



# 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 every year

**200**  
MILLION

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

**10**  
TIMES MORE

Girls and young women with disabilities experience up to 10 times more gender-based violence than those without disabilities

## 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

## 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



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*As long as girls and women fear for their safety, they cannot realize their full potential. Upholding their dignity and rights depends on 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.

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

Recognize, investigate, and meaningfully **respond to the needs and realities of marginalized and intersectional communities** who are at greater risk for GBV, such as girls and women with disabilities, indigenous girls and women, LGBTQIA+ people, and girls and women from ethnic minority groups.

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

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.

**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

