

**Health care system's response to survivors of sexual violence: A case of empirical research informed by gender justice perspective and systems approach**

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**Learning objectives**

- To appreciate the concept of gender-based violence (GBV), its scale and nature
- To understand the systemic approach (eg: social ecology model) to GBV (research & intervention)
- To briefly know recent legal reforms related to sexual violence; and obligation of the public health care system
- To learn challenges in empirical research on sexual violence with the public health care system

**Session Plan**

**Segment 1: Presentation (25 mins)**

- Lay out the scale of the problem using evidence/data (global and local)
- Brief introduction to systems approach/social ecology model
- Briefly talk about the salient features of the recent development in India in relation to law and policies to respond to GBV and the enabling/contributing factors (highlighting the role of women's movement and the Nirbhaya case, refer briefly to Law Commissions)
- Brief mention of priority areas of research and intervention in GBV
- One of the priority area is the critical role of health care system in responding to survivors of GBV and how the system should be readies to align with the recent reforms
- An overview of the empirical research that I am part of which primarily looking at the current status of preparedness of the public health care system

**Segment 2: Skill station (small group work to discuss two case studies) [20 mins]**

**Case 1:** Identify specific research questions and sub-themes to be explored

**Case 2:** Review and critique the methodology developed for the project using the understanding of GBV from system approach [A hypothetical construct informed by my project work]

**Case 3:** Do these data speak? [A hypothetical case constructed from the data which appears sparse but can provide different insights if viewed using the systems approach]

**Segment 3: Plenary for presenting group work and discussion [20 mins]**

**Segment 4: Additional bits from the project [15 mins]**

- Sharing some of the key features of the tools of data collection, challenges we encountered, and how we approached them
- Insights from the empirical work with focus on the contribution of systems /social ecological approach to read the data which may not have been viewed as data; and the importance of 'grounded theory' approach