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Mental health and violence against women in Afghanistan, India and Sri Lanka: a situation analysis

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We describe a literature and database review on the prevalence of violence against women, mental health conditions, the policy context and mental health services in Afghanistan, India and Sri Lanka. The article provides information on the limited data and policies addressing the intersection between violence and poor mental health as well as a lack of mental health service provision. Among ever-partnered women, 7% reported experiencing sexual violence in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, respectively, and 6% in India. The intersection between mental health and violence is limited and unclear. Future research on integrating mental health care within social services, translating trauma-informed approaches into service provision and addressing family violence is proposed.