UN PREVENTION FRAMEWORK TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

An inter-agency initiative

Current situation

- Over the past three decades there has been a growing momentum on addressing violence against women and girls at global, regional and national levels
- Despite intensified efforts, many challenges still persist AND
- The global prevalence still remains very high

WHY WE NEED TO FOCUS MORE ON PREVENTION

- **Attitudes and behaviours** that perpetuate **negative stereotypes, discrimination and gender inequality** remains one of the most significant challenges to preventing and eliminating violence against women and girls
- **CHALLENGES**: Main focus on improving justice and service responses for survivors BUT limited work on prevention
- To eventually eliminate violence against women we need to address its **root causes** and not only its symptoms
- OFTEN prevention interventions are ad hoc focusing on awareness-raising campaigns

THE UN PREVENTION FRAMEWORK

An inter-agency initiative, led by UN Women with

- International Labor Organization
- United Nations Human Development program
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNFPA
- United Nations Office of the High Commission for Human Rights
- World Health Organization

ABOUT THE FRAMEWORK

- Strengthens a shared understanding of what prevention is and what strategies it entails
- Contributes to sustained and planned action
- Complements efforts in response

OVERVIEW OF THE FRAMEWORK

It is based on a theory of change and it identifies:

1. The problem
2. Conditions that need to be addressed to address the problem
3. Foundations for prevention
4. Actions to prevent violence
5. Maximising impact by working through multiple entry points
6. Anticipated shorter and longer terms results

NEXT STEPS

- Unfolding the UN Prevention Framework by providing more specific guidance on how to implement it at national level
- Adapting the Framework to national context