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 programing, support for survivors, access to justice and support to grassroots-led movements.

LAWs AND POLICIES

Advocate for and promotion and implementation of related legislation and policies 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 in response related to physical and related physical and emotional harm. 

Below are examples of policies addressing gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

PREVENTION STRATEGIES/NORMS

Adapt and scale up coordinated and cross-sectoral implementation of context-specific and evidence-driven strategies that address social policies and norms including harmful masculinities to all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls in 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 (gender-specific norms) and foster equitable norms, attitudes and beliefs that protect girls from engaging in harmful practices such as early and forced marriages, and those who are already in such practices.

IMPACT

- 550 million women and girls will live in countries with laws and policies prohibiting all forms of gender-related violence against women and girls as of 2026
- 54 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 prevention programs targeting such as female genital mutilation and child and early forced marriage including in conflict and 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 long-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

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 subjected to harmful practices in their early and forced marriage including in conflict and crisis and humanitarian settings. 

HOW

You can join this collective commitment by making financial, policy, programmatic or advocacy commitments.

Please specify any interest in educational, thematic, regional, or institutional expertise that could be impactful for this commitment.

COMMITMENT MAKERS

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United Kingdom

Kenya

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Italy

Liberia

Papua New Guinea

Senegal

Zimbabwe

PRIVATE SECTOR

The VF Foundation

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

European Commission

INTERNATIONAL OR REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

African Views Organization

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YWAA Kenya Kisii County

LAWs AND POLICIES

Invest in and scale gender-based norms change approaches that transform unequal power relations, promote equality and human rights. Involve people of all genders, indigenous and non-indigenous in fighting patriarchal and related harmful practices such as 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 promote 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 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 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 enforcement of discriminatory laws and the implementation of policy measures; the scale up of evidence-driven prevention programing; the provision of specialized accessible and inclusive services and psychosocial 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.

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