



# Development Connections

## Community of Practices on HIV and Violence Against Women (CoP HIV – VAW)


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### Objectives of the CoP HIV - VAW

To promote capacity building by facilitating the creation and use of knowledge on the intersections of HIV and VAW, via a community of practices comprising the alumni of the training course on “Empowerment, HIV and VAW”, the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women grantees and other key stakeholders worldwide.

### Functioning

The functioning of the CoP will be based upon:

- ➔ **Participation on an individual basis** to ensure that the area retains the necessary flexibility and autonomy. The involvement takes different forms at different times.
  - ➔ **Sharing of processes.** We hope that the CoP will stimulate the socialization of ideas and experiences of current resources produced, but also the sharing of doubts / questions, unfinished documents, applications for assistance, discussions, etc.
  - ➔ **Assets:** The CoP will carry out activities that the group, different subgroups and individuals establish as a priority, at times defined collectively. We believe it should operate with minimal resources to be sustainable and moreover, we will focus on the goals we define rather than on the seeking of funds for maintenance.
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## ➔ **Specific considerations regarding the CoP activities**

- a. It will consider the specific needs and characteristics of the local epidemics/ the epidemics in certain geographic areas given the lack of strategic guidelines and interventions on the subjects on this level.
- b. To strengthen existing programmes and strategies but at the same time to use knowledge and tools to monitor public policies.
- c. To analyze the international aspects intertwined with both issues (migration, the role of international agencies in access to medicines, etc.).
- a. To identify experiences that enable effective integration of HIV prevention practices and VAW, emphasizing the search for practices that link a coherent theory and methodology between the fields of VAW and HIV, and the measurement of outcomes and impacts of the same. It would at times involve identifying replicable experiences that should not be assumed as rigid models, but rather as a reference for the development of specific actions from specific characteristics of the different communities and / or countries.

➔ **Languages:** English and Spanish.

➔ **Resources and activities:** forums, chats, listserv, virtual tours of projects, informal discussion (on draft documents, new projects, initiatives at national, local or regional level.) Informational repositories will be linked with the resources from the course (campaigns, journal articles, listserves, fact sheets, bibliography) and UNIFEM's repository on HIV and VAW.

Link to the CoP HIV – VAW: <http://dvcn.es/course/view.php?id=4>

### **Development Connections**

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