

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE November 25 - December 10, 2007



Secretary General's In-depth Study on Violence Against Women Recommendations for the United Nations System¹

The Secretary General's in-depth study on VAW contains key recommendations to the United Nations System that provide useful suggestions for advocacy in this year's 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence and in the 2008 Commission on the Status of Women, which will focus on "Financing for gender equality and empowerment of women".² Relevant recommendations have been outlined below to synchronize with the theme of this year's campaign.

❖ Recommendations to the United Nations System

Demand Adequate Funding	Call for Greater Accountability	Increase Awareness & Engage Men	Evaluate impact and effectiveness
<p>Provide technical support to countries and promote existing methodologies and good practices to ensure that existing standards of excellence on data collection are met [400].³</p> <p>Support the development of unified methods and standards for data collection on all forms of violence against women that are under documented [400].</p> <p>Build capacity of national statistical offices, women's national machineries, international and national research institutions and NGOs and strengthen links between them [400].</p> <p>The capacity of United Nations country teams to deal with violence</p>	<p>Entities of the United Nations System clearly identify how violence against women affects the effective implementation of their mandates and strengthen their response to such violence. They should in particular enhance efforts that respond to the cross-cutting nature of violence against women and link those efforts with their work on issue such as HIV/AIDS, poverty eradication, food security, peace and security, humanitarian responses, health, education, legal and judicial reform or crime prevention [398].</p> <p>Establish a coordinated and easily accessible United Nations database within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, involving in particular the Division for the advancement of Women and developed in collaboration with the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs,</p>	<p>The United Nations country teams support development of (where applicable) and full implementation, of comprehensive national action plans on violence against women that include national awareness raising campaigns and place emphasis on strengthening the knowledge of rights and availability of services and on changing gender-based stereotypical norms and attitudes that condone and perpetuate male violence against women [401].</p>	<p>The Special Adviser to the Secretary General on Gender Issue and Advancement of Women, UNIFEM as The Trust Fund manager and the task force on violence against women of The Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality, consider ways and means for enhancing the effectiveness of The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women as a system-wide mechanism for preventing and redressing violence against women and for increasing feedback of lessons learnt from supported projects into the system wide policy and normative work on violence against women [398].</p> <p>Support evaluation research and impact analysis of interventions to prevent and redress violence against women [400].</p>

¹ For further information please see: UN Division for the Advancement of Women. (2006). *Ending Violence Against Women: from words to action. Study by the Secretary General*. Available at: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/SGstudyvaw.htm>. The Recommendations are at the end of the report.

² For further information on the 2008 Commission on the Status of Women please visit: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/critical.htm>

³ Paragraph numbers correlate to final text of the SG's report and are noted to assist you in locating them within the main text of the report.

<p>against women be strengthened including through training [401].</p> <p>The resources allocated through-out the United Nations System to address violence against women be increased significantly [402].</p> <p>Entities of the United Nations system and all other donors provide increased resources for the implementation of comprehensive national action plans aimed at preventing and eliminating violence against women, particularly in the least developed countries and in countries emerging from conflict [402].</p> <p>Entities of the United Nations system allocate an increased share of resources devoted to issues such as poverty reduction, HIV/AIDS and peacekeeping for the specific purpose of prevention and elimination of violence against women, to identify and address the intersection with violence against women [402].</p> <p>States, donors and international Organizations increase significantly the financial support for work on violence against women in the United Nations agencies and programmes, including to the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women [402].</p>	<p>the regional Commissions and all other relevant parts of the United Nations system on statistics, legislation, training models, good practices, ethical guidelines and other resources regarding all forms and manifestations of violence against women [400].</p> <p>Convene a United Nations working group to develop and propose a set of international indicators for assessing the scope, prevalence, and incidence of violence against women, monitoring progress in addressing such violence and assessing the impact of different measures and interventions. This work should build on existing proposals for indicators on violence against women, as well as on the work of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women its causes and consequences, called for in resolution 2004/46 of the Commission on Human Rights [400].</p> <p>United Nations Resident Coordinators take a leadership role in advocating for an effective and comprehensive response to violence against women at the national level and systematically support governments and other actors in their actions to prevent and eliminate violence against women [401].</p> <p>United Nations country teams give greater priority to prevent and respond to violence against women, including through a more coordinated system-wide approach to programming and through collaboration with women's groups and civil society [401].</p> <p>Special representatives of the Secretary General give priority attention to violence against women within their mandates in peacekeeping and peace-building missions [401].</p>		<p>Develop common indicators for evaluating and monitoring State compliance with international agreements [400].</p> <p>Link efforts to collect data on violence against women to existing and ongoing data collection efforts, including planning processes for poverty reduction strategies and human rights monitoring [400].</p>
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