e-update on Global Campaign for Violence Prevention – March 2013

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Recent events

Violence Prevention Alliance (VPA) Meeting on the Web
On 29 January 2013, 40 people participated in the first ever VPA meeting to be held online using the WebEx platform. After an introduction by Etienne Krug, Director of WHO’s Department of Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability, there were short presentations on the implementation of the VPA’s Plan of Action for the Global Campaign for Violence Prevention 2012-2020, the Global Status report on violence prevention, and VPA project group activities, followed by a discussion. It was also announced that the 6th Milestones Meeting will be held in Mexico City in November 2013. For more information, contact Dr Christopher Mikton (miktonc@who.int)

Update of Violence Prevention: Evidence Base and Resources
Violence Prevention: Evidence Base and Resources has been updated for 2012 and has a new look and new features. This interactive web site, maintained by WHO and Liverpool John Moores University, includes a searchable database of completed, and a register of on-going, outcome evaluation studies of programmes to prevent interpersonal violence. It now contains nearly 460 studies from around the world from 1995-2012. Let us know of any studies, projects or news that should be included by using the “contribute” button on the website. See: http://www.preventviolence.info/evidence_base.aspx

Applications for the sixth cycle of MENTOR-VIP open until May 10
MENTOR-VIP is designed to assist junior violence and injury prevention practitioners develop specific skills through structured collaboration with a more experienced person who has volunteered to act as a mentor. For more information and to submit an application, see http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/capacitybuilding/mentor_vip/.

Training sessions for National Data Collectors for the Global status report on violence prevention (GSRVP) under way
The GSRVP, to be launched in 2014, will assess what countries around the world are doing to address interpersonal violence, including child maltreatment, youth violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and elder maltreatment. It will focus on national plans, data collection capacity, policies, laws, prevention programmes and victim services. National Data Coordinators (NDC) will collect data in each country using a standardized methodology. The GSRVP will be published by WHO, the United Nations Development Programme, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Online training sessions have now been conducted for NDCs in WHO’s South East Asia and European regions and sessions for other regions will take place in coming weeks. For more information, or see: http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/status_report/en/index.html
Capacity building workshop on violence and injury prevention using TEACH-VIP in Azerbaijan
A capacity building workshop for Russian-speaking trainers in violence and injury prevention was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 26-27 February 2013. The workshop aimed to support national efforts in strengthening capacity for violence and injury prevention by facilitating the uptake of TEACH-VIP, particularly by academic institutions, such as schools of public health, medicine, emergency medicine, and nursing. For more information, contact Dr Dinesh Sethi (sethid@who.int).

Upcoming events

57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women
Taking place at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013, the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women has the “Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls” as its priority theme. It will focus on the prevention of violence and the provision of support services/responses to survivors of violence. For more information, see: http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/57sess.htm

International Congress on Social and Health Effects of Global Arms Trade

SPR’s 21st Annual Meeting will take place in San Francisco, California, on 28-31 May 2013. This conference will put forward a vision of a “wellness-oriented society in which evidenced-based programs and policies are continuously applied to improve the health and well-being of its citizens, fostering positive human development and citizens who lead productive lives, in caring relationships with others”. For more information, see: http://www.preventionresearch.org/

International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) European Regional Conference
The ISPCAN European Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect will be held in Dublin, Ireland, from 15-18 September 2013. For more information, see: http://www.ispcan.org/event/Dublin2013

Publications

Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development have revamped their web site
Blueprints is a project of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado, Boulder, USA. Its aim is to identify, recommend, and disseminate programmes for youth, including violence prevention programmes that have strong scientific evidence of effectiveness. It is a useful resource for governmental agencies, schools, foundations, and NGOs.
trying to make informed decisions about investments in youth programmes and violence prevention. For more information, see: http://www.blueprintsprograms.com/index.php

Violence Against Women in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Comparative Analysis of Population-Based Data from 12 Countries
This report, produced by the Pan American Health Organization in collaboration with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, highlights how intimate partner and sexual violence against women are widespread in all the Latin American and Caribbean countries where survey data are available. To access full report, see:

Reminders

For a wealth of information on violence prevention, visit the WHO VIP Prevention of Violence web site: http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/en/

For publications and posters, visit:

To download WHO Short Courses on Violence and Injury Prevention, visit:

To access Violence Prevention: Evidence Base and Resources, visit:
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