# Challenges with monitoring SDG Goal 5 indicators on VAW: Experience from the Asia-Pacific region

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# WHAT DOES kNOwVAWdata DO?

kNOwVAWdata
measuring prevalence of violence against women in asia-pacific

Technical support to national violence against women prevalence studies

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Development, implementation and roll out of kNOwVAWdata course curriculum on violence against women data collection

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Formation of a network of violence against women data professionals for peer support and mentoring

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Knowledge capture and sharing

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Sustainable way to understand how many women experience violence, in which ways, and where; and the ability to monitor SDG 5

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AS CONTEXT FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DATA COLLECTION

**Target 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

**Indicators:**

- **5.2.1. ("IPV")** Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner, in the last 12 months, by form of violence and by age group

- **5.2.2. ("SV")** Proportion of women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner, in the last 12 months, by age group and place of occurrence

# HOW IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVALENCE MEASURED?

How many women experience violence? (%*)

## Two time periods

Lifetime:
Did it ever happen?

Current:
Did it happen in the last 12 months?

*Proportion or percentage of the population of interest

# HOW IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MEASURED?

**Physical violence**

e.g. slapping, pushing, biting, hair pulling, kicking, throwing things, choking, burning, using or threatening to use a weapon such as a gun or knife

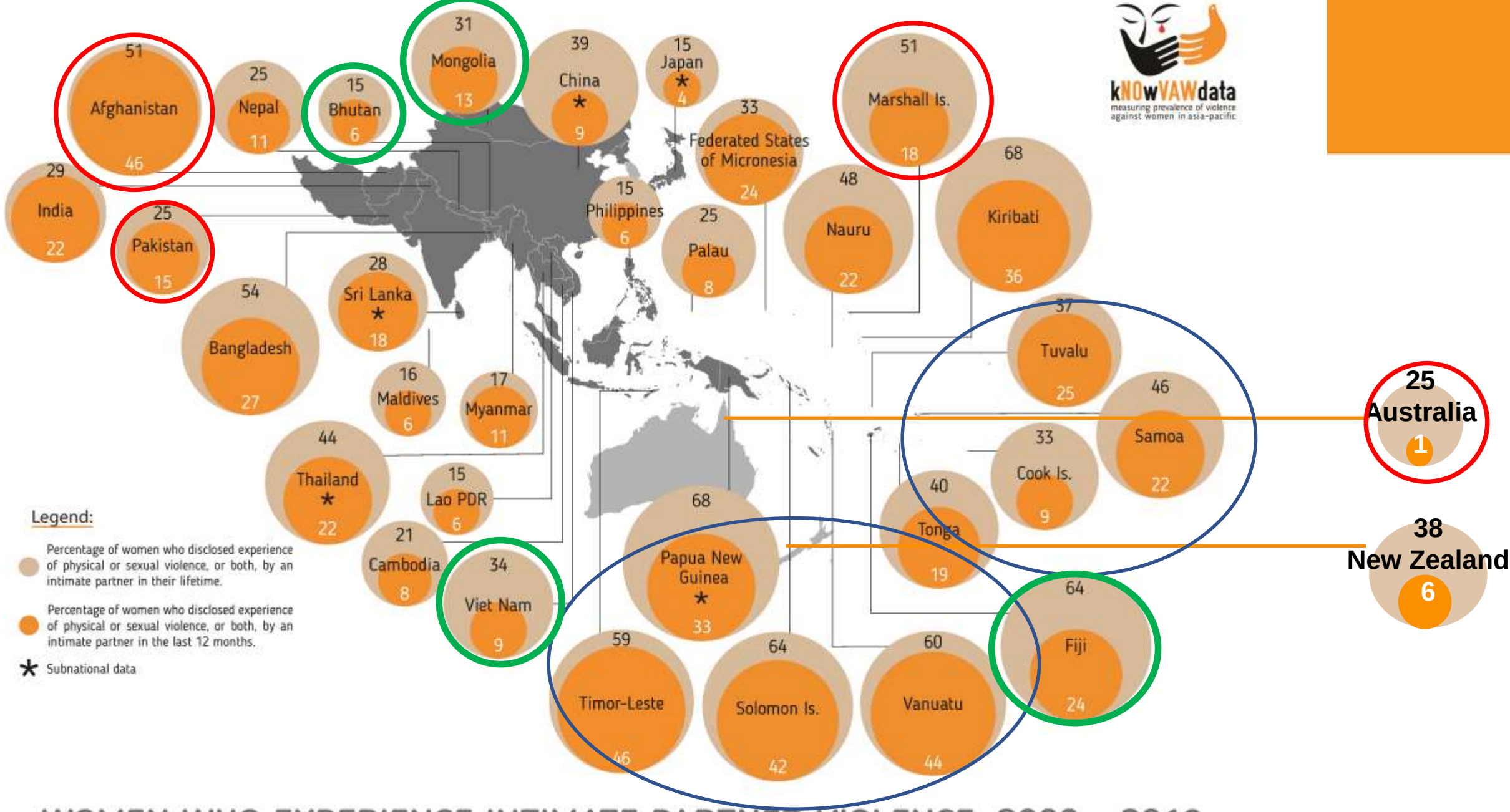
**Sexual violence**

e.g. forced/coerced intercourse, intercourse out of fear, degrading or humiliating sex

**Psychological violence**

e.g. prevented from seeing friends and/or family, insisting on knowing where she is at all times, verbal insults, making her feel scared or intimidated

**5.2.1. Intimate partner violence**

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**New Zealand**
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# WOMEN WHO EXPERIENCE INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, 2000 - 2019

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# UNDERSTANDING PREVALENCE DATA: KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR SDG MONITORING

## What is the story?

- Overall prevalence rates hide huge variations
- Similar prevalence rates are misleading as they ignores severity, frequency
- Prevalence of physical and/or sexual violence hides differences in levels of 'gendered' violence
- Comparing lifetime with current explains part of the dynamics
- The most severe cases and forms will never be captured
- Context is key

# VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVALENCE DATA: KEY TAKEAWAYS

## Other challenges for SDG monitoring:

- Lack of data
- Issues with comparability
- Capturing the voices of the most vulnerable
- Limited national and regional capacity

# kNOwVAWdata COURSE ON THE MEASUREMENT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

"The kNOwVAWdata course aims to build capacity in Asia and the Pacific so measurement of violence against women is rigorous, ethical, safe and effective in contributing to social change."

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# kNOwVAWdata COURSE NEXT STEPS: SUSTAINABILITY AND REACH

Embed course in University of Melbourne course work

Partner with more academic institutes in the region and beyond

Open source course materials with adaptation guidelines

Simultaneously exploring funding models & fellowships for participants from low income countries

"Oh my goodness! What a week of learning and growth it has been. I have learnt so many practical tools and lessons. I finally get what prevalence is and can confidently explain it and highlight its importance."

Participant,
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