

Developing region-wide guidance to ensure coordinated and integrated social work services to prevent and respond to VAW-VAC in Southeast Asia

Situation: In Southeast Asia, 33% of women 15-49 experience violence, 12-32% of children report witnessing violence at home.

Study: UNICEF, UN Women & UNFPA conducted a multi-country study revealing the intersections between VAW & VAC, emphasizing the need for integrated social work services. It led to the development of **regional guidance under ASEAN**, focusing on delivering quality, coordinated social work services.

Recommendations: Strengthen laws and policies for social work, establish survivor-centered standards, promote child-sensitive practices, and develop joint service protocols for coordinated responses to VAW-VAC.

Impact: The study contributed to drive ASEAN to adopt a holistic prevention approach. It informed regional standards and strengthened coordinated, survivor-centered services, promoting positive change in social norms.

