How to Estimate the Economic Costs of Violence?

Main approaches to estimating the costs of violence against women:

1. "Unit cost"
   A step-by-step calculation of costs associated with a certain service package to be provided to a survivor in a certain case; the cost is multiplied by the number of survivors for a country-wide assessment.

2. "Total operating costs"
   Estimating the full volume of funding of services for survivors or interventions on preventing violence against women.

3. "Proportional operating costs"
   Identifying a proportion of costs targeted at survivors of violence within the total scope of certain services financing.

Violence against Women Implies Economic Costs for Everyone

Violence-related economic losses not only burden the survivors, but also employers and taxpayers, insurance funds, budgets of various levels and the entire national economy.

Total economic cost of violence against women in Ukraine:

- Million US dollars per year

- Personal expenses of survivors: $190
- Costs of services provided in response to violence: $14.1
- Lost economic output: $3.9
- Indirect costs attributable to violence

How Much Do We Pay when Somebody Abuses a Woman?

$208 million per year

aggregate economic costs of violence against women to the society, which is comparable to the yearly budget of Odesa city (0.23 percent of the country’s GDP in 2015)

Composition of the costs borne by the Ukrainian society

Million US dollars per year

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How Much Does a Woman Pay for Her Suffering?

$190 million per year
total personal expenses of violence survivors nationwide

Personal expenses of GBV female survivors:
US dollars

- Lost property (house, furniture, etc.): $460
- Lost income: $313
- Rent of apartment and moving to a new place of residence: $230
- Legal advice: $94
- Healthcare, medications: $66
- Administrative fees: $53
- Consultations of psychologists: $38
- Transportation expenses: $7

Survivors’ Expenses Depend on the Gravity of Injuries

Average expenses of survivors considering the gravity of bodily injuries:

US dollars

- No injuries: $135
- Minor body injuries: $143
- Injuries of medium gravity: $215
- Other health disorders: $319
- Severe body injuries: $373

How Many Women Die because of Violence, and What Are the Economic Losses?

600 per year
die as a result of violence in Ukraine

$1.5 million
lost by the Ukrainian economy per year due to these deaths

Annual number of women’s deaths, by cause:

From armed conflict

174

From gender-based violence

601

How Much Does the Economy Lose due to Disability of Survivors?

$2.4 million per year

lost economic output due to disability of women affected by violence

- Lost GDP due to temporary disability: $1,928,000
- Lost GDP due to permanent disability: $221,000
- Disability pensions: $36,000
- Survivors’ reduced working capacity: $167,000

$14 million

per year

costs of services in response to the incidents of violence

Law enforcement and the justice system
10.1

- Abusers in penitentiary institutions: 6.2 million US dollars per year
- Administrative offenses: 2.8 million US dollars per year
- Offenses not associated with liability: 0.5 million US dollars per year
- Crime offenses: 0.3 million US dollars per year
- Administrative arrests of abusers: 0.3 million US dollars per year

Healthcare
3.0

- Healthcare services for survivors of domestic violence: 1.6 million US dollars per year
- Healthcare services for survivors of sexual violence: 1.4 million US dollars per year

Social services
0.8

- Social care institutions: 0.6 million US dollars per year
- Domestic violence prevention: 0.1 million US dollars per year
- Appeals to social protection authorities due to domestic violence and correctional programs: 0.1 million US dollars per year
- National hotline: 0.3 million US dollars per year

Specialized services
0.3

Why Invest in Violence Prevention?

According to international studies

Investment $1
Future saving $5 - $20

$25.6 thousand spent on domestic violence prevention activities

Costs spent on domestic violence prevention by local authorities:

1.1 million women per year experience physical and sexual violence*

15.9% of survivors seek help from the police

1% of survivors seek medical and social help

13.9 thousand women needed medical assistance due to physical and sexual violence*

Official data of the National Police in 2015:

278 women recognized as rape victims

188 women got bodily injuries due to domestic violence

* according to sociological survey