INTEGRATED RESPONSE TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

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• Positive experiences
  - 8 hospital-based divisional level OSCCs.
  - Plan envisions coordination between 11 ministries
  - Intersection of health with – shelters, legal assistance, police assistance
  - Inter-ministerial body implementing the plan.
  - Developing a multisectoral plan on VAW.
  - Resulted in better health care for survivors
  - Improved coordinated services at the hospital-level.
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• Scope for improvement
  - Multisectoral intervention limited to OSCCs.
  - Psycho-social counseling weakest element.
  - Poor community-based support.
  - Prevention strategies through awareness generation not integrated.
  - Intra-hospital coordination a struggle.
  - Lax independent monitoring framework involving rights groups.
  - No uniform protocols for medical treatment and examination.
STRATEGIES FOR INTEGRATION IN INDIA

• OSCCs should be seen as one part of an integrated response to gender-based violence.

• Rolling out OSCCs:
  - Support structures at the national, state, and local levels.
  - Basic guidelines
  - Operating procedures with flexibility for local adaptation
  - Independent monitoring framework involving rights groups
  - Link with community-based support strategies.
  - Integration of awareness strategies.
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• Way forward
  - Guidance by central government
  - State and district level planning on integrated approach to gender-based violence
  - Strategies for integration and referrals at the community-level, primary, secondary, and tertiary health facilities and police stations
  - NMEW to monitor state and district plans
  - NMEW to track what all relevant ministries are doing
  - Planning Commission to review state-level plans
  - Necessary allocations in all relevant ministries budget to support action on GBV.
Way Forward

- Awareness generation and prevention integral component.
- Therapeutic care and counseling critical.
- Non-discrimination.
- Strong monitoring framework.
- Data collection for evidence-based responses.