Global status report on violence and health

Report by the Secretariat

CORRIGENDUM

Subsequent to the drafting of the Secretariat’s report, the estimates for homicides were modified in light of feedback from country consultations. In addition, the venue for the launch of the Global status report on violence prevention 2014 was changed. As a result, paragraphs 13 and 14 have been amended to read as follows:

13. The report was launched on 11 December 2014 at an event held at WHO headquarters in Geneva that included political and technical discussions, with high-level representation from the cosponsoring agencies. The report is being extensively promoted and widely disseminated.

14. The report includes data from 133 countries, representing 88% of the world’s population, ranging from 63% of the population in the Eastern Mediterranean Region to 97% in both the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions. Analysis of the data shows that there were an estimated 475 000 deaths in the year 2012 due to homicide, of which 82% were in males. The highest estimated homicide rates were in the Region of the Americas (28.5/100 000 population), followed by the African Region (10.9/100 000). As many as 38% of murders of women are by intimate partners. Between 2000 and 2012, homicide rates are estimated to have declined by 16% globally.