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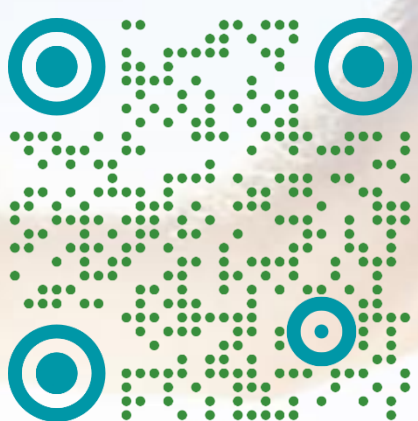
Gender-based violence, empowerment, and public health:
Towards a model of complex interventions in Bihar

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Hybrid Mode

**Hosted by the Centre for Ethics
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Abstract

Gender-Based violence remains a severe problem for Indian society, and it affects women's everyday lives and impedes their work and social mobility opportunities. This study aims to understand the complex dynamics of violence in the Indian state of Bihar. This study undertakes a mixed-methods pilot study to examine structural determinants of gender-based violence and empowerment. First, it utilizes geospatial modelling to compare districts in Bihar on the prevalence and incidence of mild to severe forms of GBV. Second, the study develops an empowerment index, and analyses the available micro-data sets Demographic Health Surveys (NFHS IV) and supplements it with data available from the National Crimes Records Bureau (NCRB) Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Home Affairs and Ministry of Rural Development to examine the various determinants of gender-based violence and empowerment variables such as education, women's paid work in the formal and informal sector; the number of women police officials; judges; political representatives in the districts and self-help groups. Third, the study concludes with a policy evaluation of existing interventions available to women victims of gender-based violence with suggestions to enhance and improve the coverage of the existing services. Initiatives such as one-step Centres have gained momentum across India; many are in health settings. None of the OSCs in Bihar are in healthcare settings, which impedes the development of public health response.

Programme

11:30 AM Opening Remarks: Dr Vina Vaswani, Director of the Centre for Ethics

11:40 AM Registrar/Asst. Registrar, Yenepoza (deemed to be University)

11:45 AM Dr Keerty Nakray, Centre for Ethics

12:15 AM Responses from-

Jasmine Kalha, Centre for Mental Health Law & Policy, Indian Law Society, Pune

Soumya Singh, Sangath Bhopal and Goa

Medina Johnson is Chief Executive and co-founder of IRISi, UK

12:50 PM Questions and Answers





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Dr Keerty Nakray is a sociology, social policy, and public health researcher. She has published in peer-reviewed journals on gender-based violence, gender budgeting, child poverty, social exclusion, and social policy in the world's leading journals, such as *Social Policy and Administration* and *Journal of Asian Public Policy and Policy and Politics*. She has edited three books, "Gender-Based Violence and Public Health: International Perspectives on Budgets and Policies;" published by (Routledge, London) and "Social Science Research Ethics for a Globalizing World: Interdisciplinary and Cross-Cultural Perspectives;" (Routledge, New York) with Margaret Alston and Kerri Whittenbury. Her study on gender-based violence and empowerment indicators and the multi-sectoral public health response was funded by the International Growth Centre (London School of Economics and Political Science and Oxford University).

Jasmine Kalha is trained in social work from a gender perspective from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, and has an MPhil in Sociology from the Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University. She has worked on implementing innovative research interventions at scale for mental health and human rights in low-resource settings since 2014. She co-leads the scale-up and implementation of Atmiyata, a large rural community-led intervention to reduce the mental health care and social care gap. She leads the UPSIDES (peer support) project in Gujarat and is involved with the capacity-building core of SPIRIT (suicide prevention). She has also co-led projects on recovery and mental health in India. Previously, Jasmine worked on health systems reform through WHO's Quality Rights (QR), Gujarat.

Soumya Singh, is a mental health researcher based out of Goa and Rajasthan, India. She has received training in health psychology and currently working as a research fellow at Sangath and Mata Jai Kaur Maternal and Child Health Centre, a not-for-profit organization that deliver treatment and care to vulnerable populations on violence, addiction, and mental health.

Medina Johnson is Chief Executive and co-founder of IRISi, a social enterprise established to promote and improve the health care response to gender based violence. Medina has a background in education and training, managed the floating support team for a women's mental health service and managed a charity supporting single people who are homeless. She has worked in the violence against women and girls' sector for 18 years, first as coordinator for Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum and for the last 15 years as part of the IRIS programme. IRISi's flagship intervention, IRIS (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety), is a general practice-based domestic violence and abuse (DVA) training, support and referral programme. Medina holds an honorary contract as a Research Collaborator with the Centre for Academic Primary Care at the University of Bristol and participates in national and international research programmes on domestic violence and abuse. She is also a board member of NIHR ARC West Advisory Board.

