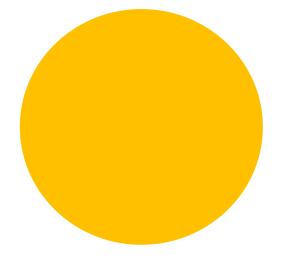


Media Monitoring during COVID-19: Domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse, women's rights, gender equality

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#### **OVERVIEW AND NOTE FOR USERS**

Between December 1, 2019 and July 16, 2020, this document has been updated daily with the goal of compiling media updates related to domestic violence, sexual violence, child maltreatment, gender equality and women's rights during COVID-19 in selected countries. The objective of this process was to monitor and understand media coverage of these issues to inform the development and implementation of policies, programs, and approaches to prevent and address domestic violence, sexual violence, child maltreatment, and gender inequality in the context of COVID-19.

The report is divided according to topic area and country. If the news articles covered the global landscape (i.e., focused on more than a single country), they were included into the Worldwide section. Also, if relevant articles came up from countries other than the selected countries, they were included in the "Other countries" section but additional searches for these countries were not conducted. For more details on specific search terms and the list of selected countries, please see the Methods section. Although this review does not focus on research reports, information guides and/or academic articles, please see the Resources section for any websites and documents that emerged during our search.

The collected data was not analyzed, but can be used to explore a variety of research questions that center around understanding predominant issues covered by the media in relation to domestic/sexual violence and child maltreatment in the context of COVID-19, and how diverse stakeholders can use these findings to inform prevention and intervention strategies during times of crisis and disaster.

If you have any suggestions about our methodology, the websites included in our search, and/or have a news story that we have missed, please contact <a href="mailto:lmwells@ucalgary.ca">lmwells@ucalgary.ca</a>.





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# 1.0 Methods

To capture media coverage of relevant topics, Google Search advanced tools were used. The search was narrowed to "News" only between December 1, 2019 and July 16, 2020. Researchers adjusted their location each time they conducted a search to capture news associated with a selected country. As a result, all key words below were searched for each country separately. In addition, media searches were conducted for each country/word combination every 24 hours and this document was updated on a daily basis.

The following countries have been covered (in no particular order):

Canada	United States of America	Spain
United Kingdom	Australia	France
Ireland	Norway	Italy
Wales	Sweden	China
Scotland	Finland	

The following topic areas with associated keywords have been used during the search:

#### 1. Domestic 2. Sexual Violence 3. Child Abuse 4. Women's Rights 5. Gender Equality Violence "Sexual Assault" "Child abuse" and "Women's rights" "Gender-based "Gender equality" violence" and and "COVID" "COVID" and "COVID" and "COVID" "COVID" "Sexual "Child "Family violence" Harassment" maltreatment" and "COVID" and "COVID" "COVID" "Coercive control" "Sexual Abuse" and "COVID" "COVID" "Domestic "Rape" and violence" and "COVID" "COVID" "Sexual Violence" "Domestic abuse" and "COVID" and "COVID" "Intimate partner violence or IPV" and "COVID" "Violence against women" and "COVID" "Coercive behaviour" and "COVID" "Controlling behaviour" and "COVID" "Intimate terrorism" and "COVID"





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