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# VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN DISASTERS AND HEALTH PROGRAMMING



**CANADIAN  
RED CROSS**

# BACKGROUND TO THE PROBLEM

A growing body of research and practice shows that violence is a global humanitarian problem that has profound health consequences (for example: mortality, injuries, disease, trauma and addictions, etc.) and can escalate in disasters and emergencies.

For more details on the problem, research and practical actions, please see:

“Predictable, Preventable: Best practices for addressing interpersonal and self-directed violence during and after disasters”

Discussion Paper: Integration of Violence Prevention into Health Programming within the IFRC



“Now we must acknowledge the predictable and preventable problem of violence in disasters, accelerate our action, and influence others to also respond. Now is the time to translate this commitment from an aspiration into a reality.”

**Secretary-Generals, IFRC and CRC<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Singh, G., Wells, M., and Fairholm, J. (2012) Predictable, preventable. Best Practices for Addressing Interpersonal and Self-Directed Violence During and After Disasters. Ottawa: Canadian Red Cross and the IFRC.

# IFRC STRATEGIC FRAMEWORKS

## SUPPORTING INTEGRATION OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION INTO DISASTER AND HEALTH PROGRAMMING

The following are examples of IFRC strategic documents that include the inclusion of violence prevention as part of disaster and health programming.

These IFRC frameworks are complemented by external minimum standards that the IFRC endorses such as SPHERE, IASC, HAP, and the DFID Communique on Violence against Women and Girls in Emergencies.

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SAVING LIVES CHANGING MINDS

IFRC Strategy 2020 strategic aim three: "Promoting social inclusion and cultures of nonviolence and peace"

Principles and Rules for Red Cross/Red Crescent Humanitarian Response

IFRC Strategy on Violence Prevention, Mitigation and Response

IFRC Framework on Gender and Diversity Issues

IFRC Violence Prevention pledge and regional commitments

Resilience framework

IFRC STRATEGY ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION, MITIGATION AND RESPONSE 2011-2020

Strategic directions to address interpersonal and self-directed violence

**Violence prevention pledge (proposed for 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent)**

For the years 2012-2015, we hereby pledge:

The International Federation is committed to the promotion of a culture of non-violence and peace through respect for diversity and peaceful reconciliation of social differences. With enhanced efforts to tackle the root causes and social determinants of violence and support individuals and communities to build on and re-enforce resilience to violence the International Federation aims at contributing to social development of communities and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The International Federation pledges to:

- Mainstream violence prevention, mitigation and response across IFRC operations, programmes and services, including internal policies and procedures.
- Support and implement violence prevention programmes in order to address the social determinants of violence.
- Pay special attention to the particular needs and diversity of children, youth, men and women when addressing violence.
- Support and promote initiatives empowering youth to take up a leadership role in the promotion of a culture of nonviolence and peace, such as the IFRC Y-ALICE initiative.
- Build partnerships with public authorities, at all levels, and international organizations to promote decision-makers and opinion leaders to address violence, discrimination and exclusion.
- Raise our collective voice at local, national, regional and global levels, through humanitarian diplomacy, including awareness-raising, to promote a culture of non-violence and peace.

**Proposed evaluation criteria (in 2015):**

- ➔ 90% of the IFRC staff (including all management) and a minimum of one person in 70% of National Societies are educated on IFRC Strategy on violence prevention, mitigation and response 2010-2020
- ➔ 70% of the existing IFRC appropriate trainings, resources and tools integrates violence prevention, mitigation and response, with a special focus on children, youth and gender-based violence.
- ➔ 50% of National Societies have in place strategy, policies, procedures and education, including interpersonal skills training, to address interpersonal violence
- ➔ 25% of National Societies are implementing violence prevention, mitigation and response programmes/projects across programme areas and services.
- ➔ 25% of violence prevention, mitigation and response programmes/projects involve youth and volunteers as implementers.
- ➔ 30% of National Societies sign this pledge
- ➔ Advocacy and programs to promote cultures of non-violence are formally built into humanitarian appeals
- ➔ IFRC and National Societies demonstrate zero tolerance on violence and all forms of abuse of power

\* Youth as Agents of Behavioral Change

## FOCUS AREAS

	TAKE PRACTICAL ACTION	DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN RESEARCH BASED TOOLS	CONDUCT HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY	GENERATE RESEARCH AND LEARNING
	Build internal organizational capacity	Design tools	Influence key stakeholders to integrate violence prevention into their own practice	Evaluate all projects
	Provide support to community-based interventions	Monitor implementation of tools  Revise tools as needed		Partner with academics to research specific issues

## APPROACH

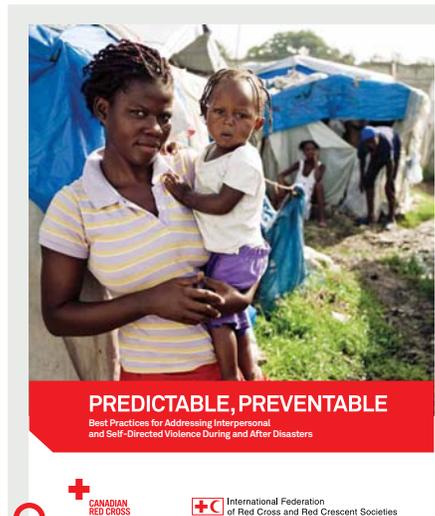
IMPLEMENTATION	Build National Society capacity	Work through partnerships and consortiums where possible	Prioritize assessments with beneficiaries to drive action
CONTENT	Address all forms of interpersonal violence	Focus on prevention, mitigation or response based on local context	Recognize vulnerabilities and capacities of all genders, ages and backgrounds
METHODOLOGY	Ensure research-based approaches	Use global minimum standards	Apply a public health/scientific model

# KEY TOOLS AND DOCUMENTS

## HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY

### Predictable, Preventable: Best Practices for Addressing Interpersonal and Self-Directed Violence During and After Disasters

provides an overview of the hidden problem of violence in disasters and outlines practical actions that humanitarian actors can take.



DISCUSSION PAPER



### Discussion Paper: Integration of Violence Prevention into Health Programming Within the IFRC

presents current examples and future directions for integration between health and violence prevention in emergency and development situations.

## BUILDING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY



### TEN STEPS TO CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

How organizations and communities can prevent, mitigate and respond to interpersonal violence



**Ten Steps to Creating Safe Environments** helps National Societies, or any organization, build internal policies, procedures, training and systems to ensure staff, volunteers and beneficiaries are safe.

# COMMUNITY BASED INTERVENTIONS

## For adults – Community based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) module for Violence Prevention

supports communities to find local solutions to violence. Gender and violence in disasters are key cross-cutting issues. The CBHFA module includes templates for education to adults in communities (5 lesson cards); training curriculum for trainers and volunteers ; and standardized baseline questions and indicators.



## BEYOND THE HURT: PREVENTING BULLYING & HARASSMENT



## For youth – a series of tools

for use in schools, communities or youth-serving organizations to address bullying (“Beyond the Hurt”), child maltreatment (“It’s Not Your Fault”), relationship violence (“Healthy Youth Relationships”), community violence (Norwegian Red Cross “Street Mediation”), and youth leadership development (IFRC “Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change”).

## For children – Be Safe!

a school-based program to prevent violence against children that has interactive tools for children ages 5-9 years old, their parents and teachers.



# IN DISASTERS

## Violence Prevention Assessment Toolkit for Disasters and Emergencies

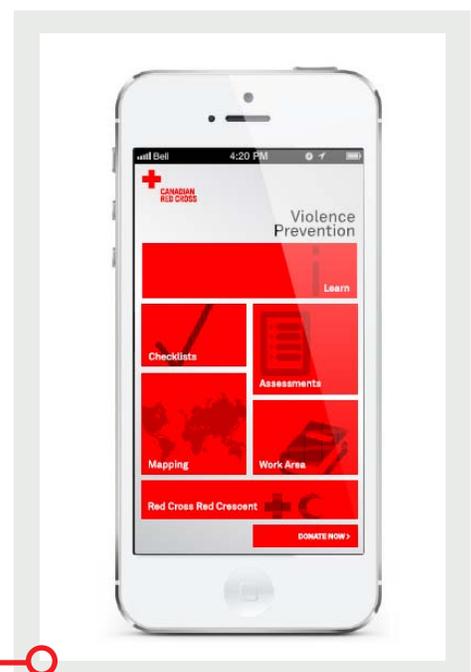
this toolkit provides guidance and a series of templates for detailed assessments.

## Violence Prevention Modules

for integration into Emergency Response Units (ERUs), IMPACT courses, Psychosocial training, and Regional Intervention Teams / FACT.

## Violence Prevention App for Disaster Responders

provides an overview of the problem of violence in disasters; includes comprehensive checklists for integrating violence into specific sectors (e.g. health, shelter, WASH, livelihoods, etc.) and assessments; gives guidance for handling disclosures of violence; an interactive mapping function to help visualize geographic areas that are either safe from violence or at particular risk; and links to other resources.



# SAMPLE INDICATORS, ACTIVITIES, AND TOOLS

**Outcome 1: Improved capacity and practice within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement to prevent the risk of interpersonal and self-directed violence.**

Indicator: Percentage of staff, volunteers and beneficiaries who rate the Red Cross Red Crescent as safe from interpersonal violence.

OUTPUT	SAMPLE INDICATORS	SAMPLE ACTIVITIES	SAMPLE SUPPORT TOOLS
<b>1.1 Organizational Development</b> National Society internal organizational policies, procedures and trainings include violence prevention	Number of policies being implemented to prevent violence against staff, volunteers, beneficiaries	Support development/ Updating of code of conduct, child protection, anti-harassment or screening policies	Ten Steps IFRC Code of Conduct IFRC CP policy IFRC anti-harassment policy Screening policies
	Percent of personnel who have signed the code of conduct	Support training of trainers to deliver briefings on the code of conduct and other relevant policies	Ten Steps IFRC code of conduct briefing package
	Percent of managers educated in violence prevention	Support training of trainers to deliver workshops on violence prevention to managers	Ten Steps
	Number of managers and personnel who can give the name of at least one place where they can refer a survivor of violence	Support training of trainers to deliver workshops on violence prevention to managers	Ten Steps
	Number of safe, accessible complaints mechanisms for beneficiaries	Support development of complaints mechanism and systems to monitor	IFRC Beneficiary Communications manual

OUTPUT	SAMPLE INDICATORS	SAMPLE ACTIVITIES	SAMPLE SUPPORT TOOLS
<b>1.2 Operational Capacity</b> National Society operations integrate violence prevention	Percent of trained DMDRR/Health/Youth personnel who can list at least 3 specific actions they can take to integrate violence prevention into services	Train program leadership on VP in emergencies  Include VP in training simulations	IMPACT VP module ERU/RRU Health VP module and simulations RIT/NIT VP curriculum ERU PSS/CHM filed school curriculum
	Percent of sector projects where violence prevention integration standards are reflected across the project cycle: assessments, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation	Integrate VP into standard operating procedures (SoPs)  Implementation of VP App checklists for Health, livelihoods, relief distribution, psychosocial, shelter, watsan, etc.	VP app for disaster responders—checklists and indicators for integration  Sample SoPS
<b>1.3 Transition from Emergencies to Recovery</b> National Society programs transitioning from emergency to recovery include funding for violence prevention	Percent of planned violence prevention activities fully funded	Build VP into project proposals  Build VP as a standardized line item within emergency appeals	Sample VP funding proposals  Disaster Relief Funds (DREF) from Jamaica
	Percent of violence prevention activities in emergencies successfully transitioned to recovery context with sustained funding	Build VP as a cross-cutting issue across DMDRR and Health recovery programs	VP App for disaster responders

**Outcome 2: Improved capacity and practice within the target communities to reduce the risk of interpersonal and self-directed violence**

Indicator: Percentage of women, men, girls and boys who rate their community as safe from interpersonal violence

OUTPUT	SAMPLE INDICATORS	SAMPLE ACTIVITIES	SAMPLE SUPPORT TOOLS
<b>2.1 Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction</b>	Percent of community DMDRR projects where violence prevention is integrated across the project cycle: assessments, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation	Build capacity to train adults on VP in communities as part of disaster preparedness  Include VP content in school-based DMDRR projects	Community education curriculum  Be Safe! for children, youth, teachers and parents / Ten Steps
	Number of external first responder agencies supported to build VP capacity	Train external first responders  Support external prevention plans  Support micro-projects that build institutional or community capacity on VP	Ten Steps  Ten Steps  Micro-project guidelines
	Number of projects addressing community violence/conflicts that integrate VP	Support peace committees between conflicting groups  Support cultural and sport activities among youth  Help create livelihoods projects involving all sides of a conflict  Support religious leaders and other key “influencers” to mediate conflicts	Better Programming initiative Ten Steps Street mediation program PACO

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**2.2  
Health**

Percent of community Health projects where violence prevention is integrated across the project cycle: assessments, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

Support implementation of Community Based Health and First Aid VP module

Include VP education as part of Malaria projects

Support integration of VP into Psychosocial projects

Build capacity for implementation of VP as part of First Aid

Support implementation of VP education as part of HIV projects

Build VP capacity of emergency medical services (EMS)

Include VP as part of Epidemic Control

Include VP content in school-based Health projects

CBHFA VP module

Malaria VP module

PSS implementation manual

First Aid VP material and briefing

HIV VP module

EMS training tools

VP as an epidemic chart

Be Safe! for children, youth, teachers and parents / Ten Steps

**2.3  
Youth**

Percent of community Youth projects where violence prevention is integrated across the project cycle: assessments, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

Train and build youth capacities to deliver VP messages to other youth

Include VP content in school-based Youth projects

Build youth capacity to deliver education in displacement/post-disaster settings

Youth as Agents of Behaviour Change (YABC)/ Ten Steps

Be Safe for youth/Beyond the Hurt (bullying prevention)

Haiti en Scene project

**Outcome 3: Improved capacity and practice among decision-makers to integrate Violence Prevention**

Indicator: Number of external decision-makers integrating violence prevention into their practice

OUTPUT	SAMPLE INDICATORS	SAMPLE ACTIVITIES	SAMPLE SUPPORT TOOLS
<b>3.1 Humanitarian Diplomacy</b>	Number of Red Cross Red Crescent supported publications that include evidence-based violence prevention content	Develop VP advocacy publications such as: advocacy reports, position papers, lessons learned synthesis reports, case studies, national mapping reports, policy papers  Collaborate with academic institutions to develop and disseminate original research on violence prevention	Predictable, Preventable/ Dalhousie University synthesis reports/ Violence and Health discussion paper/ Australian Red Cross regional mapping  PrevNet (Canada)
	Number of Red Cross Red Crescent supported forums where practical steps to address violence are promoted among external stakeholders	Facilitate dialogues/ round-tables with key external stakeholders to influence development of regional/national action plans to address VP  Organizing conferences and symposiums	ToRs of Sri Lanka child protection round-tables  ToRs of annual CRC national injury and violence prevention conference
	Number of national or regional violence prevention action plans developed by external agencies	Support schools to develop codes of conduct/safety rules with VP included	Sri Lanka national school code of conduct package
	Number of mass communications campaigns that include VP messages	Implement sms campaigns  Implement social media/ public service announcement campaigns  Support mobile theatres	Sample sms VP messages from Haiti  HIV & VP campaign in Jamaica  Philippines mobile theatres using CBHFA VP messages