Unit 15: Defining Violence

Objectives

- Define violence against women.
- Understand the different categories of violence against women.
Violence

WHO classifies violence into 3 categories based on who commits the violent act:
- Self-directed violence
- Interpersonal violence
- Collective violence

Self-Directed Violence

- Suicidal Behavior

- Self-Injury
  - Cutting or burning
  - Used as a coping mechanism
  - Risk Factors:
    - Female gender
    - Adolescent
    - Substance use
Interpersonal Violence

- Violence against:
  - A child, partner, relative, elder
  - Community violence against an acquaintance or stranger
  - Family/intimate violence:
    - Stalking, domestic battering, child abuse, elder abuse.

Collective Violence

- Violence committed against a group of people to achieve social, political, or economic objectives
  - Armed conflict, genocide, repression, terrorism, and organized violent crime
- Women experience collective violence
  - FGC, trafficking of women and girls, rape during war, female infanticide.
Class Wrap-Up

- **Key Words:**
  - Violence, Self-Directed Violence, Interpersonal Violence, Collective Violence

- **Individual Importance:**
  - There are different types of violence that is committed against individuals, even by themselves.

- **Public Health Importance:**
  - Violence against women is of public health importance, especially vulnerable groups.

- **Socio/Economic Importance:**
  - Collective violence is committed against groups of people for economic, social, and political reasons.