

Violence Against Women and Girls: A Challenge to Development

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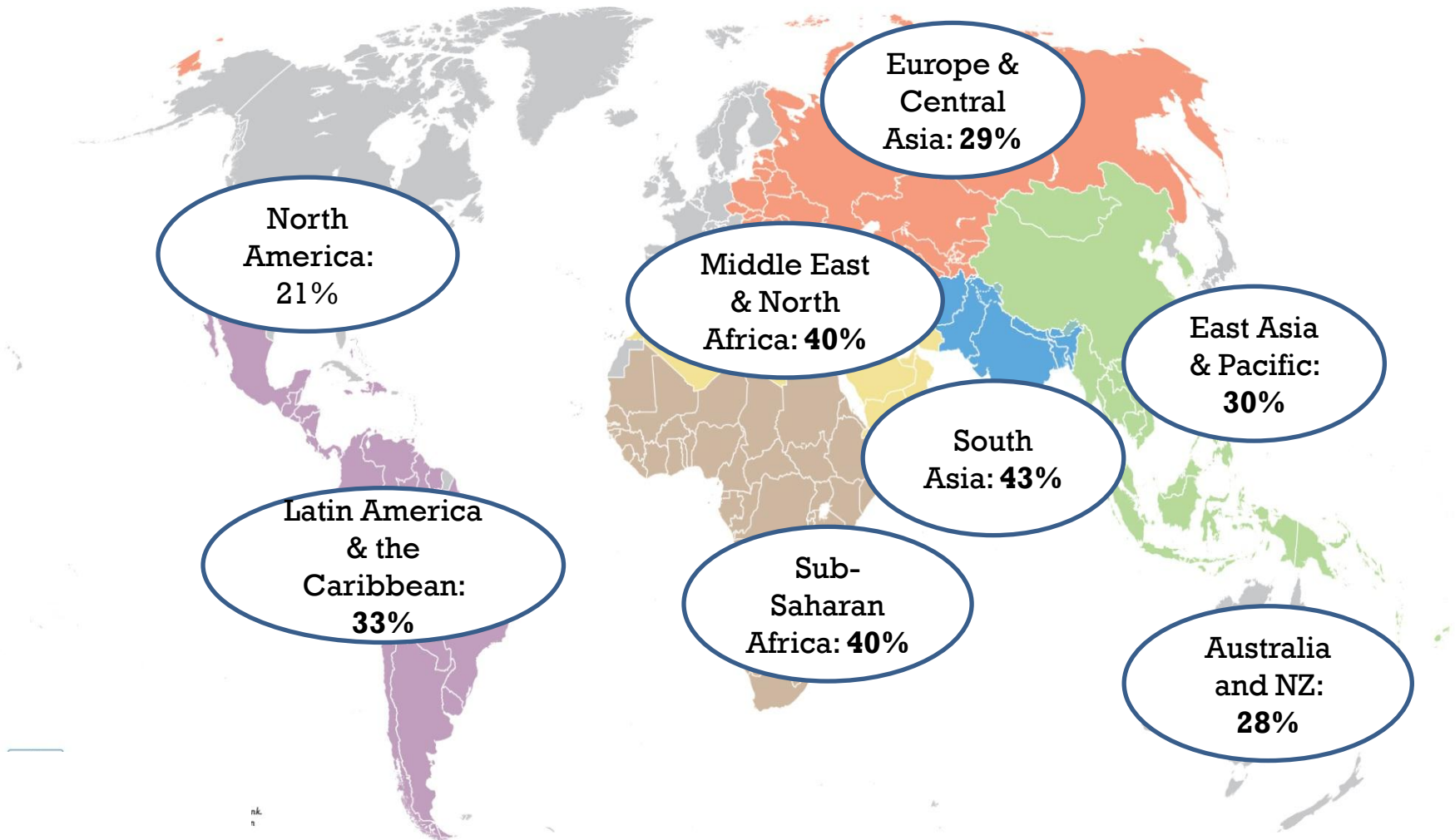
Reducing Violence Against Women and Girls – The
missing Millennium Development Goal

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Worldwide almost 1/3 of all women who have been in a relationship have experienced partner violence



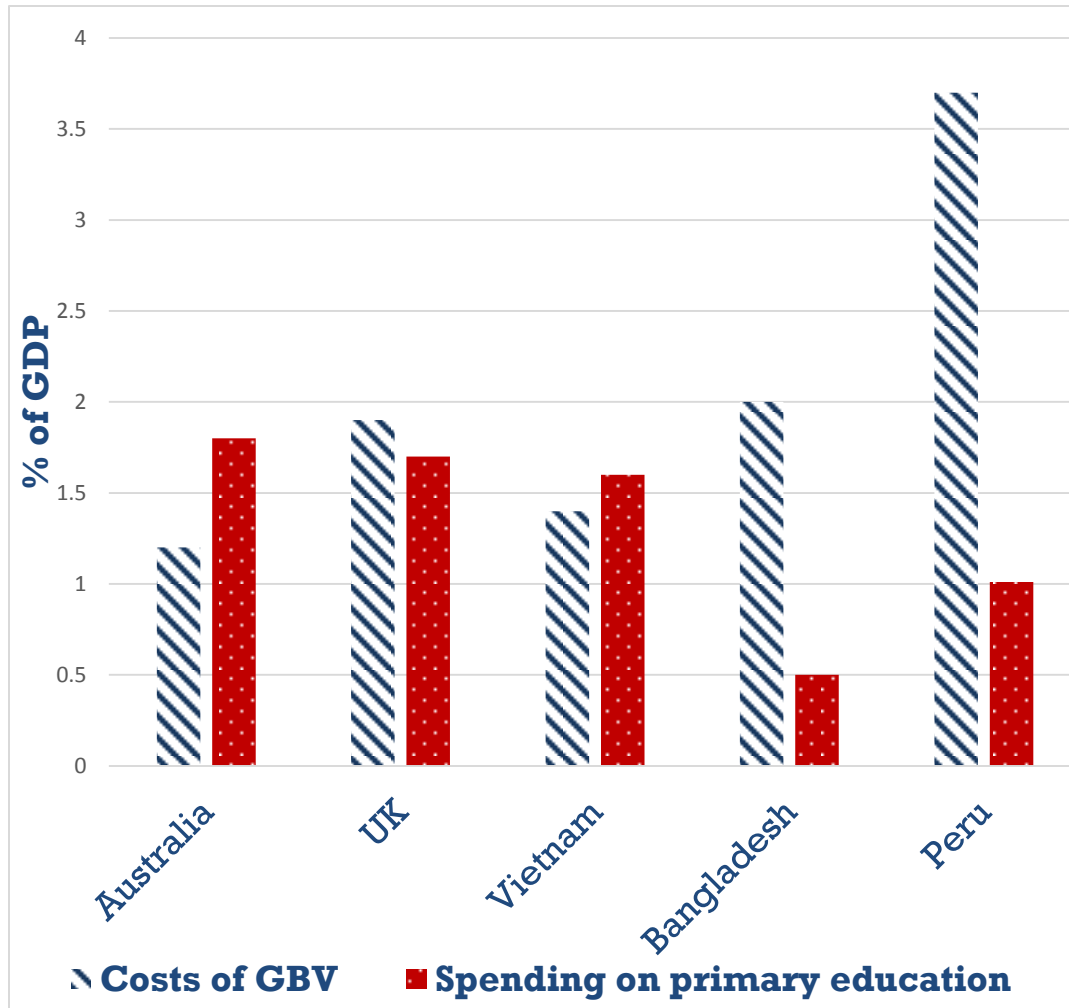
Development Costs of Violence

Adverse consequences for women themselves, families and the economy

- Health: increased risk of depression, STI, HIV, unintended pregnancy
- Work: higher absenteeism, lower productivity
- Intergenerational: children exposed have worse health, lower education and professional attainment
 - Much higher risk of being victims of violence or perpetrators

Development Costs cont.

Estimated costs are close to average government spending on primary education



Economic empowerment and exposure to gender-based violence

In Bangladesh, working increased women's exposure to IPV:

- BUT only for women who had less education or were married at a young age

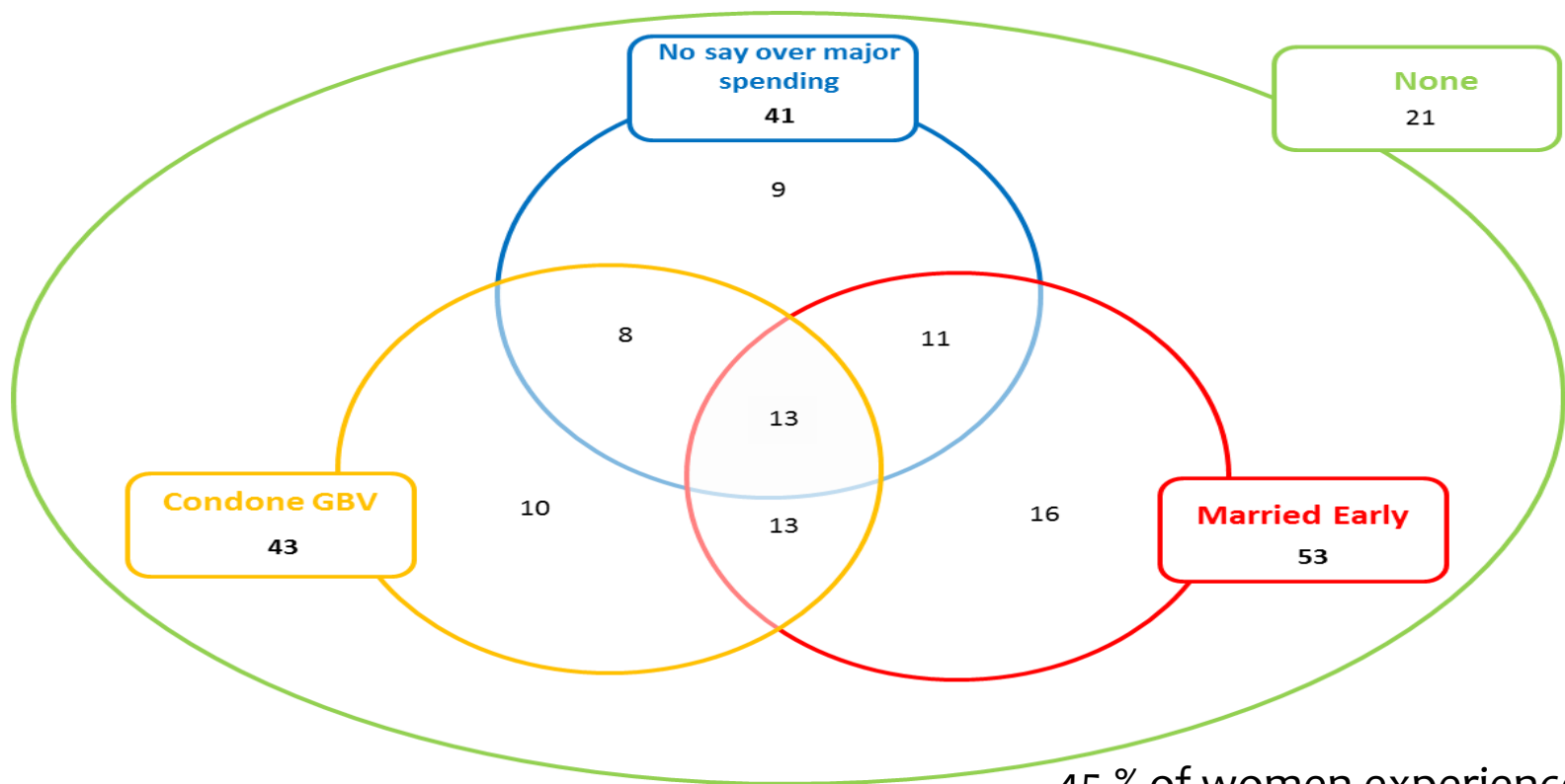
In Ecuador, cash transfers to mothers decreased psychological partner violence against women

- IF they had above primary education

- BUT increased such violence against women with a primary education or less

Overlapping Constraints

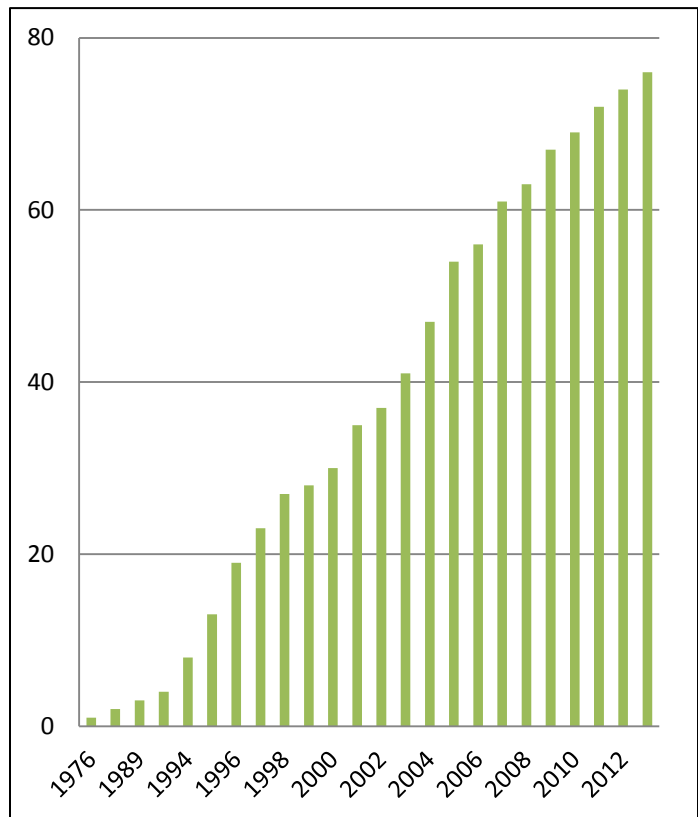
Overlapping deprivations compound development challenges



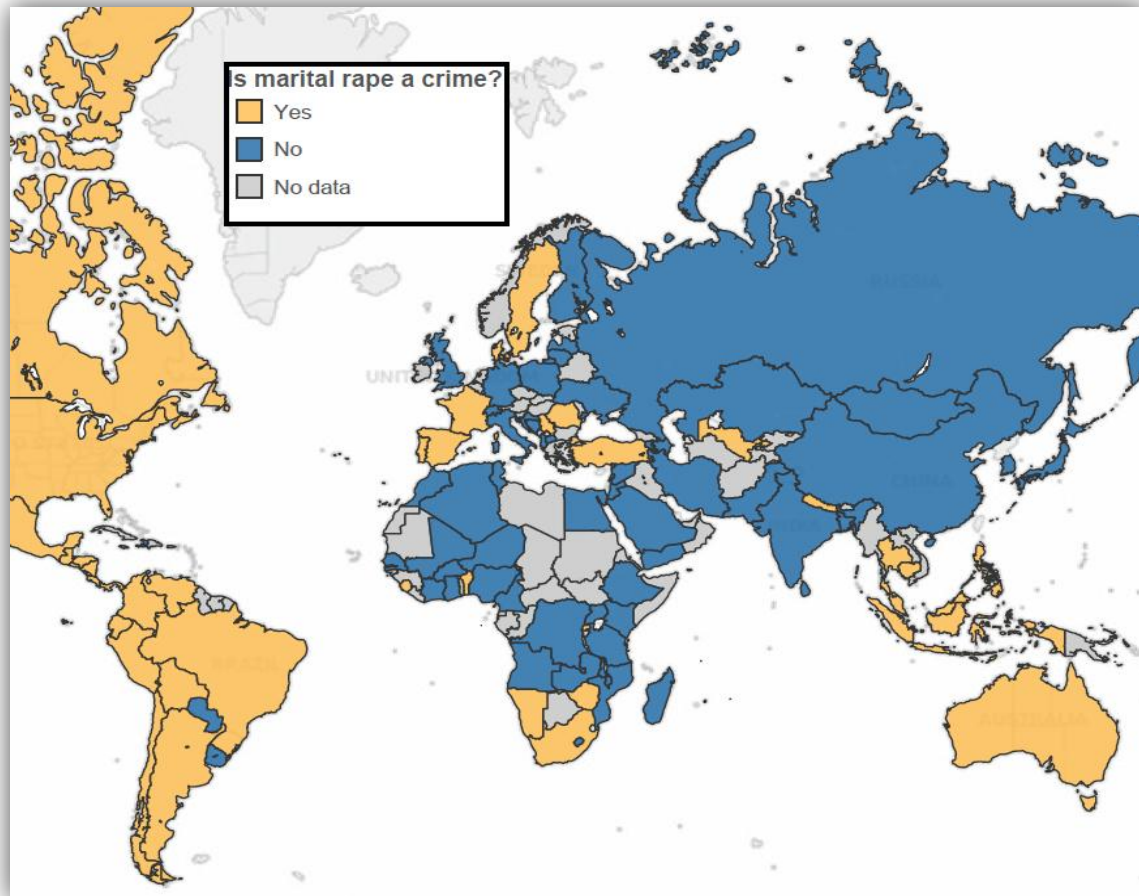
45 % of women experience two constraints or more, 13% experience all three

The Pace and Need for Legal Reform

Cumulative number of countries with legislation against domestic violence, 1976-2013



But 61/100 countries do not have laws criminalizing marital rape



Source: *Women, Business and the Law 2013*

What is the World Bank doing

Knowledge

- VAP Report, GBV Multi Sectoral Toolkit, Impact Evaluations, South Asia Report on GBV

Financing

- Projects
 - Several in DRC and Cote d'Ivoire to improve treatment services for survivors, along with prevention programming
 - \$75 million GBV project in the Great Lakes with a focus social protection and health
- Development Policy Operations
 - Colombia includes a measure to protect and support victims of GBV
 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will increase availability of tailored services to survivors of GBV

Partnerships

- George Washington University (Evidence review, toolkit)
- UN Women (pilot GBV indicators)



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