

# UNITE! INVEST TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST PREVALENT AND PERVASIVE 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 CRISES, 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

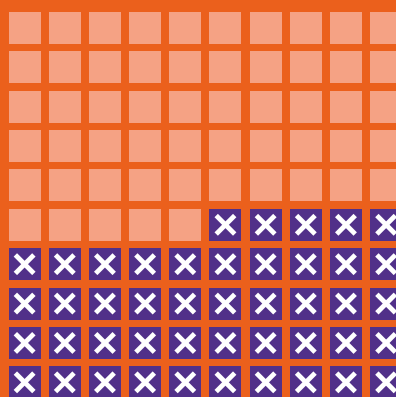
**50 PER CENT MORE**

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

# 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



Violence against women has also broader

**SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES**

for families, communities, and societies

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**

## THE SOLUTION

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

## 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



#### 3 OUT OF 4 COUNTRIES

do not have systems to track budget allocations for gender equality overall

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

**78 PER CENT** have

#### BUDGETARY COMMITMENTS

to implement legislation addressing violence against women

However, only **42 PER CENT**

of countries have budget for

#### SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS

## 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

# 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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