



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

WHAT IS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE?

Gender-based violence (GBV) is defined as any harmful threat or act directed at an individual or group based on their actual or perceived:

- Biological sex
- Gender identity
- Gender expression
- Sexual orientation
- Difference from social norms related to masculinity or femininity

Perpetrators can be government officials or organizations, family members, religious leaders, others you may know, or strangers. GBV such as arbitrary killings, torture, sexual violence, and forced marriage may also be used as a tactic of war or during periods of societal instability.

EXAMPLES OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Common forms of GBV include:

- domestic violence
- dating violence
- female genital mutilation or cutting (FGM/C)
- stalking
- forced marriage
- sexual violence that includes sexual abuse, assault, and harassment

CONFIDENTIAL HELP IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR LANGUAGE

- National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233, 800-787-3224 (TTY for people who are deaf or hard of hearing)
- Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-4673
- National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888
- Tahirih Justice Center's Forced Marriage Initiative at 571-282-6187 or FMI@tahirih.org
- Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline at 800-4-A-CHILD (800-422-4453)
- U.S. End FGM/C Network at info@endfgmnetwork.org



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