

I. PROPOSED STEPS TO COST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE ARAB REGION

Building on the the ESCWA experience in supporting Arab States in costing domestic violence, ESCWA established a number of practical steps to initiate and complete a national costing exercise for doemstic vioelnce. These steps take into consideration the specificity of the region and the need to build consensus and ensure ownership. They also account for the data limitations of the region while putting in place actions to ensure adequate data collection and management. As shown in figure 4, this project model involves three overarching phases: (1) the Preparatory Phase, (2) the National Consultation Phase and (3) the Implementation Phase.

In the Preparatory Phase, it is important to clearly define the purpose of the study, as this will determine the scope of the exercise, the most appropriate methodology and the types of costs to be estimated. Next, the National Consultation Phase involves establishing partnerships with and among stakeholders. This ensures that the stakeholders involved understand the exercise and commit to using the findings to influence policy reform. This is followed by the Implementation Phase, where the research strategy is put into action. To further ensure ownership and institutionalization, capacity-building is an ongoing component of the costing exercise. Each of these phases is outlined in the below figure.

Proposed project phases of costing domestic violence

