Global Campaign for Violence Prevention
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13-14 November: 6th Milestones in a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention Meeting, Mexico City DF, Mexico
More information about the meeting and associated events will follow in the coming weeks. Should you want to be placed on the invitation list, please email Claire Scheurer (scheurerc@who.int) providing your name, email address and postal address.

Applications for the sixth cycle of MENTOR-VIP open until 10 May
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 www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/capacitybuilding/mentor_vip/

Recent events

57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
United Nations Member States agreed to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls at the 57th Session of the CSW, which took place from 4-15 March. Their conclusions highlighted the importance of putting in place multi-sectoral services for survivors of violence and increasing efforts to identify policies and programmes that can stop violence against women from happening in the first place. On 11 March, PAHO, the Governments and Permanent Missions of El Salvador and Peru, the UN Women's "UNITE to End Violence Against Women Campaign," and the Global Women's Institute of the George Washington University co-sponsored a side event entitled "From data to action: Addressing violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean". Read Michelle Bachelet’s closing remarks at www.unwomen.org/2013/03/closing-statement-michelle-bachelet-csw57/

Training sessions for National Data Collectors (NDCs) for the Global status report on violence prevention (GSRVP) continue and data collection begins
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. NDCs 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 all WHO regions of the world. Further training sessions in some regions will take place in
Global Arms Trade Treaty approved
On 2 April, the United Nations General Assembly approved a global Arms Trade Treaty. This multilateral treaty regulates the global trade in conventional weapons and for the first time links sales to the human rights records of the countries buying weapons. It reflects the growing international consensus that the weapons trade must be held up to a moral standard. For more information, see www.un.org/disarmament/ATT/

Comparing Sexual Assault Interventions (COSAI) event
The final meeting of the COSAI project was held on 4 April in Brussels, Belgium. The project brought together leading European experts, including from WHO's Regional Office for Europe, dealing with sexual assault policy and practice. The meeting provided a platform for participants to learn from the project findings and contribute to fostering good practice in sexual assault interventions across Europe. For more information, see www.cosai.eu/

United States Institute of Medicine workshop on elder maltreatment prevention
The global challenge of elder maltreatment and its prevention was the focus of a two-day public workshop convened by the United States Institute of Medicine on 17-18 April. The objective was to illuminate promising global and multisectoral evidence-based approaches to the prevention of elder maltreatment. For more information, see www.iom.edu/Activities/Global/ViolenceForum/2013-APR-17.aspx

Upcoming events

Society for Prevention Research (SPR) conference entitled "The Science of Prevention: Building a Comprehensive National Strategy for Well-Being"
SPR's 21st Annual Meeting will take place in San Francisco, California, on 28-31 May. 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 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. For more information, see www.ispcan.org/event/Dublin2013

Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Forum 2013 - Evidence into Action
The SVRI will be holding its third international conference on sexual violence research, the SVRI Forum 2013, from 14-17 October in Bangkok, Thailand. The aim of SVRI Forum 2013 is to promote promising practices for preventing and responding to sexual and intimate partner violence. For more information, contact svri@mrc.ac.za or see www.svri.org/forum2013/
Publications and other resources

Readiness Assessment for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment (RAP-CM)
WHO has developed a new method to assess the readiness - or capacity - of a country to implement programmes to prevent child maltreatment on a large scale. Countries have started to mobilize to address the issue, but critical to the success of these efforts is an accurate assessment of the readiness of a country to tackle the problem. For more information of RAP-CM, for all the materials required to use it, and for reports on the use of this method in five countries, see [www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/child/cmp_readiness/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/child/cmp_readiness/en/index.html).

New WHO training course on the collection of data for violence and injury prevention
A major shortcoming in many countries is a lack of accurate data on violence and injuries, which makes it difficult to make evidence-based policy and planning decisions, monitor trends, and evaluate interventions. This course on the collection of data for violence and injury prevention provides an introduction to the collection of data, analysis and dissemination of research, and reporting of findings in order to prevent and control violence and injuries. To read more about and download the course, visit [www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/capacitybuilding/courses/data_collection/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/capacitybuilding/courses/data_collection/en/index.html).

National survey on violence against children in Kenya
The recently published study *Violence against Children in Kenya* is the first national survey of violence against children in Kenya. The survey showed that by the age of 18 years, 32% of females and 18% of males had been exposed to sexual violence; 66% of females and 73% of males experienced physical violence; and 13% of females and 9% of males suffered multiple types of violence during childhood. The survey can be downloaded here [www.togetherforgirls.org/docs/Findings_from_a_2010_National_Survey.pdf](http://www.togetherforgirls.org/docs/Findings_from_a_2010_National_Survey.pdf).

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