It’s time to strengthen linkages between violence against women and girls (VAW) and HIV

This visual highlights current guidance from WHO on best supporting and strengthening VAW and HIV linkages in the context of human rights and gender equality. It complements and builds upon work by partners in the Interagency Working Group on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) & HIV Linkages and others.

Guidelines for addressing the risk of violence among women living with or at risk of HIV
- WHO recommendations on antenatal care for a positive pregnancy experience
- Consolidated guideline on sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV

Key global sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) strategies include the links between VAW and HIV
- Global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children
- Reproductive health strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets

WHO HIV and sexually transmitted infection (STI) strategies include interventions to prevent VAW and support survivors
- Global health sector strategy on HIV, 2016-2021
- Global health sector strategy on sexually transmitted infections, 2016-2021

Evidence based interventions for preventing VAW in context of HIV
- 16 ideas for addressing violence against women in the context of the HIV epidemic
- Intimate partner violence during pregnancy

An enabling environment is important for preventing violence
- A framework to underpin action to prevent violence against women
- The Lancet Special Series on violence against women and girls

Certain key populations for HIV face an increased risk of violence
- Implementing comprehensive HIV/STI programmes with sex workers
- Implementing comprehensive HIV and STI programmes with transgender people

Conducting research on VAW in an ethical and safe manner
- Putting women first: Ethical and safety recommendations for research on domestic violence against women
- WHO ethical and safety recommendations for researching, documenting and monitoring sexual violence in emergencies

The essential package of health services for survivors of intimate partner or sexual violence
- Guidelines for medico-legal care for victims of sexual violence
- Responding to intimate partner violence and sexual violence against women: WHO clinical and policy guidelines

Addressing harmful cultural practices such as female genital mutilation and child, early, and forced marriage
- WHO guidelines on the management of health complications from female genital mutilation
- Child, early and forced marriage legislation in 37 Asia-Pacific countries

Data on intimate partner violence and sexual violence
- Global and regional estimates of violence against women
- Global Health Observatory data: Violence against women

Tools to monitor laws, policies and programmes that support gender equality and ending violence against women
- New tool to address gender inequality in monitoring and evaluation of HIV and SRH programmes
- Global status report on violence prevention 2014

Support to survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual violence
- Health care for women subjected to intimate partner violence or sexual violence: A clinical handbook
- Strengthening the medico-legal response to sexual violence

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