Through Sleet and Snow:
Overcoming Challenges in the Field during the First National Study on Violence against Women in Mongolia

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About Mongolia

3.2 million people
1.5 million km²
Most sparsely populated country in the world

One seventh of population is nomadic
DATA COLLECTION-2017
Conduct - NSO
Support - UNFPA

7935 households visited
DATA COLLECTION

Methodology - WHO

More than 7300 women interviewed

Interviews were conducted privately.

Fieldwork took place over 60 days

21 provinces
OVERCAME A RANGE OF CHALLENGES

Support
• sub-district governors
• village chiefs
• police officers
• local government leaders
• social workers
OVERCAME ALL SORTS OF OBSTACLES
• pass through high mountains
• stuck in mud and sand

• from cars being bogged on rural roads
• teams being mistaken for political election campaigners
Enumerators - only women
Card – for respondents
Enumerators – often faced psychological crisis
I felt empathetic listening to women’s stories...of hardship and violence... Their tears run, and mine run too, and their voices break. But I felt overjoyed seeing women’s faces brighten with relief from sharing the burden of violence and abuse.

*Survey enumerator*
Violence against Women

“… any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women…” (United Nations, 1993)

Intimate Partner Violence

‘Intimate partners’ are current and former husbands, cohabiting partners, fiancés, boyfriends, dating partners, etc.

Any form of partner violence (physical, sexual, emotional, controlling, economic)

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<td>Physical</td>
<td>29.7%</td>
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<td>Non-partner</td>
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<td>35.0%</td>
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<td>17.3%</td>
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Non-partner violence

- Physical since age 15: 17.3%
- Sexual since age 15: 4.5%
- Child sexual abuse before age 15: 2.6%

Anyone not a current or former intimate partner, e.g. parent, teacher, friend, sibling, other family member, stranger
What types and patterns of intimate partner violence?

Prevalence of different forms of intimate partner violence among ever-partnered women aged 15-64 (N=6913)

Note: N is the number of ever-partnered women interviewed in the survey (denominator). Prevalence rates are calculated using weighted data.
PERCENTAGE OF ALL WOMEN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED NON-PARTNER PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, BY LOCATION

1 in 5 women have experienced during the life time, 1 in 20 during the last 12 months women who have experienced non-partner PHYSICAL VIOLENCE.

NON-PARTNER SEXUAL VIOLENCE

(14%) women have experienced some form of sexual violence at least once from non-partners during their lifetime and 2.6% experienced it during the last 12 months.
**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

1 in 10 women in Mongolia have experienced sexual abuse as a child.

**Percentage of women who reported experiencing child sexual abuse (before age 15 years) during the survey interview, by perpetrator**

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<td>Friend/acquaintance</td>
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<td>Complete stranger</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Step-father/mother</td>
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<td>Recent acquaintance</td>
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<td>Step-brother/sister</td>
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<td>Sibling (brother or sister)</td>
<td>1.8</td>
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<td>Teacher</td>
<td>1.3</td>
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<td>Parent</td>
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MAIN PROCESSES THAT HAVE HAPPENED SINCE THE SURVEY RESULTS

One Stop Service Center – 10 (2018 - 2019)

• 7 provinces
• 3 districts
MAIN PROCESSES THAT HAVE HAPPENED SINCE THE SURVEY RESULTS

- held meeting
- presented the survey result
- made advocacy works

- 21 provinces
- 3 districts
CONCLUSION

- Fieldwork for survey on violence against women is a challenge in any setting, making these some of the most complicated and interesting studies that a national statistical system can conduct.

- Crucial to prepare the enumerators well psychologically and that the enumerators have real willingness to work on the survey.
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