

Gender-Based Violence

Q: What is gender-based violence (GBV)?

Gender-based violence (GBV) is any type of abuse against people based on their gender resulting in physical, sexual and psychological harm or suffering.

Violence against women (VAW) is used to emphasize that women, girls and individuals who identify as women represent the groups most at risk. VAW is a term often used interchangeably with GBV.

Q: What are types of gender-based violence?

Domestic violence is abuse that occurs within the home and involves abuse against partners, children and the elderly.

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is used to define abuse that occurs between people in sexual or romantic relationships, including between partners of the same gender. IPV is a term often used interchangeably with domestic violence.

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, move, or hold victims to exploit them for profit, usually for sexual reasons or forced labour. The majority of human trafficking victims are women and girls.

Harmful traditional practices are deeply rooted behaviours or actions based on gender inequality and discriminatory cultural, social and religious norms. Women and girls are most affected by these practices such as female genital mutilation/cutting, early marriages, forced marriages, honour killings, and female infanticide.

Forms of Domestic Violence

Physical	Shoving, kicking, choking, slapping, hitting and punching. Throwing or destroying objects to intimidate the person.
Verbal	Yelling, swearing and blaming. Degrading, insulting and humiliating remarks. Making threats and giving orders or demands.
Psychological	Blackmailing and stalking. Constant criticism and blame. Ignoring, isolating and rejecting.
Sexual	Unwelcome touching, sexual advances and attention. Rape and marital rape. Ridiculing, and offensive remarks to body shame. Putting pressure to engage in unwanted sexual behaviours or unprotected sex. Forcing the person to have sex with other people.
Economic	Preventing from working or forcing to work. Stealing or borrowing money without intent of returning it. Assigning an allowance and depriving access to money or property. Controlling all of the finances and forcing the person to sign documents