



Counselor Fact Sheet

Different Types of Gender Based Violence

Sexual Violence	Physical Violence	Emotional and Psychological Violence	Socio-Economic Violence	Harmful Traditional Practices
<p><i>Any type of unwanted sexual attention from one person to another, such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rape and marital rape • Child sexual abuse, defilement and incest • Forced or attempted sodomy/anal rape • Sexual abuse • Sexual exploitation • Forced prostitution (also referred to as sexual exploitation) • Sexual harassment • Sexual violence as a weapon of war and torture • Molestation 	<p><i>Any type of physical maltreatment to cause unnecessary harm from one person to another:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Assault • Trafficking, slavery • Selling and/or trading in human beings for forced sexual activities, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or removal of organs 	<p><i>A person subjecting or exposing another to behavior that may result in psychological trauma:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abuse/Humiliation • Non-sexual verbal abuse that is insulting, degrading, demeaning; compelling the victim/survivor to engage in humiliating acts, whether in public or private; denying basic expenses for family survival • Confinement • Isolating a person from friends/family, restricting movements, deprivation of liberty or obstruction/restriction of the right to free movement. 	<p><i>Preventing someone the right to access services/ opportunities based on their gender/race/economic status/ sexual orientation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrimination and/or denial of opportunities, services such as • Exclusion, denial of access to education, health assistance or remunerated employment; denial of property rights. • Social exclusion/ostracism based on sexual orientation • Denial of access to services or social benefits, prevention of the exercise and enjoyment of civil, social, economic, cultural and political rights, imposition of criminal penalties, discriminatory practises • Obstructive legislative practice 	<p><i>Traditional practices which might inflict harm on a person in the modern context:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early marriage: Arranged marriage under the age of legal consent, 18 years old (sexual intercourse in such relationships constitutes statutory rape, as the girls are not legally competent to agree to such unions). • Forced marriage: Arranged marriage against the victim's/survivor's wishes, which is exposed to violent and/or abusive consequences if he/she refuses to comply. • Infanticide and/or neglect: Killing, withholding food from, and/or neglecting female children because they are considered to be of less value in a society than male children. • Denial of education for girls or women: Removing girls from school, prohibiting or obstructing access of girls and women to basic, technical, professional or scientific knowledge.

Sources: "Sexual and Gender-Based Violence against Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons" UNHCR, May 2003
 "Its in our hands Stop the Violence Against Women", Amnesty International publication, 2004

