Working to Prevent Violence against Women

UNDP, UNFPA, UNIFEM & UNV
Regional Joint Programme for Asia and the Pacific
Prevalence rates range between 20 and 70 per cent across countries in the region, with a wide range of forms.

Countries have a mixture of laws on gender equality and gender-based violence, some internal contradictions and tensions with prevailing social norms.

Despite decades of work to end VAW there has been little or no measured decrease in prevalence of VAW in Asia and the Pacific... prevention is a necessary complement to response and support.
Gendered Violence and Gender Equality:
Violence against women is an essential element of gender inequality, and connected to other types of violence and across a spectrum from state sponsored to interpersonal violence.

“Intersectionality” and identity: VAW cannot be solved without addressing the intersections with structural inequalities…the violence of racism, homophobia, class struggles, etc.

Gender is relational: There is no “engaging men” in a social vacuum. Interventions cannot focus on men/boys or women/girls only. Beware of the paternalistic traps and essentialist language
Partners for Prevention: Why a **Regional** and **UN Joint** Programme

We support **cross border learning** and **regional collective action** (sub regional networks and alliances)

We also work **on policy and institutional change**…usually beyond local capacity

We work with regional partners and bodies and **connect the local to the regional**

**Consolidate** the technical expertise and comparative advantages of **4 UN entities into one cohesive response**
Understanding GBV from a regional level

- The social ecological framework helps us understand violence against women.

- P4P tries to connect responses at all levels and adds another level of practice and response to the original model -- “Regional/Global”

- Responses at this level include cross border networking, exchanges of knowledge & promising practices, collaboration and collective action.
Partners for Prevention:
Goal and Strategies

Long Term Goal:
To Prevent Violence against Women and Children

Strategies:
Influencing change: behaviours, structures, laws and norms

Understanding boys and men, along with women and girls, - within the process of change at different levels

Modeling a comprehensive approach – connecting evidence to capacity, advocacy and awareness change
Partners for Prevention: What we do

Regional Support in the areas of

- Evidence-based policy and programme enhancement
- Capacity development and networking
- Communications for social change

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Apply a comprehensive approach: connecting evidence to capacity, advocacy and awareness change
Research for an evidence base

Regional “GBV and Masculinities Collaborative Research Project”

Building regional knowledge for primary prevention through:

qualitative, quantitative and political analysis

Multiple sites across the region: Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, Indonesia, PNG, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam
Research goals

- Deepen understanding of how underlying structures, norms, attitudes & behaviours of men and women contribute to GBV
- Promote evidence based interventions for violence prevention, particularly for transforming gender norms and regimes
- Promote new policy approaches for primary prevention
- The final research publications are one step in a process to use new evidence for programmatic and policy change
## Study Sites

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Capacity Development and Networking

- Supporting sub regional curricula development and skills building initiatives for sustained capacity development
- Nurturing regional alliances and regional forum
Communication for Social Change

- Shaping communications and campaigning at national level
- Working towards regional communications strategies
- Supporting Social Media Campaigns as pilots
EngagingMen.net: a gender justice information network

http://www.engagingmen.net/
Partners for Prevention:
Where we work

South Asia
- Bangladesh
- India
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

South East Asia & the Pacific
- Cambodia
- China
- Indonesia
- Papua New Guinea
- Vietnam
Partners for Prevention:

Partnerships

We work with many partners…. Government, NGO, private sector, academics, researchers, practitioners and activists, and the UN system.
Partners for Prevention: How we work

A “deep” and “wide” approach

WIDE across the Asia region with regional organizations and donors

DEEP …in selected countries with national UN agencies, government bodies and NGOs
## Partners for Prevention: Progress to date

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Expected results by 2013

Knowledge Change

New knowledge on VAW is in public domain
Ongoing analysis of regional data sets
evidence-based communications campaigns
P4P tools in use for new research projects

Capacity & Practice Change

Programme enhancements based on regional
learning and rigorous evaluations
Sustained resource pool of skilled trainers
Global and regional practitioner networks sustained

Policy Change

Integration of regional data into the policy process
by UN agencies, bi-lateral and government partners
and civil society organizations & increased
investment in long-term behaviour change

Behaviour & Social Change

An increase in the number of boys and men who
take action to prevent violence against women in
Asia and the Pacific
Change for Gender Justice

In essence it is a struggle over what forms of masculinity and femininity will be most popular (“normal”) for the next generation…

We want the central forms of masculinity to be non-violent, skilled in peace, oriented to equality with women rather than dominance over women.
Resistance

What will be the resistance to change?

And where does it come from?
Potential added value

- Promoting **primary prevention** as part of a holistic effort for gender justice as a public good
- Recognizing the complexity of VAW – we promote a **comprehensive approach** integrating research, capacity development and communications
- **Evidence-based** – connecting evidence and knowledge to strategic actions and partnerships
- **Collaborative and collective** – diverse partners, with diverse experiences and spheres of influence at local, regional and global levels
- **Connecting the local and regional** – facilitating cross-border exchange and learning, scaling up lessons from local initiatives to regional & policy levels
Partners for Prevention

Thank you!

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