DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MODULE

Recommendations for implementation and questions

Recommendations for enhancing the quality and safety of research on domestic violence

(Adapted from recommendations made by Lori Heise and Mary Ellsberg, CHANGE and the WHO Multi-Country Study of Women's Health and Domestic Violence, Core Protocol)

The following measures should be adopted in all countries where the domestic violence module is being implemented. These measures are aimed at ensuring women's safety and the ethical implementation of the domestic violence module, and at maximizing the disclosure of actual violence.

♦ **Selection of eligible women**. Only one woman per household should receive the domestic violence module. The sub-sample may be composed of all women of reproductive age or ever-married women, although in countries where the age of marriage is late, using all reproductive age women may mean that a large group of women will never have been exposed to the risk of spousal violence. Specific methods should be used to ensure that respondents are randomly selected within the household.

♦ **Training**. All members of the staff should receive special training. This includes the administrative and technical personnel as well as both male and female field staff. It is important to ensure that all staff understand the purpose of the module, and why special measures are being used. Field staff need to receive additional training in how to administer the module using the safety procedures established by the survey, how to deal with crisis situations, and how to prepare themselves emotionally for the work. It is usually recommended that at least part of the training be carried out with men and women separately, since their experiences and reactions to the training are likely to be quite different. It is recommended that local women's groups who work in the field of violence prevention be invited to participate in the training.

♦ **Informed consent**. The introductory sentence in the violence module should be treated as an additional informed consent procedure. The respondent should be reassured about the confidentiality of the information. If more than one woman in the household is being interviewed with the core questionnaire, the interviewer should informally explain that no one else in the household is being asked the questions that the respondent is going to be asked and that no one else will know what has been discussed.

♦ **Privacy**. The need for absolute privacy must be stressed with interviewers. In addition to using a range of techniques for ensuring privacy, they should be free to reschedule the interview to another time in order to carry out the interview in private. If any other adult comes into the room while the module is being implemented the interviewer must immediately stop, and if necessary, change the subject. She must not resume until the adult has left and is out of hearing distance.

♦ **Referrals and additional information**. An information sheet must be prepared for distribution in the appropriate language which lists the options and services available for women experiencing domestic violence, including if possible, any legal help and available services. At a minimum, the sheet should contain an address where women in need can get information. The information sheet should be small enough to be easily hidden. Countries should decide whether all women who participate should be given this information or only women who specifically request it. Alternatively, in order to minimize its visibility, the information on domestic violence can be combined with other health referral information being distributed to all women. The respondent should be asked in advance whether it is safe for her to receive the information.

♦ **Support for field workers**. Emotional support to field workers is essential, both in helping interviewers withstand the demands of the fieldwork, as well as for contributing to the quality of the data collection process. This support can take the form of regular de-briefing meetings, to help interviewers 'unload'. Supervisors also need to be trained to give support to interviewers as needed, and to identify and help field workers who are experiencing problems.

♦ **Translation**. The use of translators should be avoided in collecting data on domestic violence, both because it is likely to reduce the quality of the information given, and because it violates the confidentiality of the

interview, particularly when translators are from the same community.

♦ **Quality control**. Quality assurance procedures need to be developed for the domestic violence module in line with those used for the rest of the survey. These include having field check tables on the proportion of violence modules not being completed (DV01 coded as '2') by each interviewer/team, and the proportion of women reporting violence by interviewer/team. The idea is to identify individuals or supervisors who are producing data which is *significantly higher or lower* than the rest of the field workers. Additional monitoring should be done to ensure that all procedures for implementing the module are being followed correctly, and the data is of the highest quality. Supervisors must identify and discipline both types of interviewers: those who are not implementing the module in privacy and those using the need for privacy to avoid implementing the module.

♦ **Collaboration with local women's group.** Women's groups should be involved from the start. In some countries it may be possible to provide referrals to local women's groups for respondents with problems related to violence, and they could help in obtaining support for field workers. The involvement of women's groups will also increase ownership of the data.

♦ **Sub-studies on men**. If a male questionnaire is also being implemented, then questions on the prevalence of violence must not be included in the male questionnaire (the core male questionnaire does not contain such questions.) When it is necessary to obtain such information from men, the sample of men should not be selected from the same households as the women who receive the domestic violence module, to avoid arousing the suspicion of husbands as to the content of the study.

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NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP
DV01	CHECK FOR PRESENCE OF OTHERS: DO NOT CONTINUE UNTIL EFFECTIVE PRIVACY IS ENSURED. PRIVACY OBTAINED........1 PRIVACY NOT POSSIBLE.......2———————————————————————————— | ?		—<DV28
	READ TO ALL RESPONDENTS: Now I would like to ask you questions about some other important aspects of a woman's life. I know that some of these questions are very personal. However, your answers are crucial for helping to understand the condition of women in (COUNTRY). Let me assure you that your answers are completely confidential and will not be told to anyone.		
DV02	CHECK 501, 502, AND 504: CURRENTLY MARRIED/ LIVING WITH A MAN ☐ ? SEPARATED/ DIVORCED (READ IN PAST TENSE) ☐ ? WIDOWED/ NEVER MARRIED/ NEVER LIVED WITH A MAN ☐————————		—<DV14
DV03	When two people marry or live together, they share both good and bad moments. In your relationship with your (last) husband/partner do (did) the following happen frequently, only sometimes, or never? a) He usually (spends/spent) his free time with you? b) He (consults/consulted) you on different household matters? c) He (is/was) affectionate with you? d) He (respects/respected) you and your wishes?	FRE- SOME- QUENTLY TIMES NEVER FREE TIME .... 1 2 3 CONSULTS............. 1 2 3 AFFECTIONATE..... 1 2 3 RESPECTS............. 1 2 3	
DV04	Now I am going to ask you about some situations which happen to some women. Please tell me if these apply to your relationship with your (last) husband/partner? a) He (is/was) jealous or angry if you (talk/talked) to other men? b) He frequently (accuses/accused) you of being unfaithful? c) He (does/did) not permit you to meet your girl friends? d) He (tries/tried) to limit your contact with your family? e) He (insists/insisted) on knowing where you (are/were) at all time? f) He (does/did) not trust you with any money?	YES NO DK JEALOUS............................1 2 8 ACCUSES...........................1 2 8 NOT MEET FRIENDS..........1 2 8 NO FAMILY.........................1 2 8 WHERE YOU ARE ....1 2 8 MONEY 1 2 8	

DV05	Now if you will permit me, I need to ask some more questions about your relationship with your (last) husband/partner.
	
	5A. (Does/did) your (last) husband/partner ever:
	
	a) say or do something to humiliate you in front of others?
	
	b) Threaten you or someone close to you with harm?
		5B. How many times did this happen during the last 12 months?
		
		YES 1 —<
		NO 2 ¬
		         ?
		TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐
		
		YES 1 —<
		NO 2 ¬
		         ?
		TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	

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DV06	6A. (Does/did) your (last) husband/partner ever:	6B. How many times did this happen during the last 12 months?	
	a) push you, shake you, or throw something at you?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	b) slap you or twist your arm?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	c) punch you with his fist or with something that could hurt you?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	d) kick you or drag you?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	e) try to strangle you or burn you?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	f) threaten you with a knife, gun, or other type of weapon?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	g) attack you with a knife, gun, or other type of weapon?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	h) physically force you to have sexual intercourse with him even when you did not want to?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	i) force you to perform other sexual acts you did not want to?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
DV07	CHECK DV06: AT LEAST ONE ☐ NOT A SINGLE ☐ 'YES' ? 'YES' _____		—<DV09
DV08	How long after you first got married to/started living with your (last) husband/partner did (this/any of these things) first happen? IF LESS THAN ONE YEAR, RECORD '00'.	NUMBER OF YEARS .... ☐☐ BEFORE MARRIAGE/BEFORE LIVING TOGETHER ....95 AFTER SEPARATION/DIVORCE 96	
DV09	Did the following ever happen because of something your (last) husband/partner did to you:	DV8B. How many times did this happen during the last 12 months?	
	a) You had bruises and aches?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	b) You had an injury or a broken bone?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
	c) You went to the doctor or health center as a result of something your husband/partner did to you?	YES 1 —< NO 2 ¬ ? TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS..... ☐☐	
DV10	Have you ever hit, slapped, kicked or done anything else to physically hurt your (last) husband/partner at times when he was not already beating or physically hurting you?	YES ....1 NO 2	—<DV12
DV11	In the last 12 months, how many times have you hit, slapped, kicked or done something to physically hurt your (last) husband/partner at a time when he was not already beating or physically hurting you?	NUMBER OF TIMES .... ☐☐	
DV12	Does (did) your husband/partner drink (alcohol)? [1]	YES ....1 NO 2	—<DV14

[1] Other intoxicants can be substituted/added as relevant

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DV13	How often does (did) he get drunk: very often, only sometimes, or never?	VERY OFTEN ....1 SOMETIMES..2 NEVER 3	
DV14	CHECK 501, 502 & 504: MARRIED/LIVING WITH A MAN/SEPARATED/ DIVORCED ☐ WIDOWED/ NEVER MARRIED/NEVER LIVED WITH A MAN ☐ ? ? From the time you were 15 years old has anyone other than your (current/last) husband/partner hit, slapped, kicked, or done anything else to hurt you physically? From the time you were 15 years old has anyone ever hit, slapped, kicked, or done anything else to hurt you physically?	YES ....1 NO..2 NO ANSWER 6	⌐ ⊥<DV19
DV15	Who has physically hurt you in this way? Anyone else? RECORD ALL MENTIONED.	MOTHER...A FATHER..B STEP-MOTHER .... C STEP-FATHER .... D SISTER ....E BROTHER..F DAUGHTER .... G SON.. H LATE/EX-HUSBAND/EX-PARTNER..........I CURRENT BOYFRIEND ....J FORMER BOYFRIEND ....K MOTHER-IN-LAW ....L FATHER-IN-LAW...M OTHER FEMALE RELATIVE/IN-LAW ..... N OTHER MALE RELATIVE/ IN-LAW ....O FEMALE FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE ....P MALE FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE............Q TEACHER .... R EMPLOYER ....S STRANGER ....T OTHER _____ X (SPECIFY)	
DV16	CHECK DV15: MORE THAN ONE PERSON MENTIONED ☐ ONLY ONE PERSON MENTIONED ☐ _____ ?		–<DV18
DV17	Who has hit, slapped, kicked, or done something to physically hurt you most often?	MOTHER...01 FATHER..02 STEP-MOTHER ....03 STEP-FATHER ....04 SISTER ....05 BROTHER...06 DAUGHTER ....07 SON..08 LATE/EX-HUSBAND/EX-PARTNER.......09 CURRENT BOYFRIEND ....10 FORMER BOYFRIEND ....11 MOTHER-IN-LAW ....12 FATHER-IN-LAW......................................13 OTHER FEMALE RELATIVE/IN-LAW ....14 OTHER MALE RELATIVE/IN-LAW ....15 FEMALE FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE ......16 MALE FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE...........17 TEACHER ....18 EMPLOYER ....19 STRANGER ....20 OTHER _____ 96 (SPECIFY)	

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DV18	In the last 12 months, how many times has this person hit, slapped, kicked, or done anything else to physically hurt you?	NUMBER OF TIMES .... ☐☐	
DV19	CHECK 201, 225, AND 226: HAS ONE OR MORE LIVE OR NON-LIVE BIRTHS OR IS CURRENTLY ☐ PREGNANT ? NO LIVE BIRTHS, NO NON-LIVE BIRTHS, AND IS NOT CURRENTLY ☐ PREGNANT _____		–<DV21
DV20	Has any one ever hit, slapped, kicked, or done anything else to hurt you physically while you were pregnant?	YES .... 1 NO 2	–<DV22
DV21	Who has done any of these things to physically hurt you while you were pregnant? Anyone else? RECORD ALL MENTIONED.	CURRENT HUSBAND/PARTNER ....A MOTHER...B FATHER.. C STEP-MOTHER .... D STEP-FATHER .... E SISTER ....F BROTHER.. G DAUGHTER .... H SON..I LATE/LAST/EX-HUSBAND/PARTNER..... J CURRENT BOYFRIEND ....K FORMER BOYFRIEND ....L MOTHER-IN-LAW .... M FATHER-IN-LAW....................................... N OTHER FEMALE RELATIVE/IN-LAW ..... O OTHER MALE RELATIVE/IN-LAW ....P FEMALE FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE .... Q MALE FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE............ R TEACHER ....S EMPLOYER ....T STRANGER .... U OTHER _____ X (SPECIFY)	
DV22	CHECK DV06, DV09, DV14, AND DV20: AT LEAST ONE ☐ 'YES' ? NOT A SINGLE ☐ 'YES' _____		–<DV26
DV23	Have you ever tried to get help to prevent or stop (this person/these persons) from physically hurting you?	YES .... 1 NO 2	–<DV25
DV24	From whom have you sought help? Anyone else? RECORD ALL MENTIONED	MOTHER...A FATHER...B SISTER .... C BROTHER.. D CURRENT/LAST/LATE HUSBAND/ PARTNER .... E CURRENT/FORMER BOYFRIEND ....F MOTHER-IN-LAW .... G FATHER-IN-LAW....................................... H OTHER FEMALE RELATIVE/IN-LAW ....I OTHER MALE RELATIVE/ IN-LAW .... J FRIEND..K NEIGHBOR ....L TEACHER .... M EMPLOYER .... N RELIGIOUS LEADER............................... O DOCTOR/MEDICAL PERSONNEL...........P POLICE .... Q LAWYER... R OTHER _____ X (SPECIFY)	⌐<DV26

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DV25	What is the main reason you have never sought help?	DON'T KNOW WHO TO GO TO.............01
		NO USE 02
		PART OF LIFE 03
		AFRAID OF DIVORCE/DESERTION......04
		AFRAID OF FURTHER BEATINGS........05
		AFRAID OF GETTING PERSON
		   BEATING HER INTO TROUBLE........06
		EMBARRASSED 07
		DON'T WANT TO DISGRACE
		   FAMILY 08
		
		OTHER _____ 96
		          (SPECIFY)	

DV26	As far as you know, did your father ever beat your mother?	YES ....1 NO...2 DON'T KNOW 8	

THANK THE RESPONDENT FOR HER COOPERATION AND REASSURE HER ABOUT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HER ANSWERS. FILL OUT THE QUESTIONS BELOW WITH REFERENCE TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MODULE ONLY.

			YES ONCE	YES, MORE THAN ONCE	NO	
DV27	DID YOU HAVE TO INTERRUPT THE INTERVIEW BECAUSE SOME ADULT WAS TRYING TO LISTEN, OR CAME INTO THE ROOM, OR INTERFERED IN ANY OTHER WAY?	HUSBAND ....1 OTHER MALE ADULT ....1 FEMALE ADULT 1		2 2 2	3 3 3	

DV28   INTERVIEWER'S COMMENTS / EXPLANATION FOR NOT COMPLETING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MODULE

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