Indicator 5.2.1

Indicator Name, Target and Goal

Indicator 5.2.1 Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by form of violence and by age.

Target 5.2 Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.

Goal 5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Definition and Rationale

Definition

Proportion of ever-partnered women subjected to physical assault, psychological attack, economic pressure or sexual extortion by a current or former spouse in the previous 12 months, by form of violence and by age.

Concepts*

"Spouse" includes a partner by de facto marriage as well as a partner by notified marriage, a spousal partner living apart, and a former spouse (by divorce, bereavement, dissolution of common law marriage marriage).

"Physical assault" means, for example, assault on the body such as hitting, kicking, throwing things, thrusting away, holding down, choking, etc.

"Psychological attack" means, for example, psychological harassment such as abusive words that deny a personality, detailed monitoring or restriction of friendships and destinations, telephone/e-mails, etc., disregard for a long period of time, fearful intimidation that the family may be harmed, etc.

Economic pressure means, for example, not giving a living expense, using salary or savings without permission, being obstructed from working outside, etc.

"Sexual extortion" means, for example, forced into sexual acts in a state of dislike, showing pornographic videos in a state of dislike, taking sexual images and videos without consent, noncooperation for contraception, etc.

*Concepts based on 2023 survey.

Rationale and Interpretation:

Violence against women is the most common form of gender-based violence. This indicator measures the scale of the problem, provides necessary data on victimization experience to understand various forms of violence and its impact,

identify high-risk groups, explore barriers to seeking aid, and provide appropriate response. Constant tracking of this indicator enables monitoring of changes and evaluation of the effectiveness of the intervention.

Data Sources and Collection Method

Survey on violence between men and women.

http://www.gender.go.jp/policy/no_violence/e-vaw/chousa/h11_top.html

Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations

Computation Method

Number of valid respondents in each age group of women who have experienced violence from their spouse within the past year \div number of valid respondents in each age group of ever-partnered women in the survey \times 100

- Comments and limitations
- There is no data of 15 to 17 years old.
- "Survey on violence between men and women" started from 1999 and the surveys are conducted every three years.
- The target age group is 18 to 59 years old for the 2023 survey, and over 20 years old for the surveys up to 2020.
- Survey items in line with the abovementioned definition have been included since the 2014 survey.

Data Disaggregation

- By type of violence (physical assault, psychological attack, economic pressure, sexual extortion)
- By age category* (18 and 19 years old, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s)
 - * Up to the 2020 survey, the age category was 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s or older.

References

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Custodian Ministries of Data

Cabinet Office

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National Police Agency Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare

International Organizations

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),
UN Women,
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA),
World Health Organization (WHO),
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)