



Dramatically Reduce Gender-Based Violence and Harmful Practices

THE WORLD TODAY

1 in 3

1 in 3 women experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, mostly by an intimate partner

12 MILLION

12 Million girls under the age of 18 are married off every year

200 MILLION

200 Million - girls and women have been subjected to female genital mutilation/cutting

SOLUTIONS



Functional legal systems that hold offenders accountable and encourage women to seek justice



Behavior change initiatives and community-based programs to address gender norms



Multi-sectoral services and treatment for survivors



Access to economic assets and women-centered civil society organizations

THE INVESTMENT CASE



Economists found that investing in the elimination of gender-based violence is one of the 19 most cost-effective SDG targets

1.2% - 3.7%

Gender-based violence can cost countries 1.2% to 3.7% of their GDP



As long as girls and women fear for their safety, they cannot realize their full potential. Securing their dignity rests upon eliminating the threat of gender-based violence and harmful practices everywhere.

ASKS

Enact and enforce comprehensive legal frameworks and policies to protect against gender-based violence (GBV) and harmful practices such as child, early, and forced marriage, and female genital mutilation/cutting.

Create and enforce gender-responsive legal frameworks that address the increased vulnerability of women in **emergency and conflict settings** and support women's protection and empowerment.

Scale up efforts targeting harmful gender norms, and **educate young people, women, and men about GBV** and harmful practices, including through community-based programs.

Invest in prevention programs that end GBV and harmful practices and empower girls and women.

Invest in the women's movements in civil society.

Train all health providers to address GBV and harmful practices to ensure that needed services are available, accessible, acceptable, and of quality for all.

Implement comprehensive sexuality education that addresses gender inequity, gender roles, GBV, and the rights of young people to seek services and justice.

RIPPLE EFFECT

