



## ACTION COALITION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The Action Coalition on Gender-Based Violence (GBV), which was launched as part of the unprecedented USD 40 billion in commitments for gender equality at the Generation Equality Forum in Paris in July 2021, is championing global efforts to eradicate violence against women and girls through its Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality. The perpetration of GBV against women and girls in all their diversity is deeply rooted in structural, social, and gender norms, attitudes, and beliefs that impact interpersonal relationships, families, communities, and institutions. Despite the scale of the problem, GBV against women and girls is preventable by having sustained investments in multi-year, evidence-driven prevention strategies within programme time frames.

### Gender Equality Vision 2026

**1.** Multiple, diverse stakeholders are mobilised to realize the vision of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and SDG targets, by making and implementing concrete, new, comprehensive commitments to address GBV against women and girls in all their diversity.

**2.** Commitments made to end GBV are survivor-centered and backed by targeted and adequate financial resources and political will.

**3.** Women's Rights Organisations are recognised for their expertise, well-resourced, and have the capacity to drive change as leaders at all levels.

**4.** Diverse voices are amplified across social and political arenas, including adolescent girls and youth.

**5.** Progress towards the elimination of GBV against women and girls in all their diversity is rapidly accelerated through more concerted, coordinated, scaled-up global action that builds political will and accountability for transformative change at all levels.

**6.** Concerted global action leads to changes in gendered power relations and social norms, which accelerates progress on gender equality and the elimination of all forms of GBV.



7. An intersectional, evidence-driven approach is consistently integrated into all efforts to prevent and respond to GBV including in institutions.

8. Legal frameworks are in place and implemented. Impunity is addressed, ensuring full accountability of perpetrators and the state's due diligence to prevent and respond to all acts of violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

All survivors of GBV safely access comprehensive support services.

## What is GBV?

According to the 1993 Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is defined as “any act of Gender-Based Violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life”.



## COVID-19 and Gender-Based Violence

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, GBV against women and girls has increased in countries where ‘stay at home’ measures were instituted to curb the spread of the virus. Because of being confined at home, instances of GBV have increased and this was further aggravated by limited access to critical support services and safe shelters during the crisis. The lack of access to public spaces and transport also affected women frontline and essential workers who experienced sexual violence and discrimination in the public space, while fulfilling their duties and livelihoods. Unfortunately, women’s rights organisations that provide specialised essential services aimed at ending GBV continue to be denied additional resources to meet this goal.

## Impact of GBV



- GBV against women and girls in all their diversity negatively affect women’s physical, mental, sexual, and reproductive health.
- GBV affects women’s full and active participation in the labour market, seriously impacting women in the formal and informal sectors.
- GBV against women and girls constitutes a significant economic cost to societies and economies.



# A GLOBAL ACCELERATION PLAN FOR GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

## Action 1

More States and regional actors ratify international and regional conventions and public and private sector institutions strengthen, implement and finance evidence-driven laws, policies and action plans to end gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity. As a result: **550 million more women and girls will live in countries with laws and policies prohibiting all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls by 2026.**

### What Can you Do?

#### Laws and Policies



- Advocate for and ratification and implementation of international and regional conventions to address GBV against women and girls in all their diversity.
- Strengthen and implement laws and policies in both public and private sectors and reinforce related accountability and redress mechanisms to enhance rule of law and ensure access to justice for survivors of gender-based violence.

#### Financing



Increase financing and budgetary allocation for GBV prevention and response including for reform and implementation of laws, policies and multi-sectoral national action plans in domestic resources across sectors (both government and private) and in Official Development Assistance (ODA).

#### Data and Accountability



Improve the production, availability, accessibility and use of quality data and statistics on GBV, disaggregated by sex, disability, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, migrant status, geographic location, and other socioeconomic dimensions to support development, adoption, reform and implementation of legislation and policies to address violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

## Action 2

Scale up the implementation and financing of evidence-driven prevention strategies by public and private sector institutions and women's rights organizations to drive down the prevalence of gender-based violence against women, adolescent girls, and young women in all their diversity including in humanitarian settings. As a result: **Increase by 50% the number of countries that include one or more evidence-driven prevention strategies on gender-based violence against women and girls in national policies by 2026.**



## What Can You Do?

<p><b>Prevention Strategies/ Norms</b></p> 	<p>Adapt and scale up coordinated and cross-sectoral implementation of context-specific and evidence-driven strategies that address social and gender norms including harmful masculinities to end all forms of GBV (including harmful practices) against women and girls.</p>
<p><b>Laws and Policies</b></p> 	<p>Adopt and implement policies and legislation that aims to shift inequitable social and gender norms and to address gender inequalities which are the root causes of GBV against women and girls.</p>
<p><b>Financing</b></p> 	<p>Increase domestic, ODA, private and philanthropic financing for scale-up of practitioner-led and evidence-driven strategies to prevent all forms of GBV against all women and girls.</p>
<p><b>Education</b></p> 	<p>Work with the education sector to prevent GBV against women and girls by ensuring that schools and educational institutions are safe for all girls, adolescents and young women, and implement evidence-driven prevention strategies that promote gender equality, challenge gender stereotypes and foster equitable norms, attitudes and beliefs from a young age, including through gender-sensitive curricula and comprehensive sexuality education.</p>

### Action 3

Scale-up implementation and financing of coordinated survivor-centered, comprehensive, quality, - accessible and affordable services for survivors of gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity including in humanitarian settings. As result: **More women and girls will live in countries with multi-sectoral action plans on GBV, which include the provision of police, justice, health, and social sector services by 2026.**



## What Can you Do?

### Service Delivery



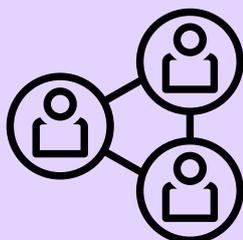
- Increase awareness of and access to coordinated, survivor-centered, comprehensive, quality, and affordable police, justice, health and social services for women and girls who have been subjected to GBV, including for adolescent girls and young women and in response to COVID-19 and other conflict and crisis contexts.
- Ensure that mental health and sexual and reproductive health services address and act as an entry point for survivors' access to support services.

### Financing



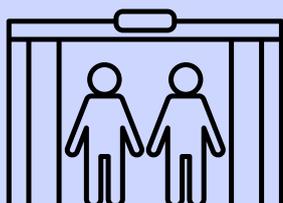
Increase public and private financing and gender-responsive budgeting (at sectoral and cross-sectoral level and to specialised and grassroots women's rights organisations) for scale up of quality, affordable multi-sectoral services to survivors of GBV against women and girls.

### Accountability



Strengthen the coordination of multi-sectoral service provision and apply accountability mechanisms to ensure adherence to agreed global standards of service provision for survivors of GBV against women and girls.

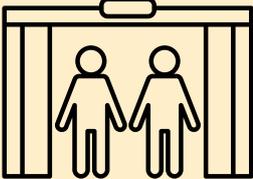
### Capacity Building



- Strengthen capacities, leadership and accountability of police, justice, health, and social service institutions to provide comprehensive, coordinated, survivor-centered and quality services to all GBV survivors including by applying a focus on intersectionality to address institutional discrimination, gender stereotypes, and norms that perpetuate GBV against women and girls, re-victimisation and impunity.
- Build specialist GBV expertise in responses to humanitarian emergencies, at field level and in senior management, including the deployment of GBV experts from the outset of a crisis.

## Action 4

Enhance support and increase accountability and quality, flexible funding from states, private sector, foundations, and other donors to autonomous girl-led & women's rights organizations working to end gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity. As a result: **Progressively improve and increase international funding by 50% to women's rights organizations, activists, and movements including those working to address gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity by 2026.**

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<p><b>Financing</b></p> 	<p>Increase quality, coordinated, flexible and sustainable funding from private sector, foundations, States and other donors in consultation with and for girl-led and women's rights organisations and movements on the frontline of addressing GBV against women and girls in all their diversity.</p>
<p><b>Capacity Building</b></p> 	<p>Support institutional strengthening and programming capacity of girl-led and women's rights organizations working to end GBV against women and girls, to increase organisational sustainability and impact and drive transformative change.</p>
<p><b>Leadership and Accountability</b></p> 	<p>Strengthen the accountability of public institutions and private sector organisations to girl-led and women's rights organisations and ensure increased leadership and participation of girl-led and women's rights organizations in decision making at all levels, including in the context of COVID-19 and in other conflict and crisis settings.</p>

### HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE COMMITMENTS?

Civil Society Organisations, Women Rights Organisations and Feminist Movements can join a collective commitment by visiting <https://commitments.generationequality.org/>

### What Can you do to Make a Change?

1. **Make a financial commitment** that will support the realisation of an action to advance gender equality results.
2. **Initiate or join Advocacy campaigns** to amplify and mobilise support for transformative change to achieve the goals of the Action Coalition.
3. **Make Policy commitments** that can be translated into concrete policy change.
4. **Ensure that programmatic commitments** are able to deliver programs, services, research or other actions, with a focus on scale.



The Leaders of the GBV Action Coalition include:



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