Outline

- Aims of the Project Group
- Two previous journal special issues
- Two current special issues
- Future Projects
Use the uniquely multi-sectorial, multi-level forum of the WHO VPA to share information, projects, and a global vision.

Create informal, accessible gatherings of minds (e.g., the academic meeting of 2015 allowed members from LMIC’s to also attend the Milestones Meeting).
To build collaborations with implementers by:

- Making use of academic forums (journal special issues, workshops, and academic meetings)
- Helping to bridge the gap between research and practice through conversation and joint projects
Academic Collaborators Project Group: Aim #2
To address the 90/10 dilemma of global violence
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By:

- Pairing scholars from the Global South and early-career researchers with writing mentors
- Running writing workshops
- Facilitating publication of scholarship from the Global South
First VPA Special Issue, 2014: Highlighting Implementers and LMIC’s

• “Violence and Health: Current Perspectives of the WHO Violence Prevention Alliance”
External Special Issue, 2015: With WHO VPA Contributions

“Violence, Health, and South-North collaboration: Interdisciplinary research in light of the 2030 Agenda”
“A Golden Opportunity”

» Two Companion Special Issues «
1. WHO VPA Special Issue, Sept. 2016: Policy Orientation

- “Violence, Health, and the 2030 Agenda: Merging Evidence and Implementation”
- Peter Donnelly & Larry Cohen
2. WHO VPA Special Issue, Oct. 2016: LMIC Science Focus

- “Violence and Health: Implications of the 2030 Agenda for South-North Collaboration”
- James Gilligan & Sylvia Kaaya
Why Journal Special Issues?

- They document and disseminate VPA’s rich array of work: internal and external dialogue
- Special issues, being collections of related articles, carry more momentum
- Peer-reviewed journals add authority and speed to publication
- They can be springboards for other forums or funding applications
WHO VPA Special Issue, Sept. 2016: “Merging Evidence and Implementation”

- A foremost health policy journal
- Global Editorial Board and multi-sectorial readership
- Affiliation with the World Federation of Public Health Associations
- Funding: California Wellness Foundation
WHO VPA Special Issue, Sept. 2016: “Merging Evidence and Implementation”

- Abstract selection committee: Andrew Day, Gordon Phaneuf, Patrizia Romito, and Cassandra Simmel

- Peer review committee: Giovanna Campello, Keith Cernak, Maia Christopher, Andrew Day, Peter Donnelly, Christine Goodall, Jenny Gray, Irene Intebi, Freja Kärki, Jorja Leap, Richard Matzopoulos, Cassandra Simmel, Saji Thomas, and Damien Williams

- Other help: Anna Realini and Mary Davoren
WHO VPA Special Issue, Sept. 2016: “Merging Evidence and Implementation”

- Implementing the 2030 Agenda through Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (VPA)
- Combining Livelihood and Psychosocial Support in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings (World Bank)
- THRIVES: Preventing Violence Against Children (CDC)
WHO VPA Special Issue, Sept. 2016: “Merging Evidence and Implementation”

- Implications of the International Crime Drop for Prevention Programming (U. Cambridge)
- Changing Environments to Prevent Violence Affecting Youth in the United States (PI)
- Partnerships for Research and Evaluation of Violence Against Women (Raising Voices)
WHO VPA Special Issue, Sept. 2016: “Merging Evidence and Implementation”

- Implications for Policy on Limiting Access to Firearms for Suicidal Persons (OR Community Center)
- Anthropology of Violence: Central and Southern Africa (U. Kansas)
- Political Regime Type Study in the Public Health Model of Violence (NYU, Yale)

- Impact Factor 2.754 (2015)
- 2 Editors on board from Africa (Ghana and Uganda)
- Expansion of scope on African public health research
- Sponsorship of our special issue

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – A Golden Opportunity for Global Violence Prevention

- The prevalence of lifetime abuse among older adults in seven European countries (range of incomes)

- High-income countries:
  - Alcohol monitoring in criminal justice (Scotland)
  - Women who disclose intimate partner violence in health care settings (Canada)
  - Consequences of coping with stalking (Denmark)

- High middle-income countries:
  - Trends in traffic fatalities (Mexico)
  - Is a parenting intervention developed in Australia culturally appropriate? (Panama)

- Low middle-income countries:
  - National survey of risk factors associated with intimate partner violence (Vietnam)
  - Human rights-focused HIV intervention for sex workers (Philippines)
  - Reducing violence in poor urban areas through community-based interventions (Honduras)

- Low-income countries:
  - Health System Re-Design Following Genocide (Rwanda)
  - Intimate Partner Violence as a Predictor of Marital Disruption (Uganda)
  - Socioeconomic status and gender norms in partner violence against women (Tanzania)
  - Violence and Abuse of Internally Displaced Women Survivors of Earthquake (Haiti)
WHO VPA Special Issue, 2017: CJ & Legal Focus?

- Topic suggestions
- Please volunteer!
Human Power, Funding Sources
Thank You!!

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Just the beginning of possibilities....