What Works to Prevent Violence

A Global Programme to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS FACING THE WORLD TODAY

It has been estimated that it accounts for as much death and ill health in women aged 15-44, as cancer, and is a greater cause of ill health than malaria and traffic accidents combined.

The economic cost of domestic violence alone is estimated to be $8.4bn per year in Australia, $42bn in the UK and nearly 1.4% of GDP in Vietnam.
GLOBALLY,

35% OF WOMEN

HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME FORM OF VIOLENCE

THAT’S 818 MILLION WOMEN

In Australia, Canada, Israel, South Africa and the United States

30% OF WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE FROM THEIR PARTNER. THAT’S OVER 700 MILLION WOMEN.

BETWEEN 40 AND 70% OF FEMALE MURDER VICTIMS WERE KILLED BY THEIR INTIMATE PARTNERS.

1 Based on population figures in United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. 2013. World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

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IMAGINE IF
THAT VIOLENCE NEVER HAPPENED?

818 MILLION WOMEN
able to
LIVE HEALTHIER,
HAPPIER,
MORE PRODUCTIVE LIVES.

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But this is not something we only have to imagine, it’s something we can create.

WE CAN PREVENT VIOLENCE FROM HAPPENING IN THE FIRST PLACE.

To do this we must first understand what causes it.

WORK IS BEING DONE AROUND THE WORLD TO FIND OUT WHAT REDUCES THE LIKELIHOOD OF VIOLENCE,

and what works to build communities that value and treat women and men as equals.
THE WHAT WORKS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS PROGRAMME

WHAT WORKS CONSISTS OF THREE COMPLEMENTARY COMPONENTS:

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN CONFLICT AND HUMANITARIAN CRISES

This component is focused on developing research and evidence to fill gaps in knowledge about what interventions work to prevent violence in fragile and conflict areas.

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS
The International Rescue Committee leads a consortium, in partnership with Care International UK and the Global Women’s Institute at the George Washington University.
THE GLOBAL PROGRAMME

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The South African Medical Research Council leads a consortium, in partnership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Social Development Direct.

What Works is a UK Department for International Development (DFID) flagship programme, which is investing an unprecedented £25 million, over five years, to the prevention of violence against women and girls.

It supports primary prevention efforts across Africa and Asia, that seek to understand and address the underlying causes of violence, to stop it from occurring.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COSTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

This third component is focused on the estimation of social and economic costs of violence against women and girls, developing the economic case for investing in prevention.

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS
The National University of Ireland, Galway, leads a consortium, in partnership with Ipsos MORI and International Center for Research on Women.
THE GLOBAL PROGRAMME: WHAT WE DO

The What Works to Prevent Violence Global Programme is a DFID-funded programme for the prevention of violence against women and girls. It supports primary prevention efforts across Africa and Asia, that seek to understand and address the social conditions that can lead to violence.

CONDUCT CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH

Prevention efforts that work are based on research and evidence. The Global Programme conducts cutting-edge research around the world, that will substantially advance the evidence on what drives violence, what works to prevent violence, what makes interventions successful and how they can be replicated, adapted and scaled up. This includes conducting large-scale impact evaluations of successful and promising prevention interventions, costing studies, and in-depth secondary analysis of existing data.

SUPPORT INNOVATION

Prevention is a growing field, and much new and promising work is being done. The Global Programme supports groundbreaking work through an innovation grant scheme, to support non-profits working in DFID priority countries to develop and test pioneering approaches to preventing violence against women and girls.
PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND BUILD CAPACITY

A unified movement to prevent violence against women and girls requires sharing lessons globally. To support this, the Global Programme provides a platform for cross-country and cross-disciplinary learning. The programme also provides training and capacity development in primary prevention approaches to research, programme design and implementation.

DRIVE THE POLICY AGENDA

Good policy and programming is based on evidence. The Global Programme has strong networks to policymakers, practitioners and activists worldwide, and is committed to communicating research in ways that are applicable to the needs of different stakeholders, to ensure knowledge translates into action.
WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

The Global Programme works with policymakers, international organisations working to prevent violence against women, and researchers. The programme supports non-profits across Africa and Asia to develop projects to prevent violence against women and girls. These include schools-based programmes, projects that work with communities to challenge social norms that support the use of violence, and programmes that partner with the media, political, religious and community leaders to drive change.

To learn more about the projects we support visit: www.whatworks.co.za.

WHERE WE WORK

What Works builds global partnerships, but works specifically to support programmes in DFID priority countries:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, DR Congo, Ghana, India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Rwanda, South Sudan, South Africa, Tajikistan, Uganda, Zambia.
WORK WITH US

Violence against women and girls is a global problem that requires a globally informed response. The Global Programme wants to learn from your experiences of what works to prevent violence, and to share knowledge with you that could help to inform research, programmes and policies in your country.

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