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Thesis

Develop an understanding about the different international treaties that exist to protect vulnerable groups against GBV.

Problem

GBV has great impact on every individual in different ways; social, economic, physical and political. It is necessary to know the impact of GBV on different spheres of life; social; moral; economic; political on individual and global level.

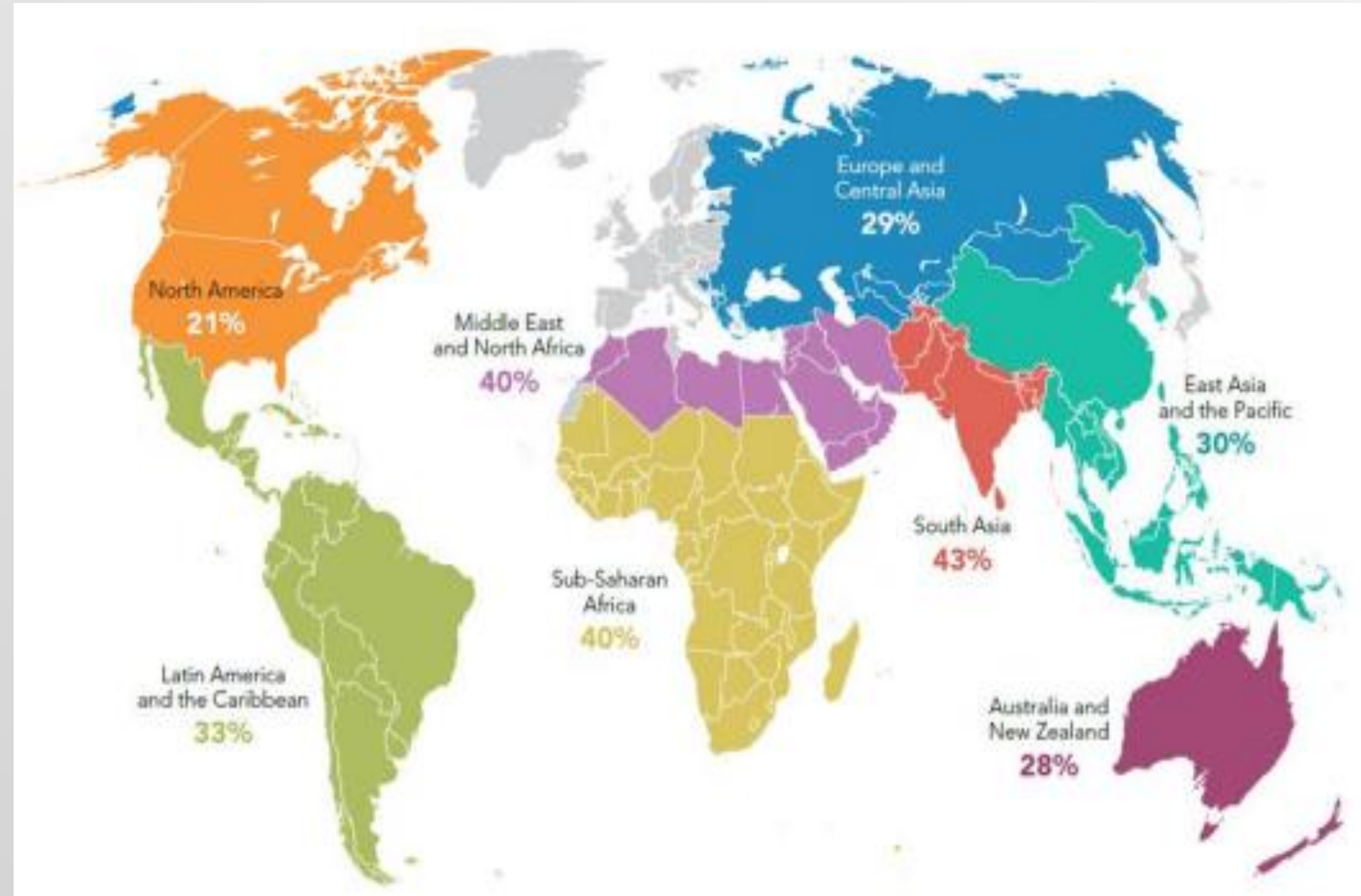


Fig 1.1: Regional rates of intimate partner violence around the world

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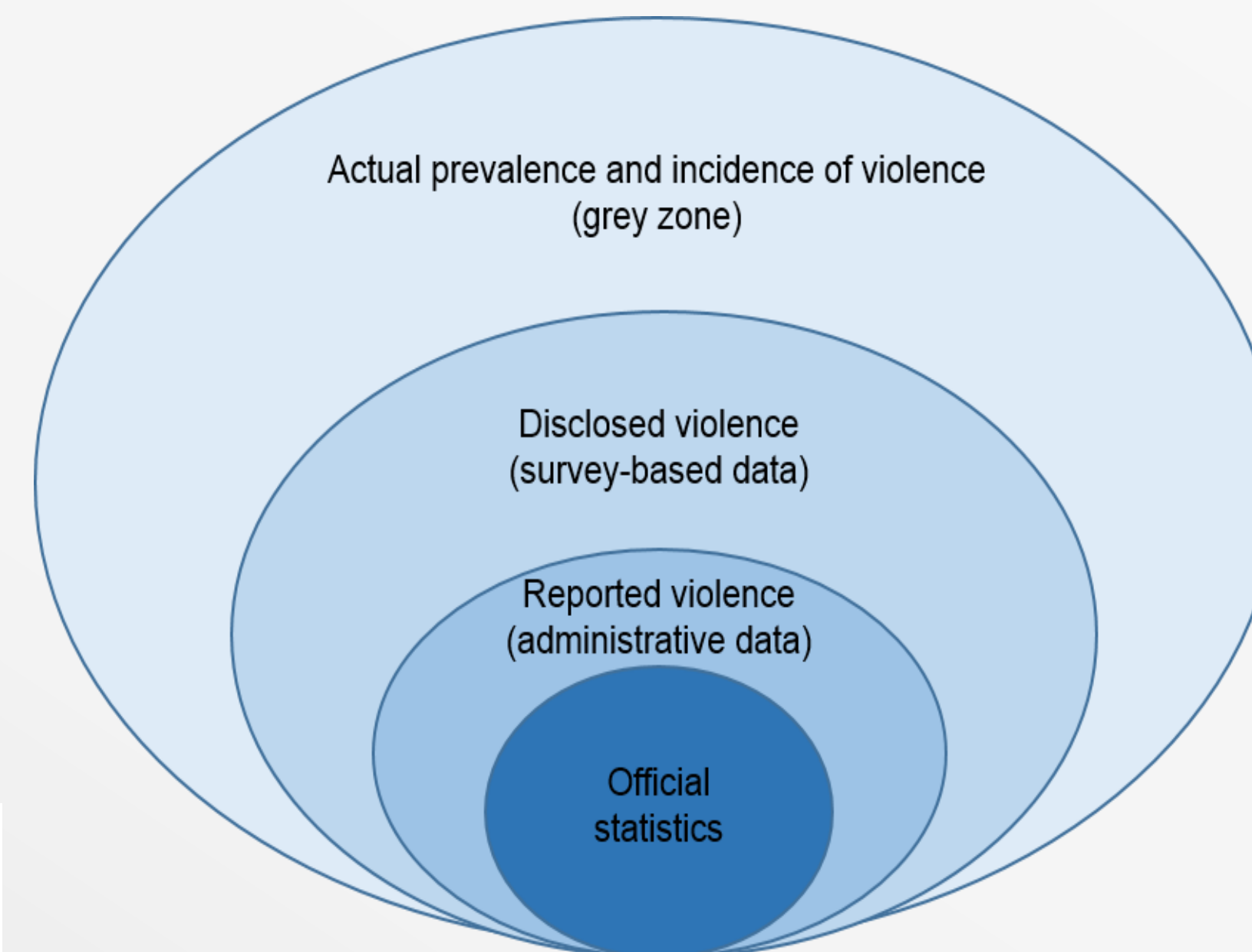


Figure 1.2: The difference between actual prevalence and incidence of violence vs disclosed violence

Ways countries can adopt the treaties more effectively

Mapping of Human Rights Organizations



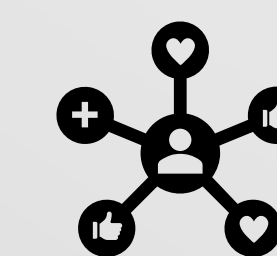
Review Existing National Laws



Develop Frameworks



Free of Political Influence



Comparison of the Five International Treaties

CEDAW	CAT	ICPD	The Beijing Platform For Action	Istanbul Convention
Non-Discrimination, State Obligation, Substantive Equality.	Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.	Reproductive health and rights, as well as women's empowerment and gender equality	Women's empowerment and considered the key global policy document on gender equality.	Violence against women and domestic violence.
UNGA 1979	UNGA 1984	Egypt 1994	Beijing 1995	Turkey 2011
International bill of rights for women	Customary international law	Creates a comprehensive legal framework and approach to combat violence against women	The Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development	Received media attention



Image 1.1: Panel discussion during Istanbul Convention, 2011



Image 1.2: US Presentation before the Committee Against Torture (CAT)

Conclusion

Despite ratifications and adoptions of treaties and conventions, the number of cases reported on GBV are not being reduced. It is high time, that in addition to passing of the bills, the implementation of law must be equally ensured to safeguard the lives of the vulnerable groups.