

UNFPA REPRESENTATIVE'S STATEMENT AT THE REVIEW OF DOVVSU DATA COLLECTION TOOL , 30-31st JULY 2019

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Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a lofty privilege to be part of this meeting today .

The Beijing Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference of Women in 1995 identifies "Violence against women" as one of twelve critical areas of concern, and states, inter alia, that governments should "take measures to ensure the protection of women and girls subjected to violence.

It is first necessary to understand the nature and prevalence of SGBV in order to inform policy makers and assist the design and implementation of effective policies to combat this phenomenon.

Data collection and analysis are key in this drive. They are essential to the effectiveness of targeted service delivery, advocacy, policy development, accountability and monitoring; and UNFPA is committed to reinforce SGBV

prevention and response programming and to ensure quality services are available for SGBV victims or survivors.

In this perspective , DOVVSU with support from UNFPA developed and launched a data management system in 2016 to ensure that statistics related to sexual and gender-based violence are properly and easily collected across the country.

The tool with which statistics are collected by DOVVSU has been operational so far , and is to be commended for the achievements made in the management of SGBV cases.

However, with the developments in managing trends in SGBV, there is the need for an updated and more standardized tool for data collection and we believe this meeting will go a long way to address this purpose.

It is therefore our sincere wish to witness a successful gathering, to capitalize on gaps which have been hitherto identified with the existing tool for more robust results-based SGBV programming across the country, in the best interest of victims and/or survivors , for the Good of Ghana !

Thank you !