INVEST TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST PREVALENT AND PERVERSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION

Each year around the world, 245 MILLION women and girls aged 15 and older experience physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner. MORE THAN 4 IN 5 women and girls live in countries without robust legal protections against violence.

THE ISSUE

ECONOMIC CRISSES, CONFLICTS, AND CLIMATE CHANGE HAVE EXACERBATED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS, INCREASING THEIR VULNERABILITY

614 MILLION women and girls lived in conflict-affected contexts in 2022, 50 PER CENT MORE than in 2017. Intimate partner violence is 2.4 TIMES HIGHER in extremely fragile versus non-fragile settings.

IN 2021, 45 PER CENT OF WOMEN REPORTED THAT THEY OR A WOMAN THEY KNOW HAD EXPERIENCED A FORM OF VIOLENCE SINCE COVID-19.

Following Hurricane Katrina, the rate of rape among women displaced to trailer parks rose 50.3 TIMES the baseline rate in Mississippi for that year.

Source: UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls
TECHNOLOGIES FACILITATE AND HEIGHTEN DIFFERENT FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

A global study found that 38 PER CENT of women have had personal experience of ONLINE VIOLENCE. 85 PER CENT of women who spend time online have WITNESSED digital violence against other women. In the Arab States region, in 2021, 60 PER CENT of women internet users had been exposed to online violence in the past year.

IMPACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Violence negatively affects WOMEN’S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING and impacts their professional development and economic empowerment. Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa shows that an increase in violence against women by 1 percentage point is associated with a 9 PER CENT LOWER LEVEL OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY for families, communities, and societies.

Violence against women has also broader SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES for families, communities, and societies.

WE KNOW WHAT WORKS: A COMPREHENSIVE ROBUST RESPONSE THAT INVESTS IN PREVENTION THROUGH STRENGTHENED LEGISLATION, IMPROVED SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS AND SOUND EVIDENCE AND DATA

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PREVENTION IS KEY
working with schools, communities, media and religious/traditional leaders to promote positive social norms, awareness and behavior change campaigns engaging men and boys

Violence against women and girls needs to be addressed in a holistic way and incorporated into broader policies and programmes, such as social protection systems, to strengthen women’s economic security and autonomy, including through the promotion of safer workplaces, and reduce the risk of violence

The presence of a strong and autonomous feminist movement is the single most critical factor to drive policy change in ending violence against women both in domestic and global policy making

THE CHALLENGE
LIMITED INVESTMENTS IN PREVENTION

Without

DEDICATED INVESTMENT

countries will not achieve the elimination of violence against women and girls

78 PER CENT have

BUDGETARY COMMITMENTS
to implement legislation addressing violence against women

3 OUT OF 4 COUNTRIES
do not have systems to track budget allocations for gender equality overall

However, only 42 PER CENT of countries have budget for

SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS

Data on national budgets to address violence against women are hardly available

PROMISING PRACTICES

In Bolivia, budget mandates have been established requiring municipal autonomous governments to use at least

15 PER CENT of the total resources for Citizen Security to address violence against women and girls

In Fiji, The Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation launched the Prevention National Action Plan (2023-2028) and committed an

INITIAL 1 MILLION FIJIAN DOLLARS (FJD)

for 2023-2024 with the Australian Government providing 6 million FJD. Over the five-year period, 1% of the budget is committed from the Fiji Government and the remainder is sourced from development partners

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CALL TO ACTION

EVERYONE:
Be an ally in preventing violence against women and girls- Take a stand publicly, engage in activities and events to raise awareness in your community.

MEMBER STATES:
Allocate national budget to prevent violence against women and girls, including through national action plans and prevention across education, health, and social protection sectors.

STATES, PRIVATE SECTOR, FOUNDATIONS, OTHER DONORS:
Increase ODA and investments towards prevention of violence against women and girls as well as long-term, sustainable investments to autonomous women’s rights organizations working to end violence.

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR:
Invest on workplace policies and measures that ensure women’s economic security and safety.

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