

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE: ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS FACT SHEET

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INTRODUCTION

Evidence has shown that no single sector or organization can adequately address all elements of GBV prevention and response. What is effective is a multi-stakeholder response for ending GBV which represents a holistic and coordinated approach aimed at working at different levels of society, and with multiple actors. It focuses on promoting the participation of all stakeholders, and collaboration and coordination across key sectors, including (but not limited to) health, psychosocial, legal/justice and safety/security. The model engages with individuals, couples, families, communities, solidarity groups and allies, and State institutions through using a combination of GBV prevention and response strategies. This factsheet gives us a snapshot of the ways various stakeholders can participate individually and in collaboration with other sectors to eliminate GBV.

ROLE OF THE STATE

- Ratify international laws like CEDAW and strengthen national policies.
- Collect and analyze data on the incidence and impact of GBV.
- Create and implement a comprehensive national plan of action.
- Raise public awareness and run educational campaigns.
- Set up official monitoring mechanism.

ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

- Ensure government legislation is being enforced and report to international instruments.
- Mobilize community and engage a cross section of community members.
- Promote a culture of justice and support for victims of violence.
- Partner with other actors and build movements across silos.
- Be at the forefront of capacity building initiatives and awareness raising campaigns.

ROLE OF THE HEALTH SECTOR

- Prioritize women centered care by listening, inquiring, validating, enhancing and supporting.
- Collect data to generate evidence and coordinate with other sectors.
- Develop universal screening of women and girls and create action protocols.
- Train health workers on how to deal with cases of GBV in clinical settings.
- Incorporate the issue of violence into health promotion campaigns at the community level.

ROLE OF THE SECURITY SECTOR

- Ensure a culture of gender equality is fostered in everyday policing.
- Train personnel on all the aspects of responding to incidents of violence.
- Hold security actors perpetrating violence accountable and set an example.
- Develop protocols to gain trust of the public.
- Collaborate with other stakeholders to ensure a swift and holistic response for survivors.

ROLE OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR

- Reform policies and hold offenders accountable.
- Develop an expert judiciary on violence against women like specialized courts and prosecutors.
- Train justice sector personnel to fair treatment of women.
- Keep a close eye on restorative justice programs to ensure safety of survivors.
- Strengthen oversight and monitoring of the justice sector.

ROLE OF MASS MEDIA

- Ensure it does not reproduce sexist and misogynistic stereotypes and promotes gender equality.
- Follow strict guidelines based on ethical and safety principles when reporting GBV.
- Provide contact information of local organizations and services to survivors.
- Ensure that media is a safe workspace for women journalists in all circumstances.
- Educate the masses about GBV and work in collaboration with other sectors to raise awareness about it.

ROLE OF WOMEN'S GROUPS

- Empower women and strengthen their individual and collective voice.
- Take the lead on GBV coordination, advocacy, and activism.
- Economically empower women and girls, combined with capacity building.
- Advocate on current cases of GBV and help survivors access support they need.
- Engage with me in the community to reflect on and challenge social and gender norms.

ROLE OF BOYS AND MEN

- Create safe spaces for children – from the home to the school system and beyond.
- Seek opportunities to listen to and acknowledge women's stories and inform other men.
- Support comprehensive sex education that challenges harmful gender norms.
- Donate to, fund and support specialist women's organizations and anti-violence services.
- Challenge harmful masculine norms that encourage violence among friends and peers.

ROLE OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

- Create multi-religious support groups for survivors where they can access holistic help.
- Train religious leaders on GBV and how to respond to diverse situations.
- Advocate for enactment and enforcement of laws to protect community members.
- Conduct multi-religious seminars, specifically targeting men from different religions.
- Provide shelter for survivors at existing religious structures who cannot turn anywhere else.

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Through a generous support from the German Embassy in Yaoundé, we are implementing a project titled '**Strengthening Community Resilience to combat GBV**' which seeks to **improve protection of women and girls by addressing all forms of violence at district level with an intersectional and joint methodological approach by the end of 2021.**