

R E S P E C T

PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

A framework for policymakers



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Introduction

The primary audience for this document is policymakers. Programme implementers working on preventing and responding to violence against women will also find it useful for designing, planning, implementing, and monitoring and evaluating interventions and programmes.

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Assess **the risk** & **protective** **factors**



SOCIETAL

COMMUNITY

INTERPERSONAL

INDIVIDUAL



Relationships skills strengthened

Group-based workshops with women and men to promote egalitarian attitudes and relationships



Couples counselling and therapy



Empowerment of women

Empowerment training for women and girls including life skills, safe spaces, mentoring



Inheritance and asset ownership policies and interventions



Micro-finance or savings and loans plus gender and empowerment training components



Services ensured

Empowerment counselling interventions or psychological support to support access to services (i.e. advocacy)



Alcohol misuse prevention interventions



Shelters



Hotlines



One-stop crisis centres



Perpetrator interventions



Women's police stations/units



Screening in health services



Sensitization and training of institutional personnel without changing the institutional environment



Poverty reduced

Economic transfers, including conditional/unconditional cash transfers plus vouchers, and in-kind transfers



Labour force interventions including employment policies, livelihood and employment training



Microfinance or savings interventions without any additional components



Environments made safe

Infrastructure and transport



Bystander interventions



Whole School interventions



Child and adolescent abuse prevented

Home visitation and health worker outreach



Parenting interventions



Psychological support interventions for children who experience violence and who witness intimate partner violence



Life skills / school-based curriculum, rape and dating violence prevention training



Transformed attitudes, beliefs, and norms

Community mobilization



Group-based workshops with women and men to promote changes in attitudes and norms



Social marketing or edutainment and group education



Group education with men and boys to change attitudes and norms



Stand-alone awareness campaigns/single component communications campaigns



Assess the
evidence on
interventions

Develop a **theory** of **change**

Interventions (R.E.S.P.E.C.T.)

- Women facing violence
- Families affected by violence
- Communities with high levels of violence
- Barriers

**Build on resilience & knowledge
Resourcing & supporting
communities to find
solutions**

- Programmes widely implemented
- Increased resources & political will
- Increased awareness
- Sectoral outcomes improved
- gender equality upheld as norm & VAW no longer accepted
- Men accept and treat women as equals
- Women can make autonomous decisions
- Women have knowledge of rights & access to programmes
- Improved health and development outcomes
- Women exercising their rights & contributing to development
- VAW reduced or eliminated
- Equality & respect practiced in intimate, family and community relationships
- Conflicts resolved peacefully

Outputs

Outcomes

Impact

Apply the **guiding principles**

for effective
programming

CORE VALUES

Put women's safety first and do no harm

Promote gender equality
and women's human rights

Leave no one behind

Develop a theory of change

Promote evidence informed programming

GENERATE AND DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE

Use participatory approaches

Promote coordination

Implement combined interventions

Address the
prevention continuum

Take a life-course approach

PROGRAMME DESIGN

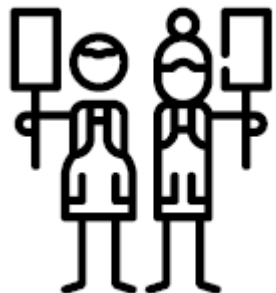
Strengthen **enabling environment** for prevention



Build **political commitment** from leaders and policy makers to speak out, condemning violence against women.



Put in place and facilitate enforcement of **policies and laws** that address violence against women and that promote gender equality.



Invest in, build on the work of, resource, and support **women's organizations**.



Allocate resources to programmes, research, and to strengthen institutions and capacities of the health, education, law enforcement, and social services sectors to address violence against women.

Adapt and
scale-up
what works

- **Align with national commitments**
- **Identify and maintain fidelity to core principles**
- **Programme for synergy**
- **Invest in capacity among implementers**
- **Build on on-going initiatives**
- **Design with “scale” in mind**
- **Start small, document and evaluate**
- **Support a community of practice**

Monitor, evaluate and
measure **progress**

The way forward: a **call to action**

Commit to change

Start today

Support evidence-based approaches

Join others

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