

Sub-Regional Workshop on Measuring Violence against Women
Geneva, 27-29 April 2011

Concept Note

The Statistical Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is planning to hold a sub-regional workshop on measuring violence against women at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 27-29 April 2011. The workshop is organized in the framework of the project “Enhancing capacities to eradicate violence against women through networking of local knowledge communities” financed from the United Nations Development Account and carried out jointly by the five United Nations regional commissions and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The United Nations Statistical Commission has established a Friends of the Chair group on Statistical Indicators on Violence against Women, which has agreed upon a list of core indicators for surveys on violence against women (hereafter referred to as “UN indicators”). UNECE has organized the development of a survey module and methodological instruction¹ to collect data on those indicators.

PURPOSE

The main purpose of the workshop is to train survey managers on how to use the survey module in a dedicated survey or attached to a survey on another subject without compromising ethics and safety of participants.

The training is designed for representatives of national statistical offices who have experience with population surveys. The training is expected to provide to the participants the following knowledge and skills:

1. Conceptual understanding of gender-based violence, its characteristics, causes and impact on women and children.
2. Understanding of the goals of the survey module and its use in a dedicated survey or as part of another survey.
3. Knowledge of the ways of adapting and translating the survey module, including combining the module with optional modules on other subjects.
4. Understanding of the UN indicators on violence against women and the way they are retrieved from the data collected with the module, including knowledge of software options.
5. Knowledge of the specific aspects of interviewing skills and ethical and safety guidelines in surveys on violence against women
6. Advice on selection, training, supervision and support of interviewers for surveys on violence against women.

¹ Available at <http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/VAW>.

PROGRAMME

The training will be delivered by Henriette Jansen, a consultant to UNECE.

The programme of the workshop will consist of the following topics:

1. What is gender-based violence and how it can be measured
2. UN indicators on violence against women
3. Presentation of the survey module and examples of its use
4. Dedicated survey on violence against women vs. a module in another survey
5. Ethical and safety issues
6. Selection, training, supervision and support for interviewers
7. Training materials and techniques

PARTICIPATION

Staff of national statistical offices from countries of Eastern and South-eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia that plan to collect survey data on violence against women.

LANGUAGE

The working languages of the workshop are English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided between these two languages.

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