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INTEGRATED RESPONSE TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

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BANGLADESH: ONE-STOP CRISIS CENTRES

- 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.

BANGLADESH: ONE-STOP CRISIS CENTRES

- 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.

STRATEGIES FOR INTEGRATION IN INDIA

- 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.

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