

# Cross-country exchange and learning on Violence Against Women (VAW) Prevention and the RESPECT framework

23-26 October 2023  
Seoul, the Republic of Korea (President Hotel)

## Introduction

UN Women and partner UN agencies have developed a range of evidence-based policy guidance on ending violence against women (VAW) with a specific focus on VAW prevention including: [A Framework to Underpin Action to Prevent Violence against Women](#) (2015) and [RESPECT Women: Preventing Violence against Women](#) (2019). In order to move from policy to practice, UN Women and WHO have developed a package of implementation materials for the RESPECT Framework intended to support governments, civil society organisations (CSOs) and UN agencies. The materials include guidance, promising practices and links to resources and tools for the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of comprehensive and evidence-based interventions to prevent VAW. The [RESPECT Implementation Package](#) includes:

- The RESPECT Framework
- Overview: How to use the Implementation Package / online resources
- Strategy Summaries: Individual briefs on how to implement each of the R-E-S-P-E-C-T strategies including key approaches and interventions, design and implementation tips
- Programme Summaries: Detailed information on the nuts and bolts of specific programmes that have been shown to have a promising impact on VAW prevention.
- Enabling Environment Mini-briefs: Examples and resources on how to work to improve the enabling environment for VAW prevention
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Guide: A summary of key guidance on strategies for monitoring and evaluating programming on the prevention of VAW
- National VAW Prevention Strategy Workbook: A workbook to support policy makers to develop national strategies focused on preventing VAW

To support understanding and promote the cross-country learning in Asia and the Pacific region, and to expand knowledge and skills on Violence Against Women (VAW) prevention, [UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality based in Seoul, the Republic of Korea](#) and [UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific](#) are hosting a cross-country exchange and learning on Violence Against Women (VAW) Prevention and the RESPECT framework with an aim to strengthen the capacity of the key stakeholders on RESPECT Implementation package and provide an opportunity for learning and exchange on EAW within the region.

## Objectives

- To understand the core elements of successful VAW prevention programmes
- To reflect on participants' experiences implementing programmes to prevent VAW
- To review key VAW prevention strategies and approaches outlined in the RESPECT Framework and implementation guidance.
- To refresh or become familiar with and use the RESPECT Framework implementation guidance.
- To identify and map the existing interventions following RESPECT Framework
- To analyse promising programme examples from selected countries in the region and look at how they can be adapted and implemented effectively in different contexts.

**Participants:** The workshop will include an estimated 48 participants from Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. The participants are nominated by UN Women Country Offices with the below criteria:

- Representatives from the government agencies and CSO who are UN Women partners on preventing VAW.
- Experts who work closely with UN Women country offices as the resource persons on EAW and EAW prevention for the implementation of the EAW programmes
- UN Women technical staff on EAW

**Facilitators and roles:** The workshop series will be co-facilitated by UN Women and independent experts.

**Training venue and logistics:** The workshop will be conducted in three days from 23 to 25 October 2023 at [President Hotel](#), 16 Eulji-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, the Republic of Korea. The workshop will start each day at 9.00 am and end at 5.00 pm. On 26<sup>th</sup> October, there will be technical discussions between UN Women and countries that have projects/programmes on EAW and VAW prevention where UN Women has its presences to discuss about the current programme on preventions of VAW. The workshop will be facilitated in English and all workshop materials will be available to participants in English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for Korean participants.

**Preparation:** Acknowledging that participants may have different levels of knowledge and experience of VAW prevention work, we also include in the Annex suggestions for further reading. Before the workshop commences, based on an outline proposed by UN Women, participants will be asked to prepare their presentations on their organization's experience and lessons learned on VAW prevention and response programming. Participants are also asked to bring with them any relevant data and materials that they can obtain on the prevalence, causes and consequences of different types of VAW in their country and examples of promising policies and programmes to prevent VAW.

**Feedback:** Before and at the end of the workshop, participants will be asked to complete the online self-assessment survey which also includes workshop feedback.

## Agenda:

<b>Day 1: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023</b>	
8.30 - 9.00	Participant registration
9.00 - 9.15	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeongshim Lee – Director of UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality</li> <li>• Melissa Alvarado – Regional Programme Manager on Ending VAW – UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> </ul>
9.15 - 9.25	Group photo
9.25 - 9.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participant introduction</li> <li>• Pre-workshop assessment</li> <li>• Introduction of the agenda</li> </ul>
9.50 - 10.10	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Session 1: Global and regional overview on VAW and VAW Prevention</b>  To understand the severity of VAW globally and regionally, causes and drivers, and consequences; and what prevention is and why it is important	
10.10 - 10.30	<b>1A Overview of Violence against Women</b>  To provide an overview of the types and severity of VAW globally and regionally and the consequences. To discuss the regional frameworks for VAW.  Interactive presentation and discussion
10.30 - 11.10	<b>1B VAW Prevention: What &amp; Why</b>  Participants understand what prevention is and why it is important.  Interactive presentation and discussion

<p><b>Session 2: Understanding the national context for VAW prevention and introducing the RESPECT Framework</b></p> <p>To understand how to analyse your national context for prevention programming and the importance of creating an enabling environment for prevention.</p>	
11.10 - 11.30	<p><b>2A The legal and policy framework of the Republic of Korea on prevention of VAW</b></p>
11.30 - 12.00	<p><b>2B Overview of the RESPECT Framework and implementation package</b></p> <p>To introduce the RESPECT Framework and implementation Package</p> <p>Focus in on the 4 Enabling Environment Strategies (Build political commitment, implement laws and policies, allocate resources to invest in VAW, invest in women’s organizations)</p>
12.00 - 13.00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>Session 3: National contexts for VAW prevention</b></p> <p>To review and discuss national contexts for VAW prevention, and analyze prevention programming scenarios</p>	
13.00 - 13.40	<p><b>3A Country Level Contexts for Prevention: Posters and Gallery Walk</b></p> <p>Participants share and discuss the national context for prevention in their countries.</p>
13.40 - 14.30	<p><b>3B Group work 1: Understanding the national context for prevention</b></p>
14.30 - 14.50	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p><b>Session 4: Understanding the drivers of VAW</b></p> <p>To understand how to analyse the causes and risk factors of a specific type of VAW in a specific context</p>	
14.50 - 15.15	<p><b>4A Understanding the drivers of VAW</b></p> <p>A brief presentation on understanding the local context for VAW prevention and the socio-ecological model.</p>

15.15 - 16.15	<b>4B Group work 2: Understanding the drivers of VAW</b>
16.15 - 17.00	Wrap-up discussion, daily evaluation and highlights of the day
<b>Day 2: Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	
<b>Session 5: Developing an effective VAW prevention programme using the RESPECT framework</b>	
To understand and apply the key steps in developing an effective VAW prevention programme including design, implementation and M&E.	
9.00 - 9.15	<b>Recap the first day</b>
9.15 - 9.45	<b>5A Planning your overall approach to prevention</b>  Overview of how to make initial decisions about your strategy and programme scope using the <a href="#">Doing Prevention Well brief</a>
9.45 - 10.30	<b>5B Group work 3: Determine your prevention strategy</b>
10.30 - 10.50	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Session 6: RESPECT 7 Strategies &amp; selecting approaches</b>	
10.50 - 11.20	<b>6A RESPECT: The seven evidence-based strategies</b>  Presentation with Overview of the 7 strategies R-E-S-P-E-C-T and introducing the implementation guides.
11.20 - 12.00	<b>6B Group work 4: Selecting a specific prevention strategy for your programme</b>
12.00 - 13.00	<b>Lunch</b>
13.00 - 13.10	<b>Energiser</b>
13.10 - 13.40	<b>6C Designing an effective prevention programme</b>  Presentation on design, adaptation, elements of successful programmes and envisioning change and theories of change.

13.40 - 14.30	<b>6D Group work 5: Designing your prevention programme</b>
14.30 - 14.50	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
<b>Session 7: Monitoring, Evaluation &amp; Learning (MEL) strategies</b>	
14.50 - 15.20	<b>7A Developing a Monitoring, Evaluation &amp; Learning (MEL) strategy</b> Presentation on the RESPECT M&E guidance and show the indicator table, key steps in developing MEL framework
15.20 - 16.00	<b>7B Group work 6: Developing a Monitoring, Evaluation &amp; Learning (MEL) strategy</b>
16.00 - 16.40	<b>Gallery walk of posters, interaction and discussions</b>
16.40 - 17.00	Wrap-up, daily evaluation and highlights of the day
<b>Day 3: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	
<b>Session 8: Prevention at scale: National Action Plans (NAPs) on Prevention of VAW &amp; measuring national prevention progress</b>  To share promising practices and new guidance on the development and implementation of National Action Plan on Prevention of VAW and introduce the national monitoring framework for Prevention of VAW	
9.00 - 9.15	Recap the second day
9.15 - 10.30	<b>8A National Action Plans (NAPs) on VAW Prevention</b>  To introduce the handbook on NAP, and key elements for NAP development through presentations and country case studies from Fiji, Cambodia, Timor Leste and Australia.
10.30 - 10.50	Coffee break
10.50 - 12.20	<b>8B Making Progress in Prevention Possible – A monitoring framework for the prevention of violence against women and girls in the Asia-Pacific region</b>

12.20 - 13.20	Lunch
<b>Session 9: Reflections and planning for the next steps</b> To identify priority actions to strengthen VAW prevention programmes in countries and at country level, and to introduce a new resource on prevention on violence against women migrant workers	
13.20 - 13.50	<b>9A Prevention of violence in specific populations: migrant women</b> Overview of the <a href="#">Framework: Prevention of Gender-Based Violence and Harassment Against Women Migrant Workers in South and Southeast Asia</a>
13.50 - 15.30	<b>9B Planning and next steps</b> Group work to identify priority actions to strengthen VAW prevention programmes in countries.
15.30 - 15.40	Wrap up the third day and final evaluation
15.40 - 16.10	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeongshim Lee – Director of UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality</li> <li>• Melissa Alvarado – Regional Programme Manager on Ending VAW – UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> </ul>
16.10 - 16.40	Short internal briefing for all selected countries (Fiji, Timor-Leste, Cambodia and Viet Nam) - introduce the project 4x over in each meeting and give each of the country delegates time to think of some directive questions overnight in preparation for their one-on-one meeting the following day.
<b>Day 4: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	
<b>Session 10: Country-level clinics on prevention programmes that are in design and/or implementation</b> Opportunity for country teams to review existing or planned prevention projects and/or programmes on VAW prevention	

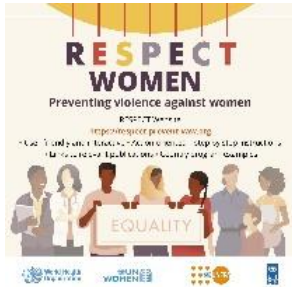
<b>Group 1</b> Indonesia, India, China, and the ROK		<b>Group 2</b> Cambodia, Fiji, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam <i>*While not in the clinics on national level strategies and monitoring, these country groups can participate in the prevention programming clinics</i>		
9.00 -12.00	Using the 'Busy Manager Toolkit'/Prevention Programming Guide, review an existing or planned prevention programme country teams to identify current plans with a focus on strengthening M&E, measurability and evaluability.	9.00 - 10.00	Fiji	Individual country level clinics for on national level strategies, prevention monitoring plans, possibilities, timelines and support needed. <i>(Noting ongoing workstream on national prevention measurement.)</i>
		10.30 - 11.30	Timor Leste	
12-13.15	Lunch			
<b>Group 1</b> Indonesia, India, China, and the ROK		<b>Group 2</b> Cambodia, Fiji, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam		
13.15-14.30	Plenary discussion on the follow-up actions after Country-level clinics on prevention programmes. For Indonesia, India, China, and the ROK.	14.45 - 15:45	Cambodia	Individual country level clinics for Cambodia, Fiji, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam (continued)
		16:00 - 17:00	Viet Nam	
-17.00	<b>End of workshop</b>			



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**RESPECT Women: Preventing violence against women – Resource hub (WHO, UN Women, UNFPA, UNDP)**

The RESPECT Women website, an online one-stop platform, outlines a set of action-oriented steps to support policy makers and programme implementers to design, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate programmes using seven strategies to prevent violence against women. RESPECT is an evidence-based framework for policy makers to strengthen and scale up efforts to prevent violence against women, building on an increasing body of evidence on what works to prevent violence against women.



**Practice brief: Doing violence prevention well – Matching aspirations with funding timeframes (UN Women & Prevention Collaborative)**

This practice brief provides ideas and examples of prevention programming that would be suitable for different timeframes, ranging from 1 year, 2 years, 3 years to 5 years and above. It also highlights investments that for ethical and effectiveness reasons should be avoided. The brief’s goal is to provide benchmarks for reasonable investment that programme officers can use when writing concept notes or negotiating funding. It supports practitioners working to address VAW manage expectations and negotiate realistic objectives and timeframes in order to avoid organisations’ investment and women’s safety at risk. Download



**Practice brief: Innovation and prevention of violence against women (UN Women)**

This practice brief aims to inspire and encourage policymakers, activists, practitioners and researchers to explore innovation approaches and strategies in VAWG prevention efforts. It offers a goal-based working definition of innovation, describing promising innovative approaches through examples and making the case for further advancements, without compromising ethical and safety standards or evidence generation. Download



**Tackling VAWG in sport: A handbook for policy makers and sports practitioners (UN Women, UNESCO, Spotlight)**

The Handbook is aimed to support policy makers and sport practitioners working to address violence against women and girls in sport. The Handbook highlights the prevalence of VAWG in sport, analysis of the sports ecosystem and structures for prevention of and response, recommendations and actions for key stakeholders to prevent violence, support survivors, and end impunity of perpetration. Additionally, the Handbook discusses entry points to

instrumentalize sport actors and sport fora to shift harmful social norms. Download

**[Making Progress in Prevention Possible – A monitoring framework for the prevention of violence against women and girls in the Asia-Pacific region](#)** (UN Women and The Equality Institute)



This document, developed by UN Women and The Equality Institute, responds to the need for a prevention monitoring framework contextualized to the Asia-Pacific region using an intersectional and whole-of-population approach. The purpose of this monitoring framework is to guide policymakers and practitioners through the key components for building a prevention framework that is contextually relevant to countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and to illustrate how to measure change in the short, medium and long term. Download.