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### The World Report on violence and health

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Este reporte hace una importante contribución a nuestra comprensión de la violencia y su impacto sobre las sociedades. Exhibe los diferentes rostros de la violencia, desde el sufrimiento "invisible" de los individuos más vulnerables de la sociedad, a la notoria tragedia de las sociedades en conflicto. El mismo mejora nuestro análisis de los factores que conducen a la violencia y las posibles respuestas de diferentes sectores de la sociedad. Al hacer esto, este documento nos recuerda que la protección y la seguridad no ocurren en forma espontánea, sino que son el resultado de un consenso colectivo y de políticas públicas dirigidas a tal fin.

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#### Contenido

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#### **Background**

The visible and the invisible  
A preventable problem

#### **What can a public health approach contribute?**

#### **Defining violence**

Intentionality

#### **Typology of violence**

Types of violence  
The nature of violent acts

#### **Measuring violence and its impact**

Types of data  
Sources of data  
Problems with collecting data

## **An overview of current knowledge**

- Estimates of mortality
- Estimates of non-fatal violence
- The costs of violence

## **Examining the roots of violence: an ecological model**

- Multiple levels
- Complex linkages

## **How can violence be prevented?**

- Types of prevention
- Multifaceted responses
- Documenting effective responses
- Balancing public health action
- Addressing cultural norms
- Actions against violence at all levels

## **Problems for national decision-makers**

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### **References**

## Chapter 2. Youth violence

### **Background**

#### **The extent of the problem**

- Youth homicide rates
- Trends in youth homicides
- Non-fatal violence
- Risk behaviours for youth violence

#### **The dynamics of youth violence**

- How does youth violence begin?
- Situational factors

#### **What are the risk factors for youth violence?**

- Individual factors
- Relationship factors
- Community factors
- Societal factors

#### **What can be done to prevent youth violence?**

- Individual approaches
- Relationship approaches
- Community-based efforts
- Societal approaches

### **Recommendations**

- Establishing data collection systems
- More scientific research
- Developing prevention strategies
- Disseminating knowledge

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Chapter 3. Child abuse and neglect by parents and other caregivers

**Background****How are child abuse and neglect defined?**

Cultural issues  
Types of abuse

**The extent of the problem**

Fatal abuse  
Non-fatal abuse

**What are the risk factors for child abuse and neglect?**

Factors increasing a child's vulnerability  
Caregiver and family characteristics  
Community factors  
Societal factors

**The consequences of child abuse**

Health burden  
Financial burden

**What can be done to prevent child abuse and neglect?**

Family support approaches  
Health service approaches  
Therapeutic approaches  
Legal and related remedies  
Community-based efforts  
Societal approaches

**Recommendations**

Better assessment and monitoring  
Better response systems  
Policy development  
Better data  
More research  
Documentation of effective responses  
Improved training and education for professionals

**Conclusion**  
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#### Chapter 4. Violence by intimate partners

##### **Background**

###### **The extent of the problem**

- Measuring partner violence
- Partner violence and murder
- Traditional notions of male honour

###### **The dynamics of partner violence**

- How do women respond to abuse?

###### **What are the risk factors for intimate partner violence?**

- Individual factors
- Relationship factors
- Community factors
- Societal factors

###### **The consequences of intimate partner violence**

- Impact on health
- Economic impact of violence
- Impact on children

###### **What can be done to prevent intimate partner violence?**

- Support for victims
- Legal remedies and judicial reforms
- Treatment for abusers
- Health service interventions
- Community-based efforts

###### **Principles of good practice**

- Action at all levels
- Women's involvement
- Changing institutional cultures
- A multisectoral approach

###### **Recommendations**

- Research on intimate partner violence
- Strengthening informal sources of support
- Making common cause with other social programmes
- Investing in primary prevention

###### **Conclusion**

###### **References**

#### Chapter 5. Abuse of the elderly

##### **Background**

###### **How is elder abuse defined?**

- Traditional societies

###### **The extent of the problem**

- Domestic settings
- Institutional settings

###### **What are the risk factors for elder abuse?**

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Community and societal factors

### **The consequences of elder abuse**

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Greater knowledge  
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### **Background**

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#### **The extent of the problem**

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"Customary" forms of sexual violence

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Factors increasing men's risk of committing rape  
Peer and family factors  
Community factors  
Societal factors

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Pregnancy and gynaecological complications  
Sexually transmitted diseases  
Mental health  
Suicidal behaviour  
Social ostracization

#### **What can be done to prevent sexual violence?**

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Health care responses  
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### **Recommendations**

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#### **What are the risk factors for suicidal behaviour?**

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#### **What can be done to prevent suicides?**

Treatment approaches  
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### **Background**

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Forms of collective violence

**Data on collective violence**

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Problems with data collection

**The extent of the problem**

Casualties of collective conflicts  
The nature of collective conflicts

**What are the risk factors for collective violence?**

Political and economic factors  
Societal and communal factors  
Demographic factors  
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**The consequences of collective violence**

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**What can be done to prevent collective violence?**

Reducing the potential for violent conflicts  
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