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- monitoring of whether the knowledge and skills of health-care providers has improved, and documenting lessons learnt and barriers faced;
- on the basis of lessons learnt, identifying with national stakeholders how to further roll out the guideline; it is important that such a process identifies and addresses barriers that need to be addressed for creating an enabling environment for health-care providers to deliver clinical care.

The aim of such a process is to ensure a systematic approach to facilitate uptake and scale-up of guidelines, and to identify lessons learnt that can be applied in other settings. The monitoring and evaluation of the implementation process is a critical component of ensuring not only that health-care providers are improving their knowledge and skills but also that the health system is delivering quality care to children and adolescents experiencing abuse. Information can be gathered through periodic evaluations of service delivery, including by assessing how children and adolescents experience the care they receive and whether there has been improved and timely uptake of services over time. As much as possible, indicators that are to be reported internationally (266) are to be based on existing agreed indicators, and these include:

- the number of countries that have developed or updated their national guidelines or protocols or standard operating procedures for the health-system response to intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence and/or child maltreatment, consistent with international human rights standards and WHO guidelines;
- the number of countries that provide comprehensive post-rape care in a medical facility/department in every territorial and/or administrative unit, consistent with WHO guidelines.

## 8. Updating the guideline

This guideline will be updated in 7–10 years, or following the identification of new evidence that reflects the need for changing any recommendations. Where possible, the timing of the updates will also consider any opportunities to produce consolidated guidelines for children and adolescents and the response to violence. WHO welcomes suggestions regarding additional topics for inclusion in future guidelines. Please email these to:

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