



Opportunities and challenges in integrating VAC and VAW policies, services and programs: case study results from Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, and Vietnam

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Background

- Multiple intersections between VAW-VAC
- Work in silo and different understanding
- Lack of evidence-based best practice models that integrate VAW and VAC services and programmes
- **Objective:** *to explore the opportunities and challenges for integrative VAC-VAW approaches in the East Asia and Pacific region*

Methodology

- Primary focus on forms of VAC and VAW within spaces and relationships of trust
- Case studies in Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, and Viet Nam
- Desk review
- Reflections and lessons learned process
- Joint study: UNICEF, UN Women, UNFPA





FINDINGS

- Few examples of purposeful or formal integration but they do exist
- Lack of quality, coordinated, and well-resourced services for both fields



FINDINGS

- Critical to address adolescent's unique interests and needs – often a gap in both VAW and VAC approaches
- Working on shared goals, enables cooperation – such as age of consent

DEBATE

- **Specialisation and integration:** the potential disadvantages and challenges of integrative approaches need to be carefully considered before proceeding with integration efforts





OPPORTUNITY

- VAW and VAC prevention (parenting, school-based)
- Countries to examine existing datasets from an intersectional perspective, develop research priorities on VAC-VAW intersections



OPPORTUNITY

- Open dialogue between the fields to build understanding on the intersections

Conclusion

- Need for more coordination among researchers and practitioners working on VAC and VAW
- Focus on life course approach
- Reflection on the study and the methodology



THANK YOU!!!

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