

ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is violence directed at an individual based on biological sex, gender identity or socially defined norms of masculinity and femininity. Marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities, and those in the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender community are at a higher risk of experiencing GBV. GBV negatively harms individuals and societies.

GBV CAN INCLUDE



Sexual, physical, psychological, and emotional abuse



Sexual harassment



Child marriage



Domestic violence



Female genital mutilation

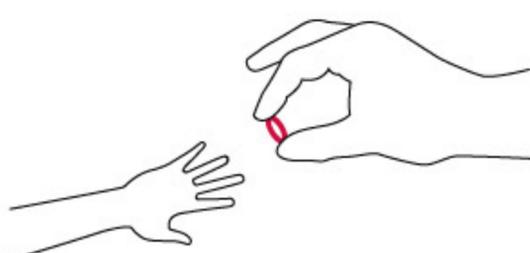


Trafficking in persons

THE PROBLEM



1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced physical or sexual violence. ¹



There are over **14 million** child marriages each year. ²



Sexual violence against men and boys has been reported in over **25** conflict-affected countries in the last decade. ³



Over **1,700** transgender persons have been murdered in 63 countries over the past seven years. ⁴

WHAT WE'RE DOING



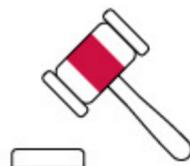
Prevention

Addressing the root causes of violence



Protection

Responding to the needs of those affected by GBV

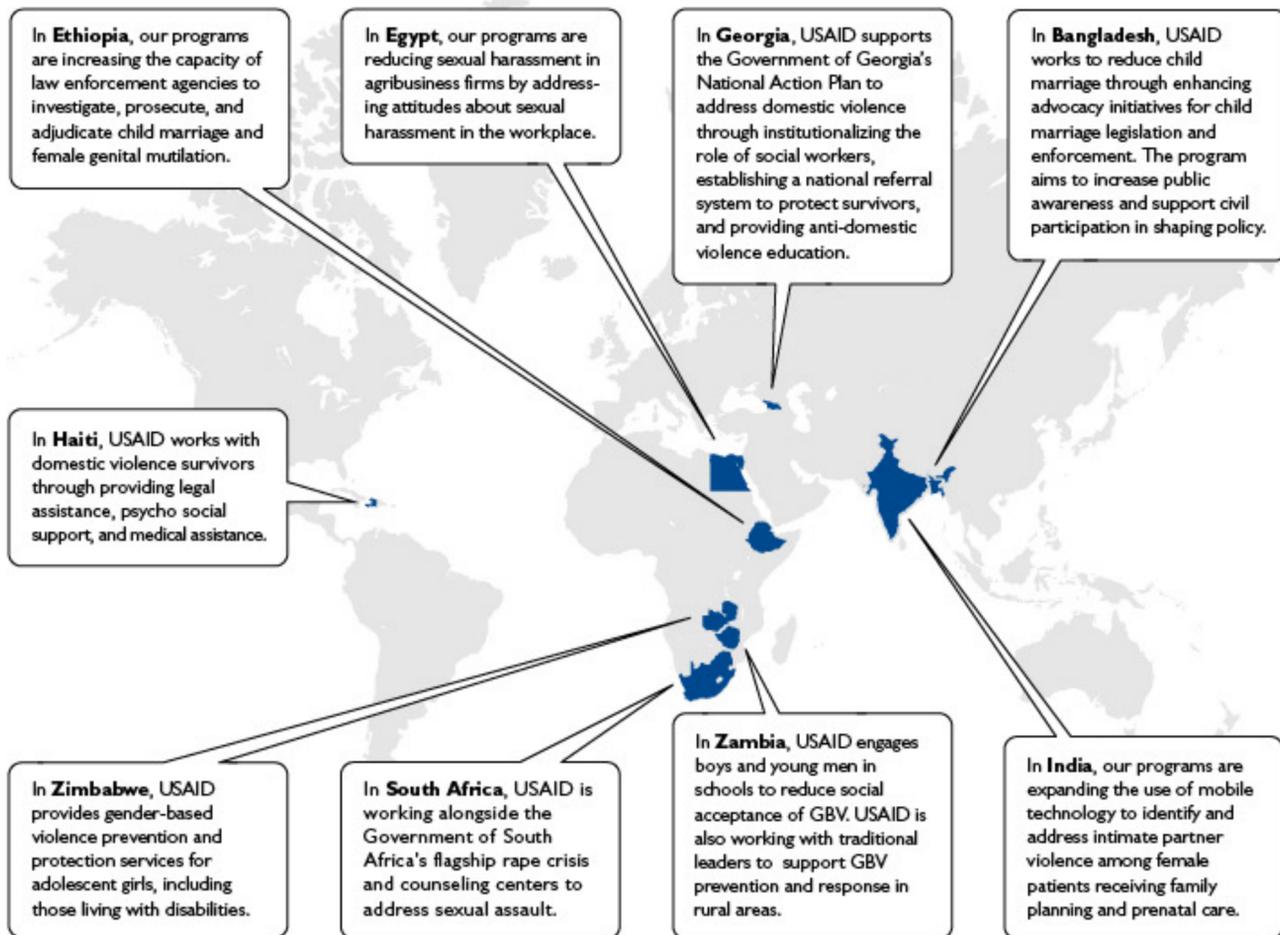


Accountability

Supporting legislation and its enforcement against GBV

PROGRAM EXAMPLES

USAID addresses GBV in over **40 countries** around the world, in every region where the Agency works.



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