

## Why we need a SIG on Family Violence:

Global prevalence figures indicate that:

- Over ***one in three women*** worldwide have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime
- ***A quarter of all adults*** report having been physically abused as children; one in five women and one in 13 men report having been sexually abused as a child

Around ***one in six older people*** experienced some form of abuse in the past year, and this rate is expected to significantly increase as many countries are experiencing rapidly ageing population

## What is the role of family doctors\GPs

A strong role in early intervention, identification, encouraging disclosure of family violence and sensitive response to all family members needs to be played by primary care teams. Recent international guidance is provided by [WHO](#) and in the resources section on this website. However, some issues need further exploration: how to best respond to all members of the family including men and children in the context of family violence; practice implementation; monitoring of outcomes in different cultural contexts; ethical issues regarding confidentiality, documentation and reporting to public authorities; and elder abuse.