

POLICY ANALYSIS TOOL

Eliminating Gender-Based Violence and Discrimination



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<i>Specific interventions and approaches should include:</i>	Strength	Gap	Priority	Comments
Interventions to create supportive legal and policy frameworks to prevent and redress all forms of violence against women, including in intimate partner settings				
Legal reform to criminalise marital rape				
Interventions that build the capacity of the police, healthcare workers, social workers, and the judiciary to respond more effectively and sensitively to gender-based violence				
Interventions to alleviate stigma and discrimination on the basis of HIV status, gender, and sexual orientation in the police, health-care sector, social services, and the judiciary				
Interventions to support survivors of violence access to justice and remedies				
Legal and other responses to end cultural and traditional practices that are harmful to the health and rights of women and girls:				
The decriminalisation of sex work				
The decriminalisation of consensual adult same-sex sexual conduct				
Comprehensive post-rape care protocols for HIV prevention, including:				
Post-exposure prophylaxis available within 72 hours				
Psycho-social support				
Emergency contraception				
Access to voluntary, safe, and comprehensive termination of pregnancy care and services				
Prevention strategies around gender-based violence need to include:				
Age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education for all women, men, girls, and boys from the age of 5 (both in and out of school) which includes factual information on knowing one's body and development of mutual respect, gender equality, human rights, and transforming social norms				
Women's economic empowerment and gender equality interventions to reduce gender-based violence				
Interventions to halt intimate partner violence, including marital rape				
Interventions to halt and address violence and discrimination against sex workers				
Interventions to halt and address violence and discrimination against lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women				
Interventions to halt and address violence and discrimination against women who use alcohol and/or other drugs				
Interventions to halt and address violence and discrimination against women with physical and/or mental health illnesses and/or disabilities				
Interventions working with men, women, girls, and boys to challenge notions of violence, transform gender norms, and address harmful masculinities				
Interventions to support the rehabilitation of survivors of violence				
Interventions to support the rehabilitation of perpetrators of violence to prevent future violence				
Overall score on this component				