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13-14 November
6th Milestones in a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention Meeting
Mexico City DF, Mexico

The theme of the 6th Milestones Meeting is "Towards measurable violence prevention targets". The meeting will focus on consolidating global, regional, and national efforts to strengthen the measurement of interpersonal violence and violence prevention policies, programmes, and laws, with a view to defining measurable violence prevention targets in the years ahead. The meeting will be held in English and Spanish and some 350 participants are expected to attend. 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. For more information, visit: www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/6th_milestones_meeting/en/index.html

Recent events

WHO's Regional Office for Europe launches European report on preventing child maltreatment
Over 18 million children suffer from maltreatment in the WHO European Region. The European report on preventing child maltreatment should concern us all. The report finds a prevalence of 29.1% for emotional abuse, 22.0% for physical abuse, and, for sexual abuse, 13.4% in girls and 5.7% in boys. It also shows that maltreatment has severe, lifelong consequences, including mental health problems; alcohol and drug abuse; smoking, and unsafe sex, and is a significant risk factor for noncommunicable diseases. "Child abuse is preventable through a mainstreamed public health approach" said Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe. Recommended prevention strategies include assisting at-risk families in the first few years of a child's life through home visits to provide parenting support; programmes to prevent abusive head trauma; reducing the availability of alcohol; and intensive social and medical support. Download the report

WHO releases new regional cause-specific mortality estimates for the year 2011 and 2000
These show that for the year 2011, violence accounted for 1.4 million deaths, compared to 1.6 million due to HIV/AIDS, and 1.3 million due to road traffic crashes. Of the 1.4 million deaths due to violence, 58% were suicides, 36%...
homicides, and 6% directly due to war. These estimates can be downloaded as Excel files here [www.who.int/healthinfo/global_burden_disease/estimates_regional/en/index.html](www.who.int/healthinfo/global_burden_disease/estimates_regional/en/index.html). These estimates can also be accessed interactively through the WHO Global Health Observatory ([www.who.int/gho/mortality_burden_disease/en/index.html](www.who.int/gho/mortality_burden_disease/en/index.html)).

**Second workshop in the series "Good enough? When is evidence-based intervention ready for dissemination?"**

This second workshop in the series was held on 29-30 August in Marbach Castle in Germany and organized by the Jacobs Foundation. It focused on methodological dilemmas in intervention research and roll-out in the area of child and adolescent mental health and violence prevention. The workshop addressed themes such as standards of evidence, research designs, conflicts of interest, data analysis issues in programme evaluation, and the transfer of evidence to practice and policy. The workshops will inform the Jacobs Foundation's funding strategy and result in a special issue of a scientific journal on the topic of when evidence-based intervention is ready for dissemination. For more information, contact Dr Christopher Mikton ([miktonc@who.int](mailto:miktonc@who.int)).

**Subregional Meeting of Andean Countries on indicators of violence against women, health and gender held in Lima**

From 2-4 September, a Subregional Meeting of Andean Countries on indicators of violence against women, health and gender was held in Lima, Peru. Participants from various government entities representing the countries of Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay finalized the selection of a set of indicators on violence against women and to discussed follow up mechanisms to collect and analyze health and gender indicators. The agreed upon indicators will be used by Andean countries in reports to the Andean Community of Nations (Comunidad Andina de Nacciones - CAN). PAHO provided technical cooperation to the meeting and presented findings from the recent report *Violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean: A comparative analysis of population-based data from 12 countries*. For further information, contact Ms Alessandra Guedes ([guedesal@paho.org](mailto:guedesal@paho.org)).

**Policy dialogue on "Preventing adverse childhood experiences in Romania"**

This policy dialogue was organized by WHO in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Romania and the University of Cluj, Romania, on 27 June. It included representatives from the media, officials and practitioners from the Ministries of Health, Labour and Social Welfare, Education, Justice, and Police. The meeting addressed the burden of child maltreatment in Romania and the importance of prevention. It resulted in the following recommendations: increase the development of relevant policies; enhance collaboration among sectors; build capacity among general practitioners, pediatricians, social workers, teachers and the police; improve the exchange of data between different professionals groups; and strengthen welfare support for struggling parents. For more information, please contact, Dr Dinesh Sethi ([sethid@who.int](mailto:sethid@who.int)).

**Upcoming events**

**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, 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 visit: www.svri.org/forum2013/

Violence Prevention Alliance (VPA) Meeting in Mexico City alongside 6th Milestones Meeting
A half-day meeting of the VPA will be held on Friday 15 November in Mexico City, Mexico, just after the 6th Milestones Meeting. This will be an internal strategy meeting that will focus on the implications of the outcomes of the 6th Milestones Meeting for the VPA and the work of VPA Project Groups. For more information, visit: www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/6th_milestones_meeting/en/index.html

Society for Prevention Research (SPR), 22nd Annual Meeting
SRP’s 22nd Annual Meeting on "Comprehensive and Coordinated Prevention Systems: Building Partnerships and Transcending Boundaries" will be held on 27-30 May 2014 in Washington, DC, USA. The SPR Programme Committee invites submissions for the conference that fit within this broad theme. The online abstract submission site is accessible at: http://spr.confex.com/spr/spr2014/cfp.cgi. Deadline for abstract submissions is 30 October 2013.

Publications

New US Institute of Medicine (IOM) report: New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research
This report is an update of the 1993 IOM report Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect. It aims to review findings on all aspects of child abuse and neglect (magnitude of the problem, causes, consequences, child welfare, intervention, and service delivery systems); identify research that provides knowledge relevant to the programmatic, research, and policy fields; recommend research priorities for the next decade, including new areas of research that should be funded by public and private agencies; and identify areas that are no longer a priority for funding. The full report can be downloaded at: http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=18331. An infographic launched with the report illustrates risk factors for, and the impact of, child abuse and neglect: www.iom.edu/Reports/2013/New-Directions-in-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect-Research/Child-Abuse-Infographic.aspx

New findings on perpetration of sexual violence by men in Asia-Pacific region
According to two new papers in the Lancet, 1 in 10 men in six countries reported raping a woman who was not their partner, almost half using physical violence against a partner, and 1 in 4 perpetrating sexual violence in their relationship. Men who had paid for sex, had a large number of sexual partners, had a history of physical violence, or had suffered from sexual abuse in childhood were more likely to commit rape. The researchers interviewed almost 10'200 men in six countries: Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and Sri Lanka. Intimate partner violence: www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X(13)70074-3/fulltext
Non-partner rape perpetration: www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X(13)70069-X/fulltext
New US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) online resource: "Understanding evidence"
"Understanding evidence" is a new online resource developed by the US-CDC to help with evidence-based decision-making in violence prevention. It is full of useful information about how to make the most of the scientific evidence and where to find it: http://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/evidence/#&panel1-1

Lancet editorial on early child development
A Lancet editorial highlights early child development and the importance of preventing violence and other adversities to secure a safe, healthy, and productive future www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(13)61779-1/fulltext

Institute for Health Metrics & Evaluation: Global Burden of Disease country profiles online
The profiles summarize changes in countries' health between 1990 and 2010; show the leading diseases, types of violence, and injuries that cause people to die prematurely and become disabled; and rank the top causes using a combined metric of premature death and disability. The main risk factors attributable to different diseases and injuries are shown, and "benchmarking" tables and figures compare a country's health progress to that of its peers. Access the country profiles at www.healthmetricsandevaluation.org/gbd/country-profiles

Paper on assessment of readiness of five countries to implement child maltreatment prevention programmes on a large scale
This study systematically assessed the readiness of five countries - Brazil, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - to implement evidence-based child maltreatment prevention programs on a large scale. It applied a recently developed method called Readiness Assessment for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment (RAP-CM) and found that the five countries are in a low to moderate state of child maltreatment prevention readiness. For full paper, see www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0145213413001890.
For more information on RAP-CM, see: www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/child/cmp_readiness/en/index.html

Systematic review of health interventions that attempt to prevent HIV and intimate partner and sexual violence
A new systematic review of health interventions that attempt to prevent HIV and intimate partner and sexual violence by shifting norms of masculinity to be more gender equitable finds some evidence for effectiveness. The authors note that the evidence suggests gender-transformative interventions can increase protective sexual behaviours, prevent intimate partner violence, modify inequitable attitudes, and reduce sexually transmitted infections and HIV. To access the review go to http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs10461-013-0565-2

Impact assessment of youth violence prevention in 33 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean
Youth violence prevention impact assessments in 33 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean are reviewed in a new report by Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre and the Igarapé Institute. The report finds few scientifically robust assessments and notes that just four countries (Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Jamaica) account for most of the evidence. The report also finds that violence prevention impact assessment is rapidly evolving, with greater calls for

Reminders:

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


To download WHO Short Courses on Violence and Injury Prevention, visit: www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/capacitybuilding/courses/en/index.html

To access Violence Prevention: Evidence Base and Resources, visit: www.preventviolence.info/