

Gender Based Violence

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Types of Violence

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- **Physical violence** – push, grab, beat, burn, rape, murder, others
- **Sexual violence (SGBV)** coerce to engage in sexual activity, treat as a sex object, physically attack sex organs
- **Reproductive control** – deny access to birth control, forced sterilisation

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- **Threats and intimidation** – make or carry out threats, inc abandonment, poverty, suicide, physical violence
- **Economic control** – unfair control of household income and assets, prevent woman from obtaining or keeping a job, take money and other possessions
- **Isolation** – control who woman sees, talks to and goes, seclude from friends and family
- **Emotional abuse** – insult, demean, play mind games,
- **Psychological abuse, harassment**

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Ending Impunity – the stats

- Violence against women is the most common but least punished crime in the world.
- It is estimated that between 113 million and 200 million women are demographically "missing."

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The stats

- The number of women forced or sold into prostitution is estimated worldwide at anywhere between 700,000 and 4,000,000 per year.
- Globally, women between the age of 15-44 are more likely to be maimed or die as a result of male violence than through cancer, malaria, traffic accidents or war combined.

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- At least one out of every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime.
- Domestic violence is the largest form of abuse of women worldwide, irrespective of region, culture, ethnicity, education, class and religion.
- It is estimated that more than two million girls are genitally mutilated per year, a rate of one girl every fifteen seconds.

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- Systematic rape is used as a weapon of terror in many of the world's conflicts.
- Studies show the increasing links between violence against women and HIV and demonstrate that HIV-infected women are more likely to have experienced violence, and that victims of violence are at higher risk of HIV infection

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So what can we do about it?

- Policy level –advocate for laws making violence against women a crime
- Advocate for the enforcement of the law
- Protect and empower women and girls
- Work towards eradicating harmful traditional practices
- Raise awareness of the law and educate communities
- Be a role model and demonstrate equality

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What can we do?

- Introduce and support gender sensitisation for communities – violence and intimidation prevents participation and empowerment
- Document and report violence against women
- Share good practice on approaches that have been effective in ending violence or empowering women

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