

GBV

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VAW

Abuses

Domestic violence

Crimes of passion

Violence

Abuse

- ✓ Anything which infringes on one's rights to be treated as human beings
- ✓ Absence of social, physical, mental and spiritual well-being
- ✓ Not limited to merely beating, rape etc.etc.
 - o One out of every five women in the world is physically or sexually abused by a man at some point in her life
 - o In the developing world one third of the women are subjected to daily domestic violence

Health care providers can play a crucial role in addressing violence against women.

In most countries the health care system is the only institution that interacts with almost every woman at some point in her life.

Thus health care providers are well placed to recognize victims of violence and to help them.

Moreover, because violence increases the risk of other health problems for women, early help can prevent serious conditions that follow from abuse.

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context

- Pakistan
- Health sector/systems
- GBV/VAW/VAWG/VAC

Why Victim?

Survivor?

Any act that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.



**WHO's World Report
(2005) on Violence and
Health notes that "one
of the most common
forms of VAW is that
performed by a
husband or male
partner."**

- **Characteristics** of violence include verbal abuse, physical abuse, hurting emotionally and physically, intimidating, isolation, control over personal things, humiliation, assault, neglect, threats to children and family, controlling social life, money and food, destroying the liberty, substance abuse, resisting self expression etc.

The Health sector **does not have any policy on addressing GBV.**

There is no such thing in the job description of any HSP and there is no such requirement in the reporting mechanisms

In practice this becomes an invalid query

The health systems are devoid of data management systems on GBV

The health sector has virtually nonexistent support mechanisms and inter-sectoral and multi-sectoral linkages in the specific context of GBV

The linkages between disaster management, gender and health are also less understood and visibility cannot be determined

BeyondDenial

a qualitative review of **reported** cases of violence against girls & women in **6** regions of **Pakistan** during **2012**

A qualitative review of reported incidents

January – December 2012

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numbers

- **7516** is the total number of reported cases of Violence against Women (VAW) from **four provinces** as well as FATA and the Islamabad Capital territory (ICT) between January to **December 2012.**

VAW includes violence against girls & girl children as well.

Categories of Crime	Year 2008	Year 2009	Year 2010	Year 2011	Year 2012	Grand Total	Percentage increase/decrease in VAW cases between 2010-2012
Abduction/Kidnapping	1,784	1,987	2236	2089	1607	9703	-23.07
Murder	1,422	1,384	1436	1575	1745	7562	10.79
Domestic Violence	281	608	486	610	989	2974	62.13
Suicide	599	683	633	758	575	3248	-24.14
Honour Killing	475	604	557	705	432	2773	-38.72
Rape/Gang Rape	778	928	928	827	822	4283	-0.6
Sexual Assault	172	274	74	110	58	688	-47.27
Acid Throwing	29	53	32	44	83	241	88.64
Burning	61	50	38	29	71	249	144.83
Miscellaneous	1,970	1,977	1580	1792	1134	8453	-36.72
Total	7,571	8,548	8000	8539	7516	40174	-11.98

Excluded forms of the VAW:

Some specific forms of violence that were not included in any report as they might not be reported as VAW cases and or considered too alien for this culture are as follows:

- **Dating violence**
- **Intimate partner violence**
- **Emotional abuse**
- **Same-sex relationship violence**
- **Stalking**
- **Violence against women with disabilities**
- **HIV and domestic abuse**
- **Challenges facing older women**
- **Marital Rape**
- **State Violence**
- ***Violence in empowerment systems***
- **Femicide**
- **Pre natal sex selection**
- **Economic abuse**
- **Political violence**
- **Violence against immigrant and refugee women**

Political violence

Violence against women polio health workers

Violence in humanitarian settings

Violence against Afghan refugee women

Violence against domestic help

Violence against illegal immigrant women/trafficked women
(Bengali women)

Violence against women in jails

Some forms of VAW like trafficking, harmful cultural practices, harassment at work place that are included in the category of Miscellaneous, need more attention and identification as specific entities

Less documented and/ or forgotten forms of VAW

Violence against women and girls from
religious and ethnic minorities in Pakistan

did appear

in the media including print media

but

it has yet to be mainstreamed and recognized as a
burning issue in the spectrum of human and
women rights movements and institutional
frameworks.

Gender Based Violence

Throughout the life cycle



What is Violence against Women & Girls?

Any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats to such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivations of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life(article 1 of UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against women)

How and where GBV Takes Place?

- Homes
- Institutions
- Work Places
- Public spaces

OUTCOMES

- **Health Consequences**
 - ✓ Physical
 - ✓ Mental
- **Fatal outcomes**
- **Suicide**
- **Homicide**
- **HIV/AIDS**

Impact of Domestic Violence on Children

Some possibilities

- **More likely to be born under-weight**
- **Face higher risk of dying in infancy or childhood**
- **Face difficulty eating or sleeping**
- **Malnourished/stunting**
- **Poor academic performance**
- **Behavior problems**
- **Are seen to accept violence as a norm**

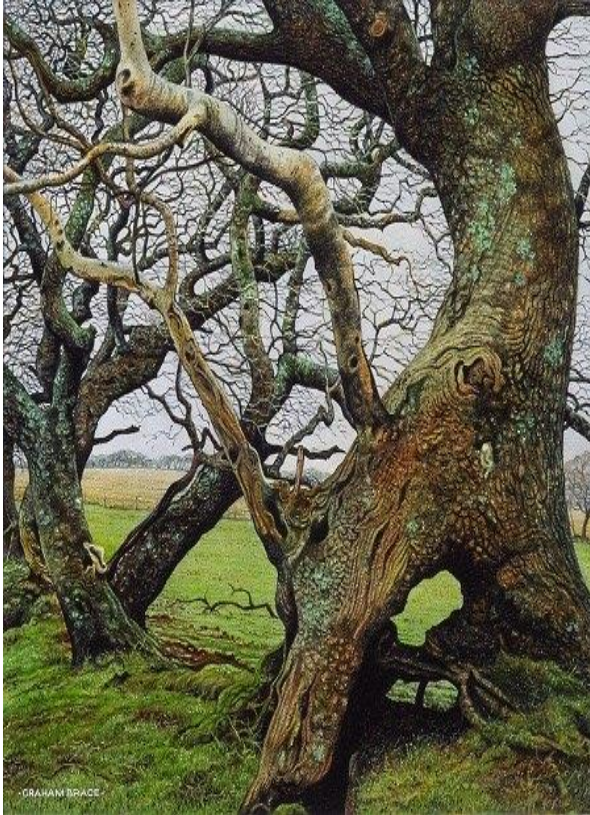
You have special responsibility because

- abuse-has a major Impact on women's health(general, sexual & Reproductive)**
- You cannot do their jobs well unless**

You understand the

**relationship between violence, health and
decision-making by women**

Roots Branches Leaves If SGBV is a tree



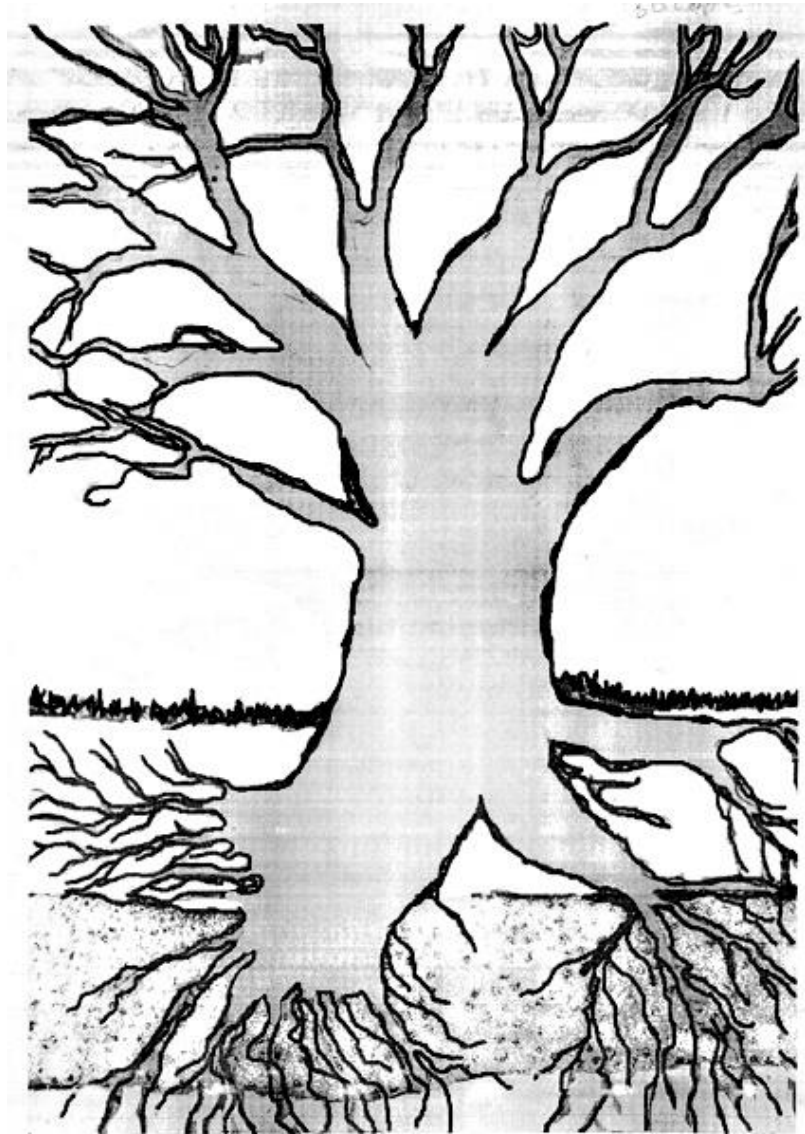
SGBV Tree

**Roots = Causes eg
Gender Discrimination
like? Human Rights
violation like?**

**Branches = Types of
GBV**

**Leaves = After-effects,
stigma, blame**

**Rain, fertilizer =
Contributing factors**



SGBV Manifestations

- ◆ Infanticide
- ◆ Domestic Violence
- ◆ Honour Killing
- ◆ Acid Burning
- ◆ Forced early marriages
- ◆ Rape
- ◆ Abuse Humiliation
- ◆ Psychological
- ◆ Financial
- ◆ FGM
- ◆ Discrimination
- ◆ Confinement
- ◆ Denial of Education
- ◆ Kitchen deaths

The Change

Sustained behavior change

Try new behavior

Motivated to change

Concerned

Aware

Unaware

