REVIEW OF MEASUREMENT INSTRUMENTS FOR VAOW USED IN QUANTITATIVE SURVEYS CONDUCTED GLOBALLY
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1. Background

Sustainable Development Goals

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

• Current body of evidence
  
  o Violence against women
  o Abuse of older people

• No previous rigorous reviews!

To develop a more valid approach to measuring VAOW

Module on VAOW
2. Objectives

1. To identify instruments used to measure violence against older women in quantitative studies of prevalence globally
2. To review the characteristics of the studies
3. To review the characteristics of the instruments
4. To assess the measurement properties of the instruments
3. Method

- Comprehensive search (7 steps)
- Data extraction
  - Characteristics of studies
  - Characteristics of instruments
- Data analysis
4. Results – AOP

WHO Regions (2020)

(N = 89)

World Bank Income Classification (2019)

(N = 89)

Instruments: 60
Studies: 89
4. Results – VAW 50+

WHO Regions (2020)

(N = 26)

Instruments: 13
Studies: 26

World Bank Income Classification (2019)

(N = 26)
4. Results – Main Characteristics

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<th>Abuse of older people</th>
<th>VAW 50+</th>
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<td><strong>Specific questions</strong></td>
<td>2/80 sex-specific questions</td>
<td>None with age-specific questions</td>
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<td><strong>Perpetrators</strong></td>
<td>Diversity of perpetrators</td>
<td>Larger focus on intimate partners</td>
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<td><strong>Reported psychometric data</strong></td>
<td>42% reliability 30% validity 5% cross-cultural validity</td>
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4. Results – Comparison of Constructs

1. Physical abuse: 91.7%
2. Psychological abuse: 90.0%
3. Financial abuse: 73.3%

1. Sexual violence: 92.3%
2. Physical abuse: 92.3%
3. Psychological abuse: 69.2%
5. Limitations

- Unable to obtain all the *instruments*
- *Second reviewer* in some stages
- Additional *data on measurement properties*
6. Implications for developing new module

- Inclusion of unique abuse of older people constructs
  i.e., neglect, financial abuse, abandonment, and malicious accusations.

- Consideration of new items within existing constructs in VAW instruments
  e.g., Physical abuse – Physical or chemical restraint
  Psychological abuse – Threats of being sent to a long-term care institution

- Inclusion of perpetrators in caregiving roles – Expectation of trust
  e.g., informal/paid caregivers, adult children, grandchildren.
7. New module on VAW 60+

- Developed to be incorporated within existing VAW prevalence surveys
- Designed for women 60+
- Addresses the data and measurement gaps identified in this review and in


- Informed by input from expert meeting
  - Research, program, NSO, clinical practice experts
  - Diverse geographical regions
- Cognitively tested and piloted.
- Publicly available soon – Invitation to test it!

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Thank you

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