What is the prevalence of violence against women in Asia-Pacific?

Which countries in the region have conducted national surveys on violence against women?

Are countries in Asia-Pacific ready to report on the violence indicators in the SDGs?

The Australian Government and UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office invite you to a panel discussion “Measuring and exploring prevalence and patterns of violence against women across the Asia-Pacific region”.

In Asia-Pacific, survey data show that the proportion of women who report having experienced physical or sexual violence by intimate partners in their lifetime ranges from 15 to 68 percent in different country contexts. While the extent of different forms of violence against women (VAW) varies across countries, violence against women occurs in every society, at all levels of development, and happens to women of all status and backgrounds. To date, at least 26 countries in the Asia-Pacific region have undertaken national or subnational prevalence studies on VAW. In 16 of these countries, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) served as a technical partner to governments and National Statistical Offices; Australia supported more than 12 studies in the region, partnering with UNFPA for many of these studies.

The panel discussion will focus on on VAW prevalence data, as well as the status of measurement of the VAW Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) related in indicators, in the Asia-Pacific region and globally. Presenters will discuss VAW prevalence data from country studies in Asia-Pacific that used the methodology of the WHO multi-country study on women’s health and domestic violence or the Domestic Violence module of the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), the current status of measurement of the VAW SDG indicators in Asia-Pacific and globally, and specific country experiences with measuring prevalence of VAW using the WHO methodology and/or the DHS DV module.

The panel discussion will include speakers from the Australian Government, UNFPA, UN Women and National Governments from the region.

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