



ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES: A REVIEW OF KNOWLEDGE ASSETS



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List of acronyms and abbreviations

ASRH	Adolescent sexual and reproductive health
ARV	Anti-retroviral
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S.A.)
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
DHS	Demographic and Health Survey
FGM/C	Female genital mutilation/cutting
GBV	Gender-based violence
GRB	Gender-responsive budgeting
HPV	Human papilloma virus
IASC	Interagency Standing Committee
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICRW	International Center for Research on Women
ICW	International Coalition of Women Living with HIV/AIDS
IGWG	Interagency Gender Working Group (USAID)
ILO	International Labour Organization
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPPF/WHR	International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region
IPV	Intimate partner violence
MCH/FP	Maternal and child health/family planning
MISP	Minimum Initial Service Package
NGO	Non-governmental organization
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
PEP	Post-exposure prophylaxis
PMTCT	Prevention of mother to child transmission
SGBV	Sexual gender-based violence

SRH	Sexual and reproductive health
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNTERM	United Nations Multilingual Terminology Database
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAW	Violence against women
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing
WHO	World Health Organization

I. INTRODUCTION AND KEY CONCEPTS

A. DESCRIPTION OF THIS KNOWLEDGE ASSET

This report reviews literature on the integration of activities to address gender-based violence (GBV) – specifically violence against women and girls – into sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services. It is designed to provide guidance to health-sector programme designers and managers.

This first chapter provides basic definitions (with additional definitions in Annex I); introduces key principles of human rights-based programming, gender mainstreaming and culture; discusses the evidence that provides a strong foundation for recommendations on integrating SRH and GBV; and provides information on the most basic resources for the programme planner.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. Violence against women

The following definition of violence against women (VAW) is from the United Nations General Assembly’s 1993 Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women (A/RES/48/104):

“Article 1: For the purposes of this Declaration, the term ‘violence against women’ means any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.

“Article 2: Violence against women shall be understood to encompass, but not be limited to, the following: (a) Physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring in the family, including battering, sexual abuse of female children in the household, dowry-related violence, marital rape, female genital mutilation and other traditional practices harmful to women, non-spousal violence and violence related to exploitation; (b) Physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring within the general community, including rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation at work, in educational institutions and elsewhere, trafficking in women and forced prostitution; (c) Physical, sexual and psychological violence perpetrated or condoned by the State, wherever it occurs.”

2. Gender-based violence

Gender-based violence is defined in UNTERM, the United Nations Multilingual Terminology Database, as physical, mental or social abuse (including [sexual violence](#)) that is attempted or threatened, with some type of force (such as violence, threats, coercion, manipulation, deception, cultural expectations, weapons

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