

# Digital exclusion of racialized women at risk of Gender-Based Violence during the COVID-19 pandemic

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## Abstract

Racialized women at risk of gender-based violence are a priority group to focus on for upstream mental health support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Data collection is a strategic tool to address the specific risks of women experiencing GBV. We will present findings from our knowledge synthesis project to analyze guiding principles for data collection. Our findings highlight the challenges to gathering data and the difficulties of adhering to methodological, ethical and safety principles in the context of the pandemic. Safety risks are at stake when collecting data remotely; even though mobile phones and web platforms facilitate data collection, they can also put women and girls at risk of breaching privacy, since the conditions to guarantee confidentiality cannot be met.