

# A New Approach to Measure the Cost of Response Services for Women and Girls Subjected to Violence

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# Asia and the Pacific: Violence against Women and Girls

## **Progress across the region:**

1. Laws and policies in place or drafted on VAW/G
2. Improved data collection and evidence base
3. Increased public awareness

## **Yet more work to be done:**

1. Implementation remains inadequate or insufficient
2. Impunity for perpetrators; lack of access to justice
3. Lack of support services for survivors
4. Insufficient or lack of proper budgets

# Importance of Costing VAW/G

**VAW/G is not just a human rights issue, but carries significant costs for women, their families, communities and societies.**

- Direct costs – out-of-pocket expenses
- Indirect costs – economic multiplier effects
- Pain and suffering – social multiplier effects
- **Documenting the economic cost of VAW/G can help make the case for investing in prevention and response.**

# VAW Costing Methodologies

## **Impact costing**

- Measures the socio-economic impact of VAW/G and main agents bearing its costs

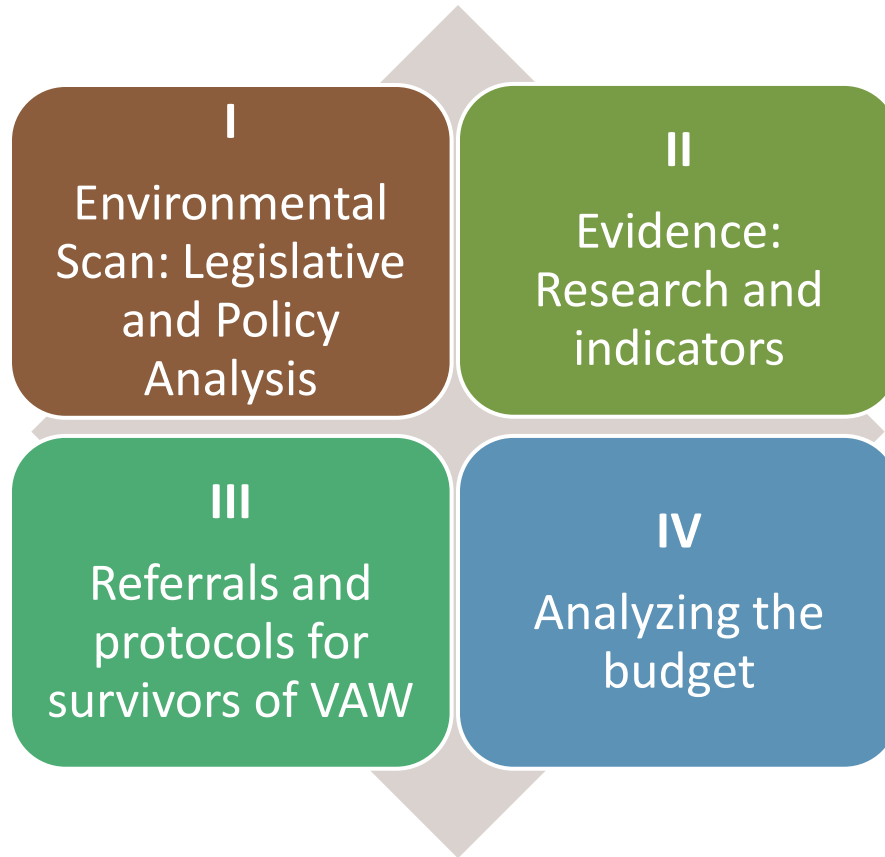
## **Unit costing**

- Calculates individual cost for particular goods or services

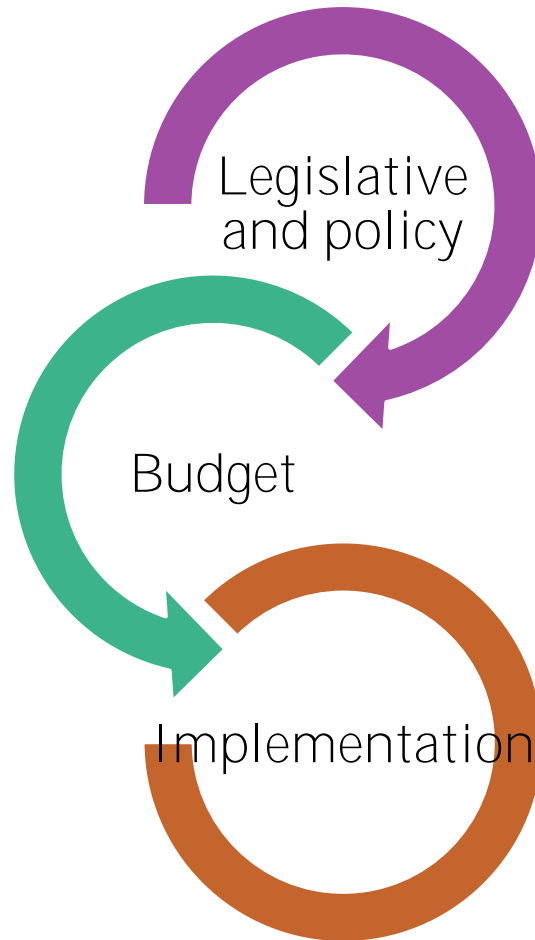
## **Gender-responsive budgeting (GRB)**

- Examines government revenues, expenditures and funding sources

# Multidisciplinary



# Findings



# Limitations

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- Lack of data
- Accuracy of data
- Customization of the methodology at the country level

# What can costing achieve and inform policy-makers?

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- Funding gaps and overlaps
- Support optimal allocation of resources
- Identify which services to prioritize
- Highlight the need for budgeting capacity-building at government level
- Identify funding sources and use of revenues



# What can costing achieve and inform policy-makers **BETTER?**

- Build evidence-based advocacy
- Raise the issue of VAW/G to a new level of importance

# EVAW Costing Study and Evaluation

- Costing is an emerging area of research in EVAW
- Various methods
- Currently being used for awareness raising and policy/programme/project formulation
- The methods can be used for situation/policy/programme evaluation
- Potential area to apply Social Return On Investment (SROI) approach



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