



Empowering survivors of

Gender-Based Violence

GLOBAL GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) STATISTICS

The Global Scale of Violence Against Women and Girls

According to the latest estimates from the World Health Organization (WHO) and UN Women, approximately **840 million women worldwide**, nearly **1 in every 3 women**, have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner or sexual violence by a non-partner at least once in their lifetime.

Despite increased awareness and prevention efforts, progress has been extremely slow, with the prevalence of violence against women remaining largely unchanged over the past two decades.

Key Global Statistics

Violence Against Women

- **1 in 3 women globally (31.6%)** have experienced physical and/or sexual violence during their lifetime.
- This equates to approximately **840 million women and girls worldwide**.
- Approximately **316 million women** experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in the previous 12 months alone.
- Around **263 million women** have experienced sexual violence by someone other than an intimate partner since the age of 15.

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

Violence perpetrated by intimate partners remains the most common form of gender-based violence globally.

- Nearly **1 in 4 women (25.8%)** who have ever been in a relationship have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner.
- An estimated **11% of women aged 15 years and older** experienced intimate partner violence during the previous year.

Violence Against Adolescent Girls

GBV often begins early in life.

- More than **1 in 5 ever-married or partnered girls aged 15-19** have already experienced physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner.
- Approximately **12.5 million adolescent girls** experience intimate partner violence before reaching their twentieth birthday.

Femicide

Femicide, the intentional killing of women and girls because of their gender, remains one of the most extreme forms of GBV.

- Around **50,000 women and girls worldwide were killed by intimate partners or family members in 2024**.
- Earlier UN reporting showed that over half of female homicides globally are committed by intimate partners or family members.

Who Is Most at Risk

Although GBV affects women and girls in every country and community, some groups face increased vulnerability:

- Women living in conflict and humanitarian settings
- Women with disabilities
- Adolescent girls
- Migrant and displaced women
- Women living in poverty
- Indigenous women and marginalized populations

Key Global Message

Gender-Based Violence is one of the world's most widespread human rights violations.

Every statistic represents a person whose safety, dignity, health, and future have been affected. While significant progress has been made in raising awareness, millions of women and girls continue to face violence in their homes, workplaces, schools, communities, and online spaces every day.

"One woman in three is still experiencing violence during her lifetime. Ending GBV requires coordinated action from governments, communities, organisations, families and individuals across the globe."