

Expert Group Meeting
“Step by Step towards Costing Violence against Women in the Arab Region”

Beirut, Lebanon
20-21 September 2018

Agenda

Day 1: Thursday 20 September 2018	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:45	<p>Opening Remarks and Setting the Scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNESCWA - UNFPA <p>The opening session will provide an overview of UNESCWA and UNFPA efforts to combat Violence Against Women (VAW) in the Arab region. It will focus on the costing of VAW, with emphasis on costing marital violence.</p>
9:45 – 11:15	<p>Session 1: The Importance of Costing Violence against Women for Social and Economic Development</p> <p>This session will outline how VAW is an impediment to the social and economic development of communities and States, and to the achievement of internationally agreed Sustainable Development Goals. The focus will be placed on the importance of costing VAW in efforts to address its wider social and economic impacts.</p> <p>The session will be guided by the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why is costing VAW important? - What issues must be considered when costing VAW? - Who decided to conduct a costing study in your country? (<i>Addressed to representatives from countries that have undertaken research</i>) - Why did you decide to cost VAW? (<i>Addressed to representatives of Arab States</i>) <p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Caroline Forde <p>Intervention by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Mehrinaz El Awady
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break

11:15 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: Methodologies for Costing VAW</p> <p>In Sessions 2 and 3, we will review the various costing methodologies and methods available, including household surveys, methods for estimating the cost of services and the cost for businesses, and the wider analysis of gender responsive budgeting. These sessions will explore the pros and cons of different costing methods. The session will be guided by the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the recommended methodologies for estimating the cost of VAW? What factors influence the decision to employ a particular costing method(s)? - In what way does the quality of available administrative and statistical data affect the decision to employ a method in a costing exercise? - Can gender-responsive budgeting (GRB) be applied in all contexts? - Which services should be included in the costing exercise? - What challenges are attached to costing VAW services? Do these challenges vary according to the State's development status? <p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Aslihan Kes <p>Intervention by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Elizabeth Villagomez
13:00- 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00- 15:30	<p>Session 3: Methodologies for Costing VAW</p> <p>This session is a continuation of the 2nd session and will be guided by the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What approaches best capture the cost implications of VAW on businesses? - Does the geographical scope of the costing exercise influence the choice of methodology and method(s)? (national, sub-national, etc.) - What factors should be considered when estimating the cost of VAW at the household and community levels? - What factors should be considered when specifying the sample size for costing VAW? In which ways does the choice of national vs selected geographic regions within a country influence the outcomes of national surveys? What is the relationship between the VAW prevalence rate and the sample size? <p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Caroline Forde <p>Interventions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Philippa Olive - Ms. Karin Helweg-Larsen - Ms. Mathilde Sengoelge - Ms. May Gadalla - Mr. David Walker

Day 2: Friday 21 September 2018

9:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 4: Costing VAW – Experience from the Arab Region</p> <p>This session will explore a case study on the costing of VAW from the Arab region and will be guided by the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Who initiated the research?- What did the process involve? Which stakeholders were involved?- What factors contributed to specifying the scope of the research, including the sample size?- What methodologies and methods were employed?- What were the main findings of the research?- What impact have the findings had?- What challenges have arisen in undertaking the research and in striving to ensure the findings have an impact? <p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Aslihan Kes <p>Interventions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Naglaa El Adly- Ms. Lana Ben Said- Mr. Bassam Dar Abou Rabi- UNFPA
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
	<p>Session 5: Costing VAW – International Experience</p> <p>This session will explore an international experience of costing VAW and will be guided by the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Who initiated the research?- What did the process involve? Which stakeholders were involved?- What factors contributed to specifying the scope of the research, including the sample size?- What methodologies and methods were employed?- What were the main findings of the research?- What challenges have arisen in undertaking the research and in striving to ensure the findings have an impact? <p>Lead and facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Aslihan Kes <p>Interventions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Nicole Farnsworth- Ms. Philippa Olive- Ms. Olga Kalashnyk
13:00- 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00- 15:30	<p>Session 6: Detailed Outline and Structure of the Step by Step Guide on Costing VAW in the Arab Region</p> <p>This session will build upon the discussions of the preceding 5 sessions to reach a consensus on the structure and content of the Step by Step Guide, including the level of detail required. The agreed upon structure will be used to develop the complete guidelines on costing VAW in the Arab region.</p> <p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Mehrinaz El Awady
15:30 – 16:00	Closing Remarks