

Taking Global Violence Prevention to the next step:

Global Violence Prevention
Workshop Recommendations

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Making the Case: Why the US has an interest in preventing global violence

- Add economic, health, and security to the moral imperative
 - Economic: the global economy depends on stability → violence hinders investment, trade and tourism
 - Health: portray violence as a risk factor (i.e. the huge impact on the spread of HIV/AIDS)

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Making the case, *cont.*

- Security: violence destabilizes nations and cycle among instability, interpersonal violence, violence and terrorism
 - We need to act now to spread message that violence does not serve as a resolution **without** waiting for a new administration
- Migration case:
 - We can't expect violence to stay isolated: global violence prevention is crucial to preventing violence in our own country
 - Violence serves as stimulus for illegal immigration

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Communication Strategies

- Add global violence to upcoming IOM report *America's Vital Interest in Global Health*
- Convene full IOM committee on the issue of violence prevention in developing countries
- Establish definitions that build unity and facilitate multi-lateral/inter-organizational dialogue

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Sustained Commitment and Support

- Because the US government rarely leads but rather follows public opinion, establish a five year advocacy strategy for major Congressional commitment
- Latch onto current initiatives already on the drawing board for government and pair them with grass roots organizations
- Advocate for tax structures (federal and state) to have specific revenue attached to violence prevention (i.e. tourism tax)

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Sustained commitment and support, *cont.*

- Create a national, government organization dedicated to violence prevention
 - Serve as unifying force as well as interact on international level (partner with WHO)
- Support Fran Henry in Global Violence Prevention Advocacy
 - Formalize with an advisory board
 - Broaden coalition (i.e. Carnegie Endowment)

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Research and programmatic priorities

- Evaluate cost-effectiveness and success of outcomes
- Archive current international violence prevention data to serve as basis for future efforts
- Listening to people on ground – learning from what has been successful in developing countries & what has been successful here
- True Partnerships

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Research and programmatic priorities, *cont.*

- Increased investment in training for research and program
- VAW multicountry study as a template – with the ethics, capacity building aspects for studies on suicide, child maltreatment
- “Violentology” –
 - A need for a specialty – with conferences – to assess impact of violence across the lifespan → economic burden & implications as a part of the specialty

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Encouraging collaborative efforts

- Appeal to specific interests varied sectors (faith based, corporations, government agencies) have in violence prevention
- Advocate for a formal cooperative agreement for 10 years with funding from USAID to CDC to provide aid and tactical assistance to developing countries (modeled on Reproductive health agreement)
- UN Special representative on violence prevention as a voice
- Don't overlook civil society
- Interagency details to promote knowledge and dialogue

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Next steps for US agencies to implement the public health

approach in violence prevention

- Give authority & appropriations to US Agencies doing violence prevention work domestically to expand their scope to international
- Do in country analysis & use as a guide for capacity building
- Inventory current efforts, identify gaps & bring in other groups, other countries to make more encompassing definitions
- Target PEPFAR countries for violence prevention efforts for add-ons to current AIDS work

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