

What is Gender-Based Violence (GBV)?

According to the United Nations, GBV “refers to any harmful act that is perpetrated against a person’s will and is based on harmful gender norms and unequal power relationships. It encompasses threats of violence and coercion...It inflicts harm on women, girls, men and boys.”

Types of GBV

Acts of GBV can be either physical, sexual, verbal, emotional/psychological, socio-economical, or any combination of these.

Examples of GBV include, but are not limited to:

- Rape/ Sexual Assault
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Trafficking in Persons (Human Trafficking)
- Incest
- Abuse and humiliation
- Denial of opportunities or services on the basis of sex, gender, or sexual orientation

How are GBV and Climate Disasters Linked?

GBV victims can still access support in a natural hazard event, or if it become a disaster event, through the Support and Referral Centre. The SARC Crisis hotline (once conditions allow for this) is available 24 hours to take reports and provide interventions.

Victims of GBV can still access the holistic care that they need through the Support and Referral Centre even in a natural disaster. The SARC Crisis hotline is available 24hrs to take reports and provide interventions.

DoGA- Support and Referral Center

The SARC is a one-stop location for adult (age 18+) victims directly affected by GBV to access necessary intervention and response services. The SARC employs a client-centered approach that encourages holistic treatment and recovery.

clients under the age of 18 are referred to the Department of Family and Social Services.

SARC SERVICES

- Intake and Case Assessment
- 24-Hour GBV Crisis Hotline
- Crisis Counseling
- Emergency Accommodation
- Police Interviews
- Medical Examinations
- Child-Friendly Space
- Court Advocacy
- Referrals
- Mindfulness & Wellness Activities
- Safety Planning
- Dignity Kits

SARC PERSONNEL

- Intake Specialist
- Resident Counselor
- Crisis Hotline Specialists
- GBV Database Specialists

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART)

- Police Officers
- Medical Practitioners (Doctors and Registered Nurses)
- Victims’ Advocates
- Counselors
- Legal Aid

WHEN TO REFER

A person should be referred to the Support and Referral Center (SARC) if the following applies:

- **AGE 18 OR OLDER**
- **DISCLOSED THAT THEY EXPERIENCED AN ACT OF GBV**
- **RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT**
- **INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE**
- **PHYSICAL, VERBAL, EMOTIONAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE RELATED TO GBV**
- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
- **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (HUMAN TRAFFICKING)**
- **INCEST (OR ANY OTHER FORM OF GBV)**
- **REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE SERVICES**
- **GAVE CONSENT TO CONTACT THE SARC ON THEIR BEHALF**

NB: It is unethical, and potentially more damaging, to provide services and care to a victim of Gender Based and Sexual Violence that is beyond your level of skill, knowledge and competency.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality is the protection of personal information. Confidentiality means keeping a person's information private, and not sharing it with others.



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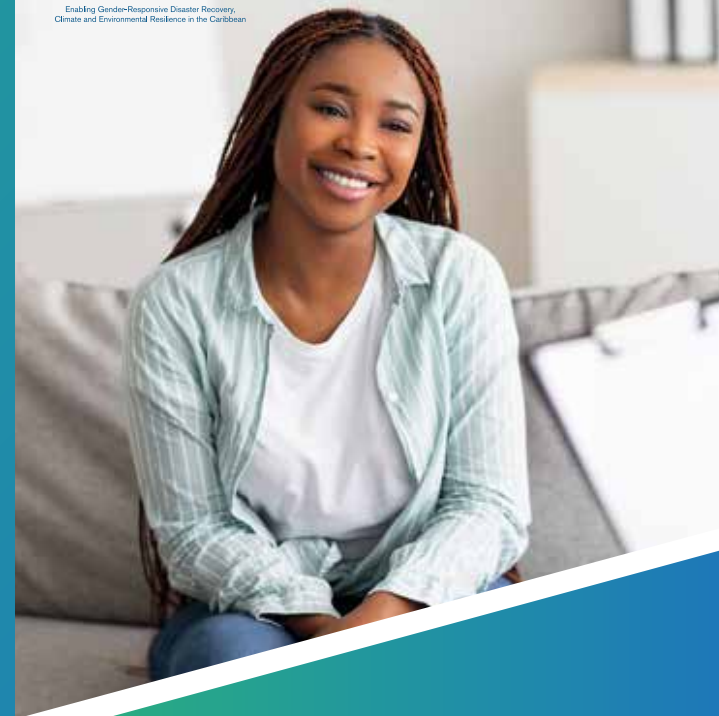
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