

**REPLICATING THE UN  
MULTI-COUNTRY STUDY  
ON MEN AND VIOLENCE:  
UNDERSTANDING WHY  
SOME MEN USE VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN AND HOW  
WE CAN PREVENT IT**

**Sample interview guide for  
research with  
parliamentarians on  
gender-based violence**

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- Can you please tell me your position and a little bit of background on how you became an MP?
- Please tell me about the issue of violence against women in your country. Do you think it is very prevalent and what are the most common forms of violence?
- What do you think are the underlying causes of violence in your country?
- What are the current policy and legislative responses to violence against women in your country? What departments, ministries or other organizations work on violence against women?
- Do you think the current responses are adequate? Do they address the root causes of violence that you mentioned earlier? What do you think needs to be done from a policy perspective to improve the response to violence against women in your country? What is needed to have a comprehensive and holistic approach to addressing violence against women?
- Many policies are designed to respond to victims of violence, for example through improved police and health sector response. But what do you think is needed to try to actually reduce the prevalence of violence or stop violence before it starts?
- What role do you think boys and men could take in addressing violence against women? Are there any specific policies that aim to engage boys and men specifically for violence prevention?
- Who are the key actors you need to work with in addressing violence against women? What roles do you see for them and why?
- What competing interests or challenges hinder the ability of yourself and other policymakers to address violence against women?
- What resources or support would you find useful for effectively implementing existing policies on gender-based violence? What resources or support would you find useful for promoting new policies to address gender-based violence?
- What would it take for violence prevention to become a priority issue in your country?
- What are possible strategic entry points at the country and regional levels to engage policymakers in addressing gender-based violence comprehensively?
- What do you think we should be doing to better support you and other parliamentarians in becoming champions for and addressing this issue?