### Profile of Women Victims of Violence

#### Demographic characteristics of women victims of violence

Note: all the data refer to women’s experience over their lifetime

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<td>&lt;63.4%</td>
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<td>by other persons – 5.9% women, in particular 7.4% of women from rural areas and 9.2% of young women (aged 15-24)</td>
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#### Intimate partner violence

- Women victims of at least ONE FORM OF VIOLENCE
  - Represent 6 out of 10 women:
    - from urban areas (57%)
    - of fertile age (25-44 years old) (60%)
    - with higher education (58%)
  - Women victims of PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE:
    - Represent more than half of the country’s women (59%)
    - Felt controlled and socially isolated by husband/partner - 2 out of 3 young women aged 15-24 (69%)
  - Women victims of PHYSICAL VIOLENCE account for:
    - 2 out of 5 women in the country
    - 1 in 2 women in villages
    - 1 in 3 young women aged 15-24
    - 1 in 2 women who completed a gymnasium
    - 4 out of 10 women in cohabitation

#### Economic violence

- Account for 6 out of 10 women:
  - from rural areas (68%)
  - adult women (aged 45-59) (70%)
  - with gymnasium or specialized education (68%)

#### Psychological violence

- Represent 7 out of 10 women:
  - from rural areas (68%)
  - adult women (aged 45-59) (70%)
  - with gymnasium or specialized education (68%)

#### Physical violence

- Women victims of PHYSICAL VIOLENCE account for:
  - 2 out of 5 women in the country
  - 1 in 2 women in villages
  - 1 in 3 young women aged 15-24
  - 1 in 2 women who completed a gymnasium
  - 4 out of 10 women in cohabitation

#### Sexual violence

- Women victims of SEXUAL VIOLENCE account for:
  - 1 in 5 women:
    - in the country
    - adult (aged 35-59)
    - with gymnasium and secondary specialized education
    - in cohabitation

Source: NBS, “Violence against women in the family” Survey, 2011
Frequency, forms and consequences of violence against women

Intimate partner violence

Out of women victims of PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE:

- 6 out of 10 experienced psychological violence many times (65%)

Out of women victims of PHYSICAL VIOLENCE:

- 1 in 2 suffered physical violence by her husband/partner many times (< 48%)
  - At least once over lifetimes:
    - 9 out of 10 were slapped (88%)
    - 6 out of 10 were pushed or shoved (60%)
    - 1 in 2 was punched with the fist or another object (50%)
    - 1 in 4 was beaten, kicked or dragged off or hit (27%)

Out of women victims of SEXUAL VIOLENCE:

- 6 out of 10 experienced of multiple cases of sexual abuse from husband/partner (< 57%)
  - At least once over lifetimes:
    - 8 out of 10 were forced to have sex (77%)
    - 6 out of 10 were forced to have sex with degrading and humiliating elements (63%)
    - 2 out of 10 had to make sex because of fear or constraint (24%)

Consequences of physical or sexual violence on health of women victims:

- Bruises or aches – for 3 out of 5 victims (58%)
- Eye injuries, sprains, dislocations of bones – for 1 in 5 victims (22%)
- Broken bones, internal injuries – for 1 in 10 victims (< 10%)
- Miscarriage – for 1 in 10 victims

Behaviour and attitudes of women victims of violence

Intimate partner physical or sexual violence:

- Only 2 out of 3 women victims reported the experienced violence (66%)
- 1 in 3 women victims did not report the experienced violence (34%)

Acceptance by women victims of physical or sexual violence of the violent behaviour of husbands/partners:

- 1 in 3 women-victims consider that the woman should obey man's opinion (32%)
- 2 out of 3 women-victims consider that the husband should feel himself the head of the family (70%)
- 1 in 3 women-victims consider that the woman may be abused physically if she is found to be unfaithful (35%)
- Over half women-victims consider that the woman should not argue with her husband (54%)
- 1 in 4 women-victims consider that the woman should ask permission to visit her relatives/friends (25%)

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