



kNowVAWdata Online **2020/21 COURSE ON THE MEASUREMENT** **OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

Build your skills in measuring violence against women

BACKGROUND

Globally, violence against women is an urgent priority for public health, human rights, economics and public policy. Reliable, comparable data on violence against women are essential to prevention and response efforts. However, technical capacity to collect data about violence against women safely and accurately is limited.

To address the lack of reliable data on violence against women, the University of Melbourne—in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS), and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)—developed the **kNowVAWdata Course on the Measurement of Violence against Women**. The kNowVAWdata course aims to strengthen capacities, enabling participants to undertake research and prevalence studies on violence against women in ethical, safe and robust ways. The course also builds data literacy and skills to translate knowledge so that data can be used for evidence-based policy, programming and advocacy.

Launched in 2018, the course is meant to run annually as a face-to-face 4-week course. However, due to travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, this course is now for the first time being offered online.

THE COURSE

The kNowVAWdata course covers key concepts relevant to researching violence against women, including:

- Tools used to generate reliable, comparable data;
- Processes involved in a national prevalence study;
- Ethical and safety guidelines;
- Data management, analysis and dissemination;
- Working with qualitative and administrative data;
- Stakeholder engagement;
- Strategies for ensuring an inclusive approach to understanding violence against women; and
- Researching in the context of COVID-19.

“Sometimes you feel alone in-country doing this work and you don’t know who to ask for help and support.

At the kNowVAWdata course, I saw there are many working on this issue.”

2018 kNowVAWdata pilot course participant

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

The course trains professionals who are currently or plan to be involved in carrying out violence against women prevalence surveys. It is geared towards government representatives from national statistical offices and other state institutions, researchers, academics, students and civil society practitioners in Asia, the Pacific and beyond.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The online course will be launched in the first week of December 2020 and participants can start at any time. The course is flexible and self-paced. To ensure knowledge exchange between course participants, everyone will be offered the opportunity to engage with other participants through group learning and live interactive activities. Regular live sessions will be scheduled to support learning of critical and complex topics. Live sessions will also be recorded.

2020 COURSE DETAILS

We have taken all the critical components of the face- to-face course and created four stand-alone subjects:

- 1) Gender awareness (pre-requisite for subjects 2, 3 and 4)
- 2) Introduction to researching violence against women
- 3) Measuring violence against women: Planning and implementation
- 4) From data to action: Interpreting and reporting on violence against women for policy and practice

The subjects can be taken separately or together. Participants who successfully complete all four subjects will receive a professional development certificate awarded by the University of Melbourne and will be eligible to be included in the UNFPA register of kNOwVAWdata trained specialists.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply please visit the website knowvawdata.com/2020-2/

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

✉ Email: TL-kNOwVAW@unimelb.edu.au

💻 kNOwVAWdata course website:
[kNOwVAWdata.com](https://knowvawdata.com)

2018 multimedia story about course:
stories.knowvawdata.com/Data

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

✉ Email: kNOwVAWdata@unfpa.org

💻 kNOwVAWdata initiative website:
asiapacific.unfpa.org/kNOwVAWdata



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“This training has empowered us by enabling us to truly understand data on violence against women so that we can use it for policy and decision-making.”

2019 kNOwVAWdata course participants from Kiribati:
Agnether, Aritita, Melinda & Teritia