

## Action Coalition on Gender- Based Violence

### Catalogue of Potential Commitments

<b>Subtheme 1</b>
Create an enabling policy, legal and resource environment for the elimination of gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.
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<p><b>LAWS AND POLICIES</b></p> <p>States and regional actors commit to ratify and implement international and regional conventions that address violence and discrimination against women and girls in all their diversity including ILO convention 190, Istanbul convention, Belem do Para convention, Maputo protocol, CEDAW etc. and remove state reservations.</p> <p>The EU, all EU Member States, including EU Accession countries, and all State Parties to the Council of Europe, commit to fully ratify the Istanbul Convention and implement it without reservation by 2026.</p> <p>All State Parties to CEDAW commit to implement it in full, and without any reservation.</p> <p>States commit to reverse discriminatory laws and support gender responsive legal frameworks and comprehensive, multisectoral policy interventions to prevent and protect women and girls from child early and forced marriage (CEFM) and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), including in humanitarian settings and as part of peace settlements.</p> <p>Commit to ensuring that humanitarian and crisis preparedness and response plans (domestic and international) integrate GBV and gender equality considerations into all levels of sectoral and inter-sectoral preparedness, coordination, leadership, strategic planning, monitoring and reporting including budgeted GBV prevention and response components.</p> <p>Private sector organizations commit to adopt and implement policies and action plans (i.e. training, eLearning, awareness campaign, partnership with specialist organizations,) to address harassment and sexual abuse in the workplace and to adopt supportive measure for employees victim of Domestic violence and of any other form of gender-based violence against women and girls.</p> <p>Private sector organizations commit to adopt and implement policies and action plans and tools to prevent and respond to gender-based violence against women and girls and sexual harassment in the world or work and to actively prevent violence and harassment in the supply chain.</p>

Diverse multi-stakeholder partners commit to join the Spotlight Initiative as funding partners given its comprehensive and multi-sectoral approach adopted with a focus on enabling environment and institutional strengthening, prevention, comprehensive support services, improved data collection and dedicated support to the women's movement and organizations.

States commit to take legislative steps to increase the rights of survivors of GBV with the aim to improving the quality and speed of investigations.

States commit to develop and Implement legal and policy frameworks that adapts to realities of the digital presentation of gender-based violence. As well as streamline protocols for investigation, evidence gathering and communication with third parties such as online intermediaries or online content host.

#### FINANCING

States and multiple stakeholder commit to increase financing and budgetary allocation for implementation of laws and policies on GBV and to gender-based violence prevention and response including through **Gender Responsive Budgeting**.

States and multiple stakeholder commit to increase emergency funding to WROs working within shrinking civic spaces, particularly those facing a backlash against women's rights.

States commit recovery funds and increased annual budget targeted funds to address the rise in GBV against women and girls during COVID-19.

#### DATA

Commit to the implementation of national prevalence surveys on gender-based violence and use of survey results to drive the adoption and implementation of policy and programmes to end gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

Commit to ensure that prevalence data is collected for all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity, and strengthen the measures used for sexual and other forms of violence, beyond intimate partner violence.

Private companies commit to conduct surveys on harassment at the workplace.

Countries commit to collect data on progress in effectively resourcing and implementing laws, policies and programmes on GBV, have a national prevalence survey to measure IPV and non-partner sexual violence in the previous 5 years as well as other surveys which measure prevalence of sexual harassment in public space.

Commit to analyze masculine norms at country/regional level including data collection, detailed analysis on the status of masculine norms and evidence-based recommendations to design better policies to transform masculinities.

Commit to support the establishment of baseline data, data tracking and analysis of GBV specific targets and indicators adopted by the Action Coalition on GBV.

Countries commit to collect gender disaggregated on GBV covering, sex, religion, caste, class, race, ethnicity, disability to inform policies, budgeting and improve response services.

Commit to continue to bring attention to the magnitude of violence against women as a public health problem, including through the generation of estimates for global monitoring of SDG 5.2 indicators, monitor progress on the availability and quality of data, build capacity to strengthen measurement and data collection and facilitate research on health consequences and health-sector based interventions.

## **Subtheme 2**

Adapt and scale up evidence driven prevention programming for the elimination of gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

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#### **PREVENTION STRATEGIES/NORMS**

Commit to implement evidence-based interventions for transforming gender norms, including by working with men and boys alongside women and girls and non-binary persons to build knowledge and capacity for them to become agents of change and actively engage in promoting gender equality and eliminate gender-based violence at the interpersonal, family, community, institutional and societal levels.

Commit to the prevention of harmful practices against adolescent girls and young women including child early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.

Commit to engage men and boys to build knowledge and capacity for them to become agents of change and actively engage in promoting gender equality and eliminate gender-based violence.

Commit to design information and outreach programs to reach perpetrators of gender-based violence.

Commit to support scaling up of evidence-based prevention strategies using RESPECT women: a framework for preventing violence against women

Commit to enhance evidence on interventions for children exposed to intimate partner violence against their mothers in their homes or to physical, sexual or psychological abuse

Commit to implementation of existing interventions and develop, pilot and evaluate prevention interventions that address harmful masculinities by engaging men and boys in partnership with women and girls as part of comprehensive prevention strategies

Commit to the promotion of interactive dialogues with community members, parents or caregivers, influential persons, NGOs and local service providers on the effects of harmful practices that can lead to positives attitudes and behaviors towards investing in and supporting adolescent girls.

Commit to investment in addressing and building the evidence base related to the links between women's economic empowerment and the prevention of gender-based violence against all women and girls.

Commit to integrate evidence-based gender-based violence prevention components within large-scale poverty reduction/social protection/health/education or livelihoods programme.

As a part of broader evidence -driven prevention programmes - Governments commit to developing awareness raising campaigns on GBV against women and girls using various digital and non-digital/traditional communication tools, to promote changes in mentalities and attitudes and support women victims and survivors, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis, and be aimed at ending multiple forms of discrimination faced by women and girls.

Commit to Investment in the development and support of global knowledge platforms sharing best practices in GBV prevention and response among key stakeholders (evidence based)

Commit to support/promote/ Join the Spotlight Initiative as funding partners given its comprehensive, multi-sectoral and evidence-based approach including a focus on prevention of gender based violence against women and girls.

Commit to addressing the intergenerational cycle of violence by implementing prevention programmes specifically targeting children affected by intra-family violence and/or sexual abuse

Commit to invest in creating safety nets from backlash, for girls and young women, who take action to challenge norms in their communities and families.

Commit to support the establishment of baseline data, data tracking and analysis of GBV specific targets and indicators related to subtheme 2. adopted by the Action Coalition on GBV.

## FINANCING

Commit to increasing ODA financing for GBV prevention programming.

Governments/donors commit to invest \$500,000, 000 million over the next 5 years to scale up evidence-based approaches\* to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity across development and humanitarian contexts (\*in line with the RESPECT Women Framework).

Funders commit to invest \$500,000,000 over the next 5 years to build and promote the use of a rigorous global evidence base on what works to prevent GBV, including in disaster and protracted

crisis contexts and for women and girls facing intersecting forms of discrimination, including women with disabilities.

Funders commit to sustainable multi-year funding to support the prevention of gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

States and Multiple Stakeholder commit to finance and implement training for law enforcement in conducting risk assessments to prevent cases of gender-based violence.

## EDUCATION

Public and private schools and educational institutions commit to the implementation of education sector policies, plans, budgets and curricula to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

Education ministries commit to endorse and implement the Safe to Learn Call to Action.

Education ministries commit to review and strengthen school curricula to include effective approaches to preventing violence and promoting equality and respect.

Education ministries commit to systematically implement effective approaches to preventing violence and promoting equality and respect including among children from a very young age.

Donors and research partners commit to increase investment in research and evaluation on interventions to prevent violence in schools, including sexual violence and harassment.

Commit to engage and equip adults in contact with boys and girls (parents, teachers, educators, coaches, etc.) at every level of their development (home, school, sport, media, etc.) with the tools to raise gender equitable children free from rigid gender norms specifically by promoting healthy masculinity.

Commit to the development of age-based and gender sensitive education and prevention material about GBV with a particular emphasis on digital/online violence.

Commit to develop and promote gender sensitive education at all levels of the curriculum that informs students of their rights and paths of recourse. As well as equips them with the skills to understand and analyse social norms, gendered stereotypes, and power dynamics.

Commit to adopt feminist principles in education policies, the education system and educators' trainings, in formal curricula across subjects, including feminist sexuality education, and at all levels of education.

Commit to support the evaluation of programmes to deliver comprehensive sexuality education, including out of schools and to marginalized populations, and their impact on gender-based violence.

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**Subtheme 3.**

Scale up comprehensive, accessible, and quality services for survivors of gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity

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Commit to Implement specific actions in the Global Plan of Action to Strengthen the Role of the Health System in Addressing VAWG. This includes, supporting ministries of health and other partners to strengthen health systems' capacity in accordance with WHO standards, including by integrating response to GBV into health policies and plans, packages for universal health coverage and in essential health services, including for sexual and reproductive health and mental health.

Commit to the creation of girl-friendly safe spaces and adolescent friendly comprehensive services for girls survivors of GBV in all their diversity

Commit to scale up support to survivors of trafficking and sexual exploitation including or particularly in humanitarian settings through the provision of survivor-centered and gender-sensitive community integration or reintegration support services that address the immediate and long-term needs of survivors.

Governments commit to recognise the services provided by WROs to all women and girls victims/survivors of GBV as essential services.

Governments and funders commit to acknowledging the critical role of WROs during COVID-19 and increasing funds to WROs providing essential services (i.e. specialised services, legal, psychosocial, counselling, medical, financial, interpretation services etc.) to all women and girls victims/survivors of gender-based violence, including the provision of operational grants.

Governments commit to simplifying access to funds for WROs, ensuring financial support to grassroots WROs and ensuring they can continue to provide their services with full autonomy.

Governments commit to financing WROs providing support services to women and girls victims/survivors of GBV, particularly those working within a shrinking civil society space and/or facing a political regression on women's rights and ensuring WROs are not impacted if sanctions are imposed on countries.

Countries commit to adopt and roll-out the Essential Services Package for Women and Girls Subject to Violence

Commit to support/promote/ Join the Spotlight Initiative as funding partners given its comprehensive, multi-sectoral and evidence-based approach with a focus on comprehensive support services and improved data collection and knowledge sharing.

## FINANCING

Governments commit to increase financing and budgetary allocation for gender-based violence services including through Gender Responsive Budgeting.

Commit to finance and develop information material for law enforcement on responding to cases of GBV with an emphasis on digital/online violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

Commit to galvanise international action for the adequate prioritisation and effective financing of GBV response in emergencies to ensure adequate risk mitigation and provision of response services.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Commit to ensure that police officers effectively meet evidentiary and investigative requirements when responding to gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity, by conducting investigations in a timely and professional manner, and in the process, exhausting all available means to ensure perpetrator accountability and prevent reoffending.

Commit to design and implement a model based on multisectoral cooperation between law enforcement, social services, and child protections services on early intervention.

Commit to resource and promote the use of rosters of GBV specialists in humanitarian action, including those from local organisations, in line with the GBV Accountability Framework, for example by making financial contributions to GBV surge capacity rosters, such as the GBV AoR REGA.

Commit to increase accountability for the inclusion of women and girls experiencing multiple, intersecting forms of discrimination by committing (and/or asking partners receiving financial support to demonstrate progress towards) the systematic collection, analysis and reporting of sex, age and disability-disaggregated data on needs, risks and barriers to reporting and accessing services, in line with safe and ethical practices.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

Commit to build capacity and capability of law enforcement and relevant security sector actors, to prevent and address gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

Commit to develop training and education, with an intersectional focus, for professionals of the justice system that will result in greater access to justice for marginalized women and girls in all their diversity.

Governments commit to ensuring that all actors working with victims/survivors of GBV against women and girls (i.e. police, justice, medical, judicial, government etc.) work together with WROs to receive gender-sensitive training.

Multiple stakeholder commit to support governments to ensure that violence against women is included in undergraduate/pre-service training curricula for health care providers (e.g., doctors, nurses, midwives) and to scale up pre-service and in-service training of health care providers to provide a survivor-centred, safe and effective response to survivors.

Commit to support the establishment of baseline data, data tracking and analysis of GBV specific targets and indicators related to subtheme 3. adopted by the Action Coalition on GBV.

#### Subtheme 4.

**Autonomous girl -led and women’s rights organizations are enabled and empowered to exercise their expertise in addressing gender- based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.**

(Women’s Rights Organizations- including girl, youth-led and women-led organizations and initiatives, women’s rights activists, grassroots women’s organizations, women peace builders and human rights defenders)

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##### FINANCING

Commit to strengthen funding mechanisms and partnerships to ensure that women’s CSOs can access available and sustainable funds to continue their work.

Commit to Increase funding for the protection and security for women human rights defenders and women peacebuilders.

Commit to investments in the Spotlight Initiative as a model for delivering innovative and potentially transformational investments in autonomous girl-led and women’s rights organisations

Commit to provide and finance a global platform for women’s rights organizations, activists, practitioners and service providers to share their priorities and strategies to end violence against women.

Governments and regional bodies commit to addressing the shrinking civic society space and allocate increased and targeted funds to WROs working in these contexts.

Governments commit to allocating increased and targeted funds to WROs working on GBV against women and girls, particularly those working in a shrinking civil society space."

Increase funding in UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, the 25-year old UN-system wide grant-giving mechanism specialized in supporting demand driven CSOs/WROs projects and efforts.

Invest in codifying and elevating WROs’ practitioner-led knowledge collected through the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women grants to inform EAW ecosystem and push the agenda forward.

Increase flexible, core and long-term funding for WROs and feminist movements, including the proportion of project-based funding allocations.

## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Commit to sustained financial resources to activists and practitioners to convene cross learning exchanges and strategies to end gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity

Commit to support the establishment of baseline data, data tracking and analysis of GBV specific targets and indicators related to subtheme 4. adopted by the Action Coalition on GBV.

## LEADERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Commit to enabling the leadership and participation of WROs in domestic, regional and international spaces.

Commit to regular and transparent information-sharing and consultation with and participation in decision making of women's rights organizations in political and economic decision-making, designing programmes etc. and providing a space to allow for best practice exchanges.

Commit to facilitating the legal registration of feminist organizations to facilitate their operation.

Commit to ensuring that intergovernmental agendas on gender equality are informed and inspired by Women's Rights Organizations.

Commit to ensure that 100% of humanitarian needs overviews and humanitarian response plans will include consultations with women- and girl-led organisations.

INGO/donor commit to establish a baseline of the number of women's rights organisations partnered with to address GBV and set annual targets to increase the proportion of funding that goes to women's rights organisations.

Commit to advocate for and facilitate the systematic and meaningful participation of local and national women-led and women's rights organisations as change agents and leaders in addressing GBV in humanitarian action, including providing dedicated funding to enable local women-led organisations to participate.

Organizations commit to not organize any meetings or events on humanitarian action without participation from women and youth civil-society representatives and adolescent girl speakers.