

THE SCALE AND COSTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG)



INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

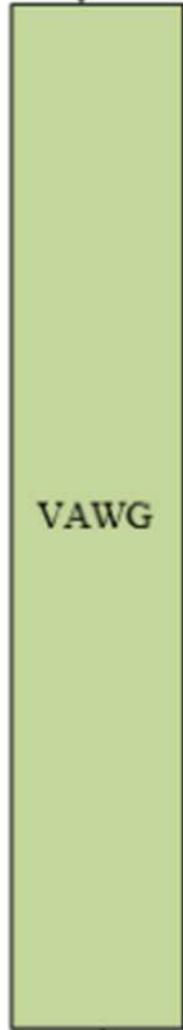
- VAWG is a global pandemic
- 1 in 3 women report physical and/or sexual violence (WHO 2013)
- Emotional/psychological and economic abuse

NATIONAL CONTEXT

- EU study (FRA 2014)
 - 15% physical and/or sexual violence
 - 31% psychological violence
- Transgender people - elevated levels of violence (TENI 2014)
- Coercive Control

IMPACTS OF VAWG

- Manifold impact
- Injuries, gynaecological conditions, difficulties with everyday activities
- Depression, anxiety
- Infant/child mortality and morbidity, sleep disturbance, behavioural difficulties



Economic impact

An arrow pointing from the VAWG box to the economic impact section.

Individual Households

A pink rectangular box representing the first stakeholder group in the economic impact section.



Loss of income
Loss of consumption/welfare
Out of pocket expenditure
accessing health/legal services
Impact on Children
Health status/trauma

A pink rectangular box listing the economic impacts on individual households.

Business/Community

A pink rectangular box representing the second stakeholder group in the economic impact section.



NGO services
Loss of business output
Loss of productivity/profit
Workplace prevention
programs

A pink rectangular box listing the economic impacts on business and community.

Government

A pink rectangular box representing the third stakeholder group in the economic impact section.



Service provision
Social Transfers
Expenditure on prevention

A pink rectangular box listing the economic impacts on government.



Social impact

An arrow pointing from the VAWG box to the social impact section.

Individual/Households

A teal rectangular box representing the first stakeholder group in the social impact section.



Loss of quality of life
Decreased participation
Emotional bonding

A teal rectangular box listing the social impacts on individual households.

Social cohesion

A teal rectangular box representing the second stakeholder group in the social impact section.



Loss of engagement in
local clubs and
community groups
Loss of trust
Loss of solidarity

A teal rectangular box listing the social impacts on social cohesion.

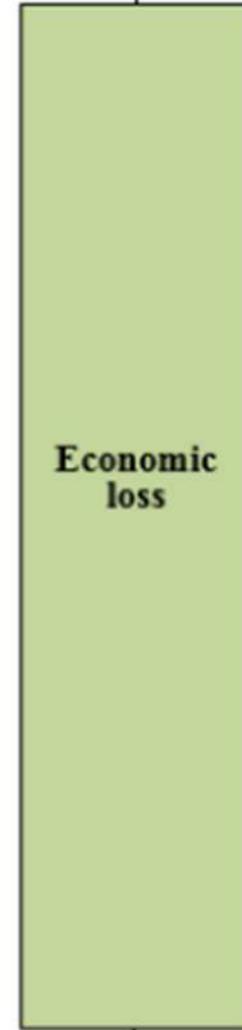
State

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Decrease in women's
political participation
Increase in collective
violence

A teal rectangular box listing the social impacts on the state.



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COSTS

- Research quantifying costs of DV (Rowell 2013, Walby & Olive 2014, Duvvury et al 2015, Zulu et al 2017)
- Vietnam - 3.12 per cent of GDP (Duvvury et al 2012)
- UK – over £17 billion a year pain and suffering (Walby 2004)

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND IPV COSTS STUDY

- 50 women – in-depth interviews
- Phases: abusive relationship, sanctuary and interim period, and relocation and recovery
- Emotional, financial, verbal and physical abuse most common (38%) combination

COSTS

- Unit cost - €115,790
- Health costs most widely incurred
- Lost income/productivity as major cost - €263,450 (12 women)

DISCUSSION

- Poverty and dependence on State
- Future employment, earnings and career progression
- Long-term consequences for economic security

'I was financially struggling and I could see it in my house that it's upside down and my kids are, I have no patience with my kids...I know it's really very difficult; it's really tough but I can see that I don't look after myself. The kids is so; I'm so grumpy with the kids and I feel sorry for them because it's not fair on them, do you know? I can see the clutter in my house is like the result of me physically and emotionally unhappy and I said no, you can't let this grow. You can't, you know. So I make a commitment to say no, I will get better and I will'.

Kim (pseudonym)

CONCLUSION

- First study estimating costs across three distinct phases
- Evidence-base to input into plans for economic recovery
- Implementation of Istanbul Convention
- Report and video launch

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