

# Accelerating action to end harmful practices, including Female Genital Mutilation and Child, Early and Forced Marriages, including in crisis and humanitarian settings, through evidence-driven prevention programming, support for survivors, access to justice and support to grassroots-led movements.



**ACTION 1: MORE STATES AND REGIONAL ACTORS RATIFY INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONVENTIONS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR INSTITUTIONS STRENGTHEN, IMPLEMENT AND FINANCE EVIDENCEDRIVEN LAWS, POLICIES AND ACTION PLANS TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ALL THEIR DIVERSITY.** In so doing, 550 million more women and girls will live in countries with laws and policies prohibiting all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls by 2026.

**LAWS AND POLICIES**  
Advocate for and ratification and implementation of international and regional conventions to address gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity. Strengthen and implement laws and policies in both public and private sectors and reinforce related accountability and redress mechanisms to enhance rule of law and ensure access to justice for survivors of gender-based violence.

**ACTION 2: SCALE UP IMPLEMENTATION AND FINANCING OF EVIDENCE-DRIVEN PREVENTION STRATEGIES BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR INSTITUTIONS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS TO DRIVE DOWN PREVALENCE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN IN ALL THEIR DIVERSITY INCLUDING IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS.** In so doing, increase by 50% the number of countries that include one or more evidence-driven prevention strategies on gender-based violence against women and girls in national policies by 2026.

**PREVENTION STRATEGIES/NORMS**  
Adapt and scale up coordinated and cross-sectoral implementation of context-specific and evidence-driven strategies that address social and gender norms including harmful masculinities to end all forms of gender-based violence (including harmful practices) against women and girls in all their diversity.

**EDUCATION**  
Work with the education sector to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity by ensuring that schools and educational institutions are safe for all girls, adolescents and young women, and implement evidence-driven prevention strategies that promote gender equality, challenge gender stereotypes and foster equitable norms, attitudes and beliefs from a young age, including through gender-sensitive curricula and comprehensive sexuality education.

**ACTION 3 INCREASE SRHR DECISION-MAKING & BODILY AUTONOMY** Through gender norms change and increasing knowledge of rights, empower all people including 260 million more girls, adolescents and women in all of their diversity to make autonomous decisions about their bodies, sexuality and reproduction by 2026; enact legal and policy change to protect and promote bodily autonomy and SRHR in at least 20 countries by 2026.

**NORMS CHANGE**  
Invest in and scale-up gender/social norms change approaches to transform unequal power relations, promote equality and human rights. Involve people of all genders, sexual orientations and identities in fighting patriarchy and addressing toxic masculinity and related harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriages and unions, female genital mutilation and child sexual abuse.

## WHAT

We the undersigned leaders of the Action Coalitions on **Gender- Based Violence** and **Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights**, commit to prevent and respond to harmful practices against women and girls in all their diversity. We recognize that harmful practices against women and girls take many forms and are also forms of gender-based violence which may be specific to cultures and geographies. Specifically, we commit to address one or more forms of harmful practice against women and girls in all their diversity including; Female Genital Mutilation and Child Early and Forced Marriage including in conflict crisis and humanitarian settings. We commit to ensuring the protection of women and girls in all their diversity, the prevention of harmful practices and response to and support for survivors through the reversal of discriminatory laws and the implementation of policy measures; the scale up of evidence - driven prevention programming; the provision of specialized quality accessible services and psycho-social support for survivors; ensuring trauma-informed, victim-/survivor-centered access to justice and supporting and accelerating grassroots-led movements of women and girls in all their diversity.

### IMPACT:

- 550 million more women and girls will live in countries with laws and policies prohibiting all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls by 2026.
- 55 more countries will have no exceptions to legal age of marriage along with policy measures to end the practice by 2026 and three quarters of countries where FGM is known to be practiced will have legal prohibitions and policy measures against FGM in place by 2026.
- 9 in every 10 countries will finance and implement coordinated, comprehensive and multi-sectoral programming on GBV against women and girls including harmful practices by 2026.
- Prevent child, early and forced marriages and unions of 9 million girls and adolescents by 2026
- Prevent 8 million cases of female genital mutilation by 2026.

## WHY

Adolescent girls and young women experience multiple and intersecting forms of violence from a young age. In addition to intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence adolescent girls and young women are subject to harmful practices such as female genital mutilation and child early and forced marriage including in conflict crisis and humanitarian settings. Four million girls annually are at risk of undergoing FGM. Most girls are cut before they reach the age of 18. Approximately 650 million girls and women alive today were married before their 18th birthday. All forms of GBV can have life-long consequences for adolescent girls and young women and can lead to a range of negative outcomes, both immediately and longer term including significant impacts on sexual and reproductive health and emotional well-being. It can also restrict their access to education, reduce their potential earnings, increase their risk of unintended pregnancy and prevent them from participating equally in political and public life

## HOW

You can join this collective commitment by making **FINANCIAL, POLICY, PROGRAMMATIC** or **ADVOCACY** commitments. Please specify any interesting **REGIONAL, THEMATIC,** or **ORGANISATIONAL** expertise that could be impactful for this commitment.

## COMMITMENT MAKERS

### CIVIL SOCIETY

**BREAKTHROUGH OUTRIGHT ACTION INTERNATIONAL**  
Acción Ciudadana por la Democracia y el Desarrollo  
Association Congolaise pour les Droits et la santé  
Association pour la Promotion de la Fille Burundaise  
Badabon Sangho  
Bangladesh Mahila Parishad  
Cameroon Digital Rights Coalition  
Canaan Peace, Women & Community Dev. Initiative  
Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir - Colombia  
CENTRE DE RECHERCHE AGRO-ECOLOGIQUE- CRAE  
RDC  
CONSEJO REGIONAL MAGALLANES COLEGIODE MATRONAS Y MATRONES DE CHILE A.G.  
COOPERATION D'AIDE HUMANITAIRE  
Council of Traditional leaders of Africa  
Denis Miki Foundation  
DRC AID  
Educacion Diversa  
EMERGING WOMEN LEADERS TANZANIA (EWLT)  
End Female Genital Mutilation - European Network

EngenderHealth  
Equity Watch Initiative [E-WIN]  
Female Students Network Trust  
Girls Education Mission International  
Global Interfaith WASH Alliance  
Hong Maple Foundation / HMF Women's Development Committee/ Maple Centre for Sustainable Development and Application  
Human Rights Institute of South Africa (HURISA)  
Humble Unemployment Solutions in Tanzania  
International Alliance of Women  
International Solidarity Foundation (ISF)  
Jessy Ojoma Drive for Environmental Development Foundation (JODED-F)  
Lady of Peace Community Foundation  
Let's do it! Cameroon  
MY World Mexico  
NEW HOPE NEW WINNERS FOUNDATION  
Olympes de la Parole Canada/International Alliance of Women (IAW)  
ONG AGIR POUR L'E-GALITE, L'EQUITE ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT DURABLE  
ONG- Réseau Action, Justice et Paix (RAJP)

ONG\*Plus de Sida dans les Familles  
Organisation Haitienne des Jeux de Société ( Haitian Board Game Organization)  
Organisation Paysanne pour le Développement Durable OPDD  
Parler d'Elles  
Plan International Togo  
Princess Lois Love and Care Foundation  
Public Foundation "Your Choice"  
RED COLECTIVAS FEMINISTAS MICHOCÁN  
Réseau Siggil Jigéen  
Réseau SOS Équilibre  
RIHRDO (Rural Infrastructure and Human Resource Development Organization )  
Rise Up  
Rural Women Network  
Sima Community Based Organization  
SRHR Africa Trust (SAT)  
Stichting Mission Lanka  
TheCreators2030 UN  
SDGs Arts & Youth Initiative  
United Funding and Development for Underage Mothers (UFUDM)  
Usikimye Kenya  
Vision Communautaire (VICO)  
voix de femmes  
Women That Give  
world future active

### GOVERNMENT

**UNITED KINGDOM**  
**KENYA**  
**FRANCE**  
Georgia  
Italy  
Liberia  
Papua New Guinea  
Senegal  
Zimbabwe  
Somalia

### PRIVATE SECTOR

The VF Foundation

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION

### INTERNATIONAL OR REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

African Views Organization  
COMITE INTERNACIONAL PERUANO  
Union Africaine "Femwise Africa "  
YW4A Kenya Kisii County

### YOUTH-LED ORGANIZATION

#### LAS NINAS YES TRUST

Actions pour la conservation de la nature et le développement communautaire (ACNDC)  
Chanua Dada CBO (CHADALA)  
Coalición Feminista Universitaria  
Commonwealth Youth Gender and Equality Network  
Conseil consultatif des enfants et jeunes de Guinée  
Conseil National de la Jeunesse du Togo (CNJ-Togo)  
Efecto Latam  
Organization of African Youth (OAY) Kenya  
Real Hope Foundation registered as Real Hope International Development Initiative  
Réseau International des Jeunes Leaders Africains - RIJLA  
Tamazight Women's Movement Libya  
The Youth Evolve  
Wun Anei Development Association-WADA  
Young Women's Leadership Institute (YWLI)  
Young Youth Network for Good Leadership in Nigeria

### UN SYSTEM

#### UN WOMEN

#### United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)