONTROL**

**Values:**

- Threatened to use or attacked partner with weapon: 0.3, 0.2, 0.3
- Kicked, dragged, beat or choked partner: 3.2, 4.2
- Hit partner with a fist or something hard: 3.8, 3.9
- Pushed or shoved partner: 7.5, 9.1, 10.7
- Slapped or threw something at partner: 6.1, 6.7
- Forced partner to watch pornography: 4, 6.5, 9.2
- Forced partner to do something sexual: 2.2, 3
- Threatened/intimidated partner to have sex: 13, 13.3
- Physically forced partner to have sex (Rape): 12.4, 12.6

**Source:** UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

**School of Public Health**
• All male respondents interviewed had poor attitudes towards gender relations

• Majority of men (>98%) reported poor perceived community attitudes towards gender relations

• Majority of female respondents (>98%) had poor attitudes towards gender relations

• Majority of women (>99%) reported poor perceived community attitudes towards gender relations
SUMMARY- PRELIMINARY BASELINE FINDINGS ON IPV

**WOMEN - PREVALENCE**
- Physical = 15.5%
- Sexual = 12.3%
- Emotional/ Psychological = 24.6%
- Economic = 7.4%
- Both sexual & Physical = 7.1%
- Any IPV = 34.3%

**MEN - PERPETRATION**
- Physical = 11.9%
- Sexual = 16.9%
- Emotional/ Psychological = 23.1%
- Economic = 6.1%
- Both sexual & Physical = 9.7%
- Any IPV = 35.3%
THANK YOU