

<p style="text-align: center;">Gender-Based Violence Emergency Response and Prevention Initiative FACTSHEET</p>
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The Gender-Based Violence Emergency Response and Prevention Initiative provides emergency assistance to victims of extreme forms of gender based violence and harmful traditional practices. The following fact sheet explains who is eligible and how to apply for support.

1. Who is eligible for emergency assistance?

- An individual who has been directly threatened or harmed by an act of violence perpetrated on the basis of that individual's gender, preferably within the last 3 months.
 - The threat or violent act(s) must constitute an extreme form of gender-based violence or harmful traditional practice, and the individual must be in an urgent or emergency situation with limited or no options for alternative assistance.
- An individual of any gender or sexual orientation.
- An individual seeking short-term emergency assistance.

2. What constitutes an extreme form of gender-based violence or harmful traditional practice?

- Extreme forms of gender-based violence are severe acts of violence that target individuals or groups on the basis of their gender and result in, or are likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering. This includes, but is not limited to, assault, battery, domestic violence, sexual violence or exploitation, trafficking in persons, attempted or the threat of femicide or murder, and/or the use of violence against women as a deliberate tactic in war.
- Harmful traditional practices are discriminatory and often abusive customs and rituals rooted in cultural, social, and religious norms. They include, but are not limited to, early and forced marriage, attempted or the threat of "honor" killings, sorcery killings and harassment, widow abuse, female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C), and sex initiation rites.

3. What types of assistance can be requested?

- By definition, emergency assistance is given to address an acute and recent act or immediate threat. An emergency can include the need for more than one type of assistance.
- The program can support individuals who meet the above stated criteria, with small, short-term emergency funds for expenses that include, but are not limited to, medical expenses, psychosocial support or counseling, emergency shelter or other safe accommodation, relocation expenses, livelihood and dependent support (including foster care and other forms of child care), and legal assistance.

4. Who can make a request for assistance?

- Individual victims/survivors of GBV can request emergency assistance directly or through intermediaries such as civil society organizations, services providers, community or faith-based groups, and/or family members.

5. How can you request assistance?

- If you would like to request assistance, contact gbvresponse@gmail.com. Please include information about the case, type of assistance needed, and your contact information.