

SEARCH TERM GUIDEBOOK

A guidebook of terminology to use for literature, systematic and scoping reviews in the research area of gender-based violence



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Introduction to the Search Term Booklet

Conducting structured literature reviews—especially systematic or scoping reviews—is a vital step in synthesising knowledge on complex and evolving topics like gender-based violence (GBV). Given the exponential growth in published research over recent decades, reviews play a critical role in reducing information overload and minimising bias. They help ensure that evidence is gathered and appraised transparently, allowing researchers and practitioners to identify knowledge gaps, assess the strength of existing findings, and inform policy, program design, or future studies. In areas like GBV, where ethical considerations, contextual diversity, and interdisciplinary insights are paramount, well-designed reviews also promote methodological rigour and inclusivity. Whether you are exploring risk factors, interventions, or lived experiences, a robust review can provide a reliable foundation for action and advocacy.

This booklet is designed to support researchers, practitioners, and students conducting reviews and literature searches related to GBV. Whether you are working on a systematic review, a scoping study, or exploratory research, this resource provides structured search terms, strategic guidance, and database-specific tips to help you build effective, context-sensitive searches.

This booklet was developed by the Gender-Based Violence Research and Collaboration Network (GVRN) in collaboration with its members and contributors around the world. It reflects the collective time, labour, and expertise of many individuals committed to strengthening GBV research. The GVRN is a feminist, grassroots organisation working to support the next generation of researchers and practitioners in the field. Through global collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and community-driven tools, GVRN supports more inclusive, kind, impactful and collaborative GBV work. Learn more at gvrn.org.

This Search Term Guidebook is the result of dedicated work by a core editorial team who have organised and built this resource from the ground up. Their vision, commitment, and collaborative leadership have been instrumental in creating a tool that serves the global gender-based violence research community.

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What's Inside

- **A breakdown of the PEO and PICO framework and how to apply it to GBV research**
- **Curated search terms for populations, including children, LGBTQ+ individuals, and refugees**
- **Thematic exposure terms across three main contexts:**
 - *Online violence*
 - *Offline violence*
 - *Violence in humanitarian settings*
- **Key outcome categories such as:**
 - *Mental health (e.g. PTSD, anxiety)*
 - *Physical and reproductive health (e.g. chronic pain, reproductive trauma)*
 - *Educational, political and economic impacts (e.g. school dropout, dependency)*
- **Practical tips on using academic databases, including proximity operators, truncation, wildcards, and more**

How to Use This Booklet

This booklet is designed to support the search strategy when conducting a review. It provides curated, searchable terms for each element of PEO, along with Intervention terminology from PICO, and tips on database syntax like wildcards and proximity operators. By combining technical guidance with inclusive, ready-to-use language, the booklet enables users to build clear, comprehensive, and adaptable search strategies for GBV-related research across different platforms.

Think of this as a puzzle toolkit—not a one-size-fits-all recipe. Pull together search terms and syntax that best suit your research question, population, and context. Combine freely across population, exposure, and outcome terms to refine your search. Use this resource flexibly and creatively—and remember to adapt your strategy to each database's unique rules and strengths.

Language Inclusion & Community Contribution

In response to feedback from international colleagues, organisations, and members of the Gender Violence Research and Collaboration Network (GVR CN), future editions in other languages will be released. This is part of our commitment to making GBV research more inclusive, accessible, and globally representative.

The booklet is designed to be openly accessible and can be **freely downloaded**, shared, and translated into other languages as needed. We encourage users around the world to adapt the content for local research contexts. In addition, under each subgroup heading, you will find a downloadable link for the search terms pre-populated into search strings for some of the major academic databases.

We aim to update this booklet every 6 months. ***If you would like to contribute search terms, suggest corrections, or include terms in additional languages, please get in touch: info@gvrcn.org***

Together, we can continue to build a collaborative, global resource that strengthens GBV research.

What is PEO?

We use the PEO framework (Population–Exposure–Outcome) as our guiding structure to help frame research questions and organise relevant search terms. This approach is particularly useful for qualitative and interdisciplinary GBV research where definitions and populations are diverse and intersectional.

| P – Population | E – Exposure | O – Outcome |
|---|---|--|
| Who is affected by the issue? e.g., children, politically active women, LGBTQ+ individuals, migrants | What kind of violence or experience are they exposed to? e.g., online abuse, intimate partner violence, violence in conflict zones | What are the consequences? e.g., mental health impacts, physical harm, school dropout, job loss |

What is PICO?

In addition to PEO, we also incorporate the ‘I’ - Intervention - from PICO, in our guidebook. PICO (Population–Intervention–Comparator–Outcome) is a structured framework used to formulate research questions and organise search terms, particularly for studies evaluating the effectiveness of specific interventions. This approach is especially useful for GBV intervention research where you need to assess "what works"—comparing specific programs, services, or strategies against alternatives or control conditions to determine their impact on measurable outcomes.

| P – Population | I – Intervention | C – Comparator | O – Outcome |
|---|--|---|--|
| Who is affected by the issue? e.g., children, politically active women, LGBTQ+ individuals, migrants | What is being done to address the issue? e.g., counseling services, legal advocacy, shelter programs, community education, economic empowerment, policy reforms | What is it being compared against? e.g., no intervention, standard care, alternative programs, pre-intervention baseline, different delivery methods | What are the consequences? e.g., mental health impacts, physical harm, school dropout, job loss |

A Note on PEO and Other Frameworks to define your Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

While this booklet is structured around the PEO (Population–Exposure–Outcome) & PICO (Population–Intervention–Comparators–Outcome) framework, it is important to recognise that PEO & PICO are just two of several models used to build effective research questions and search strategies.

Depending on your research focus and methodology, you might also use:

- SPIDER – Sample, Phenomenon of Interest, Design, Evaluation, Research type (Often used in qualitative and mixed-methods research.)
- CoCoPop Framework (for Prevalence/Incidence Reviews) - Condition (disease, etc.), Context, Population

****The guidebook does not feature comparator terminology as a distinct category, as any term within the book can function as a comparator.****

General Note on Academic Databases

When conducting academic literature searches—especially on complex topics like GBV—using the right databases is crucial. Academic databases are curated collections of scholarly literature, including peer-reviewed journal articles, books, reports, theses, and conference proceedings. They offer powerful tools such as Boolean logic, truncation, subject headings, and filters that help you refine your search and improve relevance and accuracy.

Each database has its own structure, search capabilities, and strengths. Understanding the scope and functionality of each will help you build effective search strategies.

Commonly Used Academic Databases for GBV and Social Research

| Database | Focus/Strength |
|---|---|
| PubMed | Biomedical and public health research. Great for health-related aspects of GBV, which includes MEDLINE. |
| Scopus | Broad, multidisciplinary database covering science, health, social sciences, and more. Useful for citation tracking. |
| Web of Science | Multidisciplinary and strong in citation analysis. Covers social sciences and health, including Social Science Citation Index. |
| APA Psycharticles | Psychology and behavioural sciences. Essential for research on trauma, abuse, mental health, etc., including PsycINFO. |
| Sociological Abstracts | Key for sociological studies, including gender, family, and violence. |
| CINAHL | Nursing and allied health literature. Valuable for community health and clinical perspectives on GBV. |
| ERIC | Education-focused. Useful for school-based violence, youth, and gender studies. |
| Embase | Biomedical database with more European content. Good complement to PubMed. |
| JSTOR | Humanities and social science archives. Strong for theoretical, historical, and feminist research. |
| Academic Search Complete | General academic coverage, useful for broad exploratory searches. |
| Applied Social Science Index and Abstracts (ASSIA) | Database that indexes and abstracts articles from journals in health, social services, psychology, sociology, economics, politics, race relations, and education. |

Regional and Non-English Academic Databases

To ensure more inclusive and globally representative reviews—especially for cross-cultural or regional GBV topics—it is important to explore regional and non-English databases. These platforms often include locally produced research, grey literature, or studies not indexed in major English-language databases.

Key Regional & Multilingual Databases

| Database | Region/Language | Focus |
|---|--|--|
| LILACS (Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences Literature) | Latin America | Health, social sciences, and local public health issues |
| SciELO (Scientific Electronic Library Online) | Latin America, Spain, Portugal, South Africa | Multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed journals |
| Redalyc | Latin America, Spain | Humanities and social sciences |
| CNKI (China National Knowledge Infrastructure) | China | Comprehensive coverage in Chinese (science, medicine, social sciences) |
| Wanfang Data | China | Health, social sciences, medicine |
| KISS (Korean Studies Information Service System) | Korea | Social sciences, humanities |
| J-STAGE | Japan | Scientific and medical research from Japanese institutions |
| AIM (African Index Medicus) | Africa | Public health and medicine from African perspectives |
| IndMED | India | Biomedical literature produced in India |
| Russian Science Citation Index | Russia | Scholarly research in Russian across disciplines |

Tip: Many regional databases allow for searching in both the native language and English. Use translated keywords and controlled vocabulary when possible.

Search Syntax Tips: Truncation, Wildcards & Proximity Operators

Note on Truncation (*)

Use an asterisk (*) to capture multiple word endings or variations of a root word. This is helpful to broaden your search. For example:

girl* will include: girl, girls

orphan* will include: orphan, orphans, orphaned

adult* will include: adult, adults

LGBT* will include: LGBT, LGBTQ, LGBTQIA+, etc.

Always check your database's truncation rules—some may use *, ?, or another symbol.

Note on UK vs US Spelling Variations

Use wildcards or OR statements to account for differences in British and American English spelling. Common approaches:

1. Truncation with wildcards inside the word

Some databases support wildcards within words to replace variable characters:

p?ediatric → captures both paediatric and pediatric

behavio?r → captures behavior and behaviour

Note: Not all databases support internal wildcards. Check if your platform allows ? or # as a single-character wildcard.

2. Using explicit OR statements

For precision, especially in databases without internal wildcards:
(paediatric OR pediatric)

(behaviour OR behavior)

(labour OR labor)

(counselling OR counseling)

This ensures both versions are picked up.

Search Syntax Tips: Truncation, Wildcards & Proximity Operators Cont.

Note on NEAR/5

NEAR/5 is a proximity operator used in some databases (like Scopus, Embase, and others) to find words that appear within 5 words of each other, in any order.

Example:

(social media NEAR/5 harassment)

This search term will retrieve results where "social media" and "harassment" occur within 5 words of each other, such as:

“harassment on social media platforms”

“social media has been a source of harassment”

When to use:

Use NEAR/x when you want to capture contextually related terms that may not be directly adjacent but are closely linked in meaning.

Replace x with any number depending on how close you want the terms to be (e.g., NEAR/3, NEAR/10).

Search Syntax Tips (Quick Reference)

Use this page as a one-stop cheat sheet for the search commands you will meet most often when building GBV search strategies in major academic databases.

Truncation (*)

| What it does | When to use | Where it works |
|---|--|---|
| Finds any ending of a word stem. | Capture plurals or multiple endings without typing them all. | * in Scopus, Web of Science, Ovid (MEDLINE, Embase, PsycINFO ...), EBSCO (CINAHL, ERIC ...), ProQuest, NHS HDAS. Ovid also accepts \$ as an alias. |

Example *adolescen** ⇒ adolescent, adolescents, adolescence

Tip: In thesaurus-based databases (e.g., MEDLINE), search the full word first to see the suggested subject heading; then add your truncated keyword line.

Wildcards (? / #)

| Symbol | What it replaces | Common platforms |
|--------|---|---------------------------------------|
| ? | Exactly one character (Scopus, Web of Science, EBSCO). | (wom?n → woman / women) |
| # | Zero or one character (Ovid, EBSCO). | (p#ediatric → paediatric / pediatric) |

Why it matters: Great for UK/US spelling differences or singular/plural shifts without overshooting with full truncation.

Proximity / Adjacency

| Operator | Typical platforms | How it reads |
|----------|----------------------------|---|
| NEAR/x | Web of Science, ProQuest | either word within x words (any order) |
| W/x | Scopus | first term within x words before the second |
| PRE/x | Scopus | first term must precede the second by ≤ x words |
| ADJx | Ovid (MEDLINE, Embase ...) | either order, ≤ x words apart |
| N x | EBSCO (CINAHL, ERIC ...) | either order, ≤ x words apart |

Example (Web of Science): *child NEAR/3 abuse* → retrieves “abuse of the child”, “child physical abuse”, “child severe emotional abuse”.

Search Syntax Tips (Quick Reference) Cont.

Phrase Searching ("...")

| What it does | Typical symbol |
|--|---|
| Forces words to appear exactly together, in order . | Double quotes in almost all databases (default in Ovid) |

Use for precise concepts—e.g., **"intimate partner violence"**—but remember it can exclude relevant variations. Combine with proximity when you need flexibility.

Use **NOT** (or **AND NOT** in Scopus) to remove unwanted concepts carefully—e.g., exclude animal-only studies or publication types.

Safe method (Cochrane style)

1. Build your main set.
2. Build an exclusion set (e.g., exp animals/ NOT humans.sh.)
3. Main Set NOT Exclusion Set → keeps human + mixed studies, drops animal-only.

Subject Headings vs. Keywords

Why combine both?

Subject headings (e.g., MeSH, CINAHL Headings) guarantee you capture articles no matter how authors phrase the concept.

Keywords (free text) catch emerging terms not yet in the thesaurus and handle regional spellings.

Shortcut syntax

- Ovid: exp child exploitation/ (exploded), *child exploitation/ (major topic)
- CINAHL: MH "child exploitation+", MM "child exploitation+"

Platform-at-a-Glance (Top Commands)

| Platform | Truncation | Proximity | Single-character wildcard |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Scopus | * | W/x, PRE/x | ? |
| Web of Science | * | NEAR/x | ? |
| Ovid (MEDLINE, Embase...) | * or \$ | ADJx | ? (=0-1), # (=1) |
| EBSCO (CINAHL, ERIC...) | * | N x | ? (=1), # (=0-1) |
| ProQuest | * | NEAR/x | ? |

Need more help?

KCL Systematic Review Guide: <https://libguides.kcl.ac.uk/systematicreview/advanced>

Each database's Help or Search Tips page explains edge-case behaviours (e.g., max words for proximity).

Using the PEO & PICO Framework to Structure GBV Searches

The PEO framework—Population, Exposure, Outcome—, or the PICO framework—Population, Intervention, Comparator, Outcome— is a helpful tool for structuring focused, answerable questions, especially in qualitative and social research. It's especially effective for topics like GBV where context, population, and outcomes are diverse and intersectional.

This approach helps ensure clarity, relevance, and comprehensiveness in your search strategy.

Population

Think broadly and inclusively when defining your population.

Consider:

- General populations (children, adolescents, elderly)
- Gender-diverse individuals (LGBTQ+, trans, non-binary)
- Politically active women (activists, candidates)
- Context-specific groups (refugees, migrants, people with disabilities)

These distinctions ensure your search reflects intersectionality and contextual risk factors.

Using the PEO & PICO Framework to Structure GBV Searches

Cont.

Intervention

Consider the full spectrum of GBV prevention and response interventions:

Consider:

Prevention interventions:

- Community mobilisation and awareness campaigns
- Educational programs (school-based, community-based)
- Economic empowerment initiatives
- Engaging men and boys programs
- Policy and legislative reforms
- Social norm change interventions

Response interventions:

- Clinical care (medical, mental health, psychosocial support)
- Legal services and justice system responses
- Shelter and safe housing programs
- Case management and referral services
- Survivor advocacy and support groups
- Multi-sectoral coordinated responses (one-stop centres, coordinated community response)

Multi-level approaches:

- Individual-level interventions
- Relationship/family-level interventions
- Community-level interventions
- Institutional/organisational interventions
- Policy/structural interventions

Using the PEO & PICO Framework to Structure GBV Searches

Cont.

Exposure (Type of Violence)

This booklet focuses on three primary types of exposure: **online violence, offline violence, and violence in humanitarian settings**. However, these are not exhaustive. We encourage you to approach this booklet with a 'puzzle mindset': select and combine search terms across different exposure categories to best fit the specific needs of your research question.

- **Online Violence:** Examples: cyberstalking, doxxing, image-based abuse, online misogyny
- **Offline Violence:** Examples: intimate partner violence, sexual assault, reproductive coercion, FGM
- **Violence in Humanitarian Settings:** Examples: conflict-related sexual violence, exploitation in displacement camps, GBV among refugees

Each theme can be explored with its own tailored search terms, using proximity operators, truncation, and platform-specific syntax (see our "**Search Syntax Tips**" page).

Using the PEO & PICO Framework to Structure GBV Searches

Cont.

Comparator

Think critically about what you're comparing your intervention against to understand effectiveness and impact.

Consider:

No Intervention/Control Groups

- Pure control - No intervention provided during study period
- Waitlist control - Delayed intervention (control group receives intervention after study completion)
- Attention control - Non-specific attention/contact without active GBV intervention components
- Placebo control - Activities that mimic intervention structure but lack key therapeutic elements

Standard/Usual Care

- Existing services - Whatever GBV services are currently available in the setting
- Treatment as usual - Standard protocols or guidelines already in place
- Routine referral - Basic referral to available services without enhanced intervention
- Minimal intervention - Information provision only (pamphlets, hotline numbers)

Alternative Active Interventions

- Different intervention types - Comparing different GBV intervention approaches (e.g., psychotherapy vs. support groups)
- Different modalities - Individual vs. group vs. couples/family interventions
- Different delivery methods - In-person vs. digital/telehealth vs. community-based
- Different sectors - Health sector vs. legal sector vs. social services vs. multi-sectoral
- Different theoretical frameworks - Trauma-focused vs. empowerment-based vs. feminist vs. ecological models

Using the PEO & PICO Framework to Structure GBV Searches

Cont.

Outcome

We have centred this booklet around three key outcome areas: **mental health (e.g., PTSD, anxiety, depression)**, **physical and reproductive health (e.g., chronic pain, injuries, reproductive trauma)**, and **educational, political and economic impacts (e.g., school dropout, loss of employment, economic dependency)**. These categories are not comprehensive. Think of them as starting points—use them flexibly and combine terms as needed to reflect the outcomes most relevant to your research focus. This booklet aims to be updated once a year, and future versions may incorporate additional outcomes.

Outcomes describe the impact of exposure.

Consider:

- **Mental health:** PTSD, anxiety, depression
- **Physical & reproductive health:** chronic pain, injuries, reproductive trauma
- **Educational, political & economic:** school dropout, loss of employment, dependency

Outcomes can be searched directly (e.g., "psychological trauma") or explored through subject headings in databases like CINAHL and MEDLINE.

About These Search Terms: A Note on Overlap and Flexibility

Throughout this guidebook, you will notice that certain search terms appear across multiple population, exposure, and outcome subgroups. This overlap is intentional and reflects the intersectional, contextual nature of gender-based violence research.

Why terms appear in multiple categories:

Terms are duplicated across subgroups to acknowledge that:

- Intersectionality matters. A search term related to intimate partner violence, for example, may be equally relevant when searching for violence affecting LGBTQ+ individuals, disabled persons, or refugees. Rather than creating separate lists, we recognise these overlaps to encourage researchers to apply population-specific lenses across all exposure types.
- Context shapes terminology. The same violent act or outcome may be described differently depending on the setting—whether online, offline, or in humanitarian contexts. Search terms are repeated where relevant to ensure comprehensive coverage across all contexts you may be investigating.
- Flexibility is key. This approach supports the "puzzle mindset" described earlier: you are encouraged to select, combine, and adapt terms freely based on your specific research question, rather than adhering to a rigid, one-size-fits-all structure.

How to use this resource:

- Treat duplicated terms as signals that they may be particularly useful across multiple dimensions of your search strategy.
- Combine terms from different subgroups to build more nuanced search strings that capture intersectional experiences.
- Adapt and omit terms as needed—this resource is a toolkit, not a prescription.

Remember, the goal is comprehensive, inclusive searching that reflects the complexity of gender-based violence across diverse populations and contexts.

Population Search Terms

Population search terms have been distinguished between different population groups. Please note that we are constantly looking to add search terms in additional languages. If you are able to support by providing search terms in languages other than English, please do get in touch with us at info@gvrcn.org.

Children and Adolescents

Click [HERE](#) to download the Excel sheet with search strings

Early Childhood (0-5 years).

babies
crawlers
early childhood
infant
infancy
infants
newborn
nursery age
pre-K
pre-school
prekindergarten
preschool
preschooler
toddler
toddlers

Middle Childhood (6-11 years).

elementary age
elementary school
elementary schooler
grade school
grade schooler
junior
juniors
kid
kids
middle childhood
middle grade
middle grader
primary age
primary school
primary schooler
school age
school-age
school-aged
schoolchild
schoolchildren
schooler
secondary school
secondary schooler

Adolescence, Youth & Emerging Adulthood (12-29 years).

adolescence
adolescent
adolescents
adolescent boys
adolescent girls
college age
college student
college students
early adolescent
early adolescents
emerging adult
emerging adulthood
emerging adults
high school
high schooler
high schoolers
junior high
late adolescent
late adolescents
middle school
middle schooler
middle schoolers
pre-teen
preteen
preteens
secondary school
teen
teenager
teenagers
teens
university student
university students
youth
young adult
young adults
young person
young people
young population
younger person
younger people
youth population

Children and Adolescents Cont.

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General Child Terms

boy
boys
child
children
children & young people
(CYP)
dependents
girl
girls
juvenile
juveniles
minor
minors
offspring
paediatric / pediatric
pupil
pupils
student
students
underage
ward
wards
youngster
youngsters

Child-Specific Vulnerable Groups

at-risk youth
care leavers
child brides
child laborers / child labourers
child refugees
child soldier
child soldiers
children in care
children in conflict
children in traditional communities
children living under difficult
circumstances
children of incarcerated parents
children with disabilities
children with no direct and close
family
child-headed households
displaced child
displaced children
exploited children
foster child
foster children
homeless youth
institutionalized youth /
institutionalised youth
looked-after children
migrant child
migrant children
orphan
orphaned
orphans
refugee youth
runaway
runaways
rural children
street children
street-connected children
street-involved youth
trafficked children
unaccompanied and separated
children (UASC)
unaccompanied minor
unaccompanied minors
vulnerable children
war-affected children
working children

Gender Identity

gender diverse youth
gender nonconforming youth /
gender non-conforming youth
LGBTQ+ youth (Lesbian, Gay,
Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+)
LGBTQIA+ youth (Lesbian, Gay,
Bisexual, Transgender, Queer,
Intersex, Asexual+)
neurodivergent children
non-binary youth
queer youth
trans children
trans youth
transgender children
transgender youth
two-spirit youth

Children and Adolescents Cont.

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Ethnicity & Diversity

BIPOC youth (Black,
Indigenous, People of
Color / Colour)
bicultural children
bicultural youth
biracial children
biracial youth
culturally diverse children
ethnic minority children
indigenous children
mixed heritage children
mixed race children
multiracial children
multicultural children
racial minority children

Intersectionality

children of color with disabilities / children of colour with disabilities
children with intersecting identities
children with multiple marginalized / marginalised identities
culturally linguistically diverse children
differently abled children of color / children of colour
disabled children in care
disabled immigrant children
disabled LGBTQ+ youth
disabled refugee children
ethnic minority children with disabilities
first-generation immigrant children
homeless LGBTQ+ youth
immigrant children with disabilities
indigenous children in care
indigenous children with disabilities
low-income children of color / children of colour
migrant children with disabilities
minority ethnic disabled children
neurodivergent children of color / children of colour
queer children of color / children of colour
racialized children with disabilities
racialized immigrant children
racialized low-income children
rural indigenous children
street-involved LGBTQ+ youth
trans children of color / children of colour
undocumented disabled children
undocumented immigrant children

Women

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General Terms

adult woman
adult women
female
females
ladies
lady
woman
women
womxn

Age-Specific

the elderly
elderly women
elderly woman
mature women
mature woman
middle-aged woman
middle-aged women
older woman
older women
senior woman
senior women
young woman
young women

Gender Identity

cisgender woman
cisgender women
self-identified women
trans woman
trans women
transgender female
transgender females
transgender woman
transgender women
transfeminine
women-identified

Relationship Status

bride
brides
divorced women
engaged women
ex-wife
ex-wives
fiancée
fiancées
married woman
married women
partner
partners
separated woman
separated women
single mothers
single women
spouse
spouses
unmarried women
widow
widowed women
widows
wife
wives
young widowed mothers

Women Cont.

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Context-Specific

domestic violence (DV) survivors
female ex-offenders
female entrepreneurs
female executives
female prisoners
female refugees
female students
female veterans
female-headed households
homeless women
incarcerated women
indigenous children
indigenous women
migrant women
refugee women
rural women
sex workers
trafficking survivors
urban women
women accused of witchcraft
women caregivers
women entrepreneurs
women in conflict
women in conflict corridors
women in detention
women in leadership
women in polygamous households
women in poverty
women living in remote areas
women living in rural areas
women living with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
women of color / women of colour
women perpetrators
women prisoners
women survivors
women who misuse substances
women with disabilities
working women

Politically Active Women

activist women
female academic
female activist
female advocate
female cabinet member
female candidate
female civil rights leader
female congressman
female council member
female deputy
female diplomat
female elected official
female governor
female human rights activist
female human rights advocate
female human rights defender
female journalist
female judge
female lawyer
female leader
female legislator
female mayor
female minister
female MP (Member of Parliament)
female member of parliament
female parliament
female politician
female president
female prime minister
female researcher
female senator
female social leader
female supreme court justice
politically active woman
politically active women
women activists
women advocates
women candidates

Politically Active Women Cont.

women in decision-making
women in elected office
women in government
women in leadership
women in media
women in parliament
women in political life
women in politics
women in public office
women in public roles
women in public sphere
women leaders
women parliamentarians
women politicians

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Ethnicity & Diversity

BIPOC women (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour)
black women
culturally diverse women
ethnic minority women
immigrant women
indigenous women
migrant women
minority ethnic women
racial minority women
racialized women
refugee women
visible minority women
women of color / women of colour

Intersectionality

battered immigrant women
bicultural women
biracial women
disabled elderly women
disabled homeless women
disabled immigrant women
disabled refugee women
disabled women in poverty
disabled women of color /
disabled women of colour
elderly homeless women
elderly immigrant women
elderly women in poverty
elderly women of color / elderly
women of colour
homeless women of color /
homeless women of colour
homeless women with disabilities
immigrant sex workers
immigrant women in detention
immigrant women with disabilities
incarcerated indigenous women
incarcerated women of color /
incarcerated women of colour
incarcerated women with
disabilities
indigenous elderly women
indigenous women in poverty
indigenous women with
disabilities
lesbian women of color / lesbian
women of colour
LGBTQ+ homeless women
LGBTQ+ immigrant women
LGBTQ+ refugee women
LGBTQ+ women of color /
LGBTQ+ women of colour
low-income disabled women
low-income elderly women
low-income immigrant women
low-income women of color / low-
income women of colour
migrant women with disabilities
minority ethnic disabled women
mixed heritage women
mixed race women
multiracial women

Intersectionality Cont.

older women with disabilities
queer women of color / queer
women of colour
racialized disabled women
racialized immigrant women
refugee women with disabilities
rural elderly women
rural indigenous women
rural women in poverty
rural women of color / rural
women of colour
trans women of color / trans
women of colour
undocumented disabled women
undocumented immigrant women
women of color in detention /
women of colour in detention
women of color living with HIV /
women of colour living with HIV
women of color with disabilities /
women of colour with disabilities

Men

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| <u>General Terms</u> | <u>Age-Specific</u> | <u>Gender Identity</u> | <u>Relationship Status</u> | <u>Context-Specific</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| adult man | elderly men | cisgender man | bachelor | male ex-offenders |
| adult men | mature men | cisgender men | bachelors | formerly incarcerated men |
| gentleman | middle-aged men | self-identified men | divorced men | homeless men |
| gentlemen | older man | self-identified man | engaged men | incarcerated men |
| guy | older men | trans male | ex-husband | male caregivers |
| guys | senior men | trans man | ex-husbands | male entrepreneurs |
| lad | young man | trans men | father | male executives |
| lads | young men | transgender male | fathers | male prisoners |
| male | | transgender males | fiancé | male refugees |
| males | | transgender man | fiancés | male students |
| man | | transgender men | groom | male survivors |
| men | | transmasculine | grooms | male veterans |
| | | man-identified | husband | men in leadership |
| | | men-identified | husbands | men in poverty |
| | | | married man | men of color / men of colour |
| | | | married men | men who have sex with men (MSM) |
| | | | partner | men with disabilities |
| | | | partners | migrant men |
| | | | separated man | refugee men |
| | | | separated men | rural men |
| | | | single father | stay-at-home dads |
| | | | single fathers | trafficking survivors |
| | | | single men | urban men |
| | | | spouse | working fathers |
| | | | spouses | working men |
| | | | unmarried men | |
| | | | widower | |
| | | | widowers | |

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Ethnicity & Diversity

BIPOC men (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour)
black men
culturally diverse men
ethnic minority men
immigrant men
indigenous men
migrant men
minority ethnic men
racial minority men
racialized men
refugee men
visible minority men
men of color / men of colour

Intersectionality

bicultural men
biracial men
disabled elderly men
disabled homeless men
disabled immigrant men
disabled men in poverty
disabled men of color / disabled men of colour
disabled refugee men
elderly homeless men
elderly immigrant men
elderly men in poverty
elderly men of color / elderly men of colour
gay men of color / gay men of colour
homeless men of color / homeless men of colour
homeless men with disabilities
immigrant men with disabilities
incarcerated indigenous men
incarcerated men of color / incarcerated men of colour
incarcerated men with disabilities
indigenous elderly men
indigenous men in poverty
indigenous men with disabilities
LGBTQ+ homeless men
LGBTQ+ immigrant men
LGBTQ+ men of color / LGBTQ+ men of colour
LGBTQ+ refugee men
low-income disabled men
low-income elderly men
low-income immigrant men
low-income men of color / low-income men of colour
migrant men with disabilities
minority ethnic disabled men
mixed heritage men
mixed race men
multiracial men
older men with disabilities
racialized disabled men
racialized immigrant men
refugee men with disabilities
rural elderly men
rural indigenous men
rural men in poverty
rural men of color / rural men of colour
trans men of color / trans men of colour
undocumented disabled men
undocumented immigrant men

Elderly

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General Terms

aged
aged care residents
aged people
aged person
ageing population / aging population
elder
elderly
elderly men
elderly men in religious institutions
elderly women
elderly women in religious institutions
geriatric
geriatric patients
golden agers
older adult
older adults
older generation
older individual
older men
older people
older person
older persons
older population
older women
pensioner
pensioners
retired people
retired person
retiree
retirees
senior
senior citizen
senior citizens
seniors
third age

Ethnicity and Diversity

BIPOC elderly (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour)
black elderly
black older adults
culturally diverse elderly
culturally diverse older adults
ethnic minority elderly
ethnic minority older adults
immigrant elderly
immigrant older adults
indigenous elderly
indigenous older adults
migrant elderly
migrant older adults
minority ethnic elderly
minority ethnic older adults
racial minority elderly
racial minority older adults
racialized elderly
racialized older adults
refugee elderly
refugee older adults
visible minority elderly
visible minority older adults
elderly of color / elderly of colour
older adults of color / older adults of colour

Intersectionality

disabled elderly immigrants
disabled elderly in poverty
disabled elderly of color / disabled elderly of colour
disabled elderly refugees
elderly immigrants in poverty
elderly immigrants with disabilities
elderly in rural poverty
elderly LGBTQ+ people
elderly LGBTQ+ people of color / elderly LGBTQ+ people of colour
elderly of color in poverty / elderly of colour in poverty
elderly of color with disabilities / elderly of colour with disabilities
elderly refugees with disabilities
homeless elderly immigrants
homeless elderly of color / homeless elderly of colour
homeless elderly with disabilities
incarcerated elderly people
incarcerated elderly with disabilities
indigenous elderly in poverty
indigenous elderly with disabilities
institutionalized elderly of color / institutionalised elderly of colour
isolated elderly immigrants
isolated elderly with disabilities
LGBTQ+ elderly immigrants
LGBTQ+ elderly in poverty
LGBTQ+ elderly with disabilities
low-income disabled elderly
low-income elderly immigrants
low-income elderly of color / low-income elderly of colour
migrant elderly with disabilities
minority ethnic disabled elderly
rural elderly immigrants
rural elderly in poverty
rural elderly of color / rural elderly of colour
rural elderly with disabilities
rural indigenous elderly

Gender and Sexual Minorities

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Sexual Orientation

asexual
bisexual
gay
gay men
gay women
homosexual
intersex persons
lesbian
lesbians
LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)
LGBQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer+)
LGBT+
LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer)
LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+)
LGBTQ+ individuals
LGBTQ+ people
LGBTQ+ persons
LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual)
LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual+)
LGBTQIA+ individuals
LGBTQIA+ people
men who have sex with men (MSM)
pansexual
queer
queer individuals
queer refugees
queer youth
same-sex attracted
sexual minorities
women who have sex with women (WSW)

Gender Identity

agender
assigned female at birth (AFAB)
assigned male at birth (AMAB)
cisgender
female to male (FTM)
gender diverse
gender diverse persons
gender expansive
gender fluid
gender minorities
gender minority
gender non-binary
gender non-conforming
gender non-conforming survivors
gender nonconforming
gender questioning
gender variant
genderfluid
genderqueer
intersex
intersex folks
intersex persons
male to female (MTF)
non-binary
non-binary folks
nonbinary
sapphic
third gender
trans
trans individual
trans man
trans men
trans people
trans person
trans woman
trans women
trans youth
transfeminine
transgender
transgender community
transgender individual
transgender people
transgender person
transmasculine
two-spirit

Disability Status

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General Terms

disabled people
disabled person
disability
disability community
individual with disability
people with disabilities
(PWD/PWDs)
person with a disability
person with disabilities
persons with disabilities

Specific Disabilities

autism spectrum disorder
(ASD)
blind
chronic illness
cognitive disability
deaf
deaf-blind
developmental disability
hard of hearing
hearing impairment
intellectual disability
learning disability
mental health disability
mobility impairment
neurodevelopmental
disability
neurodivergent
physical disability
psychosocial disability
sensory disability
speech impairment
visual impairment
wheelchair users

Functional Terms

blind and visually impaired
persons
cognitively disabled
deaf and hard of hearing
persons
intellectually disabled
mentally disabled
mobility impaired
neurodivergent
neurodivergent individuals
physically disabled
sensory impaired
visually impaired

Support-Related

assistive technology users
caregivers of disabled
people
disability advocates
disability rights activists
guide dog users
invisible disability
mobility aid users
personal assistant user
people with hidden
disabilities
service animal users
wheelchair user
wheelchair users

Migrant and Displaced Populations

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Legal Status

asylum seeker
asylum seekers
asylees
displaced persons
documented migrants
internally displaced
persons (IDPs)
illegal immigrants
irregular migrants
migrant workers
migrants
refugee
refugees
returnee refugees
returnees
stateless people
stateless person
undocumented
immigrants
undocumented migrant
undocumented migrants

Type of Movement

border crossers
climate migrants
cross-border migrant
displaced people
displaced person
economic migrants
emigrant
emigrants
environmental migrants
forced migrants
forcibly displaced
guest workers
immigrant
immigrants
internal migrant
internally displaced
people (IDP)
internally displaced
persons (IDPs)
Internally Displaced
women and girls (IDWGs)
labor migrants / labour
migrants
migrant
migrants
mobile population
nomadic populations
people on the move
seasonal migrants
temporary migrants
transnational migrant
voluntary migrants

Context-Specific

climate migrant
climate migrants
conflict-affected migrants
cross-border trafficking
victims
deportees
environmental refugees
humanitarian migrant
humanitarian migrants
irregular migrant
irregular migrants
migrant worker
migrant workers
mobile female sex
workers (FSWs)
resettled person
resettled refugee
resettled refugees
trafficking survivors
transit migrants
war refugees

Gender-Specific

migrant men
migrant women
refugee men
refugee women

Intersectional

disabled refugees
LGBTQ+ migrants
LGBTQ+ refugees
queer refugees
stateless LGBTQ+
persons
unaccompanied
refugee minors

Socioeconomic and Occupation-Based

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Economic Status

economically disadvantaged
economically disadvantaged groups
economically marginalised /
economically marginalized
economically vulnerable
financially disadvantaged
financially insecure
homeless individuals
homeless people
low-income
low-income families
low-income households
low-income populations
people experiencing homelessness
people experiencing poverty
people in poverty
poor
poor people
socioeconomically disadvantaged
the disadvantaged
the poor
underemployed
unemployed
unhoused individuals
unhoused people

Employment Status

casual workers
contract workers
day laborer / day labourer
home-based worker
home-based workers
informal worker
informal workers
job seekers
part-time workers
precarious employment
seasonal workers
service workers
temporary workers
underemployed
unemployed
unpaid labor / unpaid labour

Housing Status

homeless
homeless families
homeless individuals
homeless people
houseless
housing insecure
informal settlement residents
people from low income
communities
rough sleepers
shantytown residents
slum dweller
slum dwellers
squatter settlement residents
street sleepers
townships
transitionally housed
unhoused

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Conditions

at-risk populations
battered women
economic hardship
economically disadvantaged communities
food insecure
marginalised communities / marginalized communities
marginalised population / marginalized population
people facing economic hardship
people in extreme poverty
people living in poverty
poverty
slum communities
socially excluded
socially marginalised / socially marginalized
street involved
survival sex
underserved communities
underserved populations
vulnerable populations

Institutionalised/Institutionalized Populations

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Correctional Settings

correctional facility
correctional institution
correctional populations
detainee
detainees
detention center /
detention centre
detention facility
ex-offenders
formerly incarcerated
incarcerated LGBTQIA+
(lesbian, gay, bisexual,
transgender, queer,
intersex, asexual+)
incarcerated people
incarcerated person
incarcerated populations
inmates
jail population
people in custody
people in detention
person in custody
prison
prison population
prisoner
prisoners
remand prisoners

Mental Health Settings

committed patient
forensic patient
institutionalised individuals /
institutionalized individuals
involuntary commitment
mental health facility
mental health inpatients
mental institution
psychiatric hospital
psychiatric inpatients
psychiatric institution
psychiatric patients
residential mental health patients

Care Settings

assisted living residents
care home residents
children's home
children's home residents
closed institution
foster care
foster care residents
group home
group home residents
institutional care residents
institutionalised elderly / institutionalized
elderly
long-term care facility
long-term care residents
nursing home
nursing home residents
obstetric violence
orphanage
orphanage residents
residential care
residential care residents
residential facility residents
residential institution
residential treatment facility
sexual harassment prohibition committee
(SHPC)
anti-sexual harassment committee (ASHC)

Institutionalised/Institutionalized Populations Cont.

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Youth Settings

juvenile detention
juvenile detention centers / juvenile
detention centres
juvenile facility residents
youth detention
youth detention centers / youth
detention centres
youth in custody

Other

care leavers
child institution
deinstitutionalised individuals /
deinstitutionalized individuals
formerly incarcerated
formerly institutionalised / formerly
institutionalized
rehabilitation center / rehabilitation
centre
residential treatment residents
survivors of GBV (gender-based
violence) in detention

Conflict and Crisis-Affected Groups

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Conflict-Related

asylees
asylum seeker
asylum seekers
child soldier
child soldiers
civilian in conflict
civilians in armed conflict
combat veterans
conflict-affected
population
ex-combatants
former child soldiers
military personnel
military service members
peacekeepers
post-conflict population
soldier
soldiers
survivor of conflict
survivor of war
veterans
victim of conflict
victim of war
war-affected population
war survivors
war veteran
war veterans
women in conflict

Crisis and Emergency

climate displacement
climate migrants
crisis-affected population
disaster survivors
disaster-affected population
drought-affected
populations
earthquake survivors
emergency-affected
population
famine-affected populations
flood victims
hurricane survivors
humanitarian crisis
humanitarian emergency
humanitarian setting
natural disaster survivors
pandemic-affected
populations
wildfire survivors

Displacement

displaced person
displaced population
displaced families
environmentally displaced
forcibly displaced
internally displaced
person (IDP)
internally displaced
persons (IDPs)
migrant
migrants
population displacement
refugee
refugee families
refugee women with
disabilities
returnees
undocumented migrants

Intersectional

disabled refugees
gender-diverse
persons in
humanitarian settings
LGBTQ+ asylum
seekers
LGBTQ+ refugees
queer refugees
refugee women with
disabilities
stateless LGBTQ+
persons

Indigenous/Indigenos and Ethnic Minorities

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General Terms

aboriginal
aboriginal people
aboriginal person
aboriginal population
albino
albinos
BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color / Colour)
ethnic minorities
ethnic minority
ethnic minority communities
first nations
indigenous
indigenous communities
indigenous community
indigenous people
indigenous peoples
indigenous populations
minority group
minority groups
minoritised group /
minoritized group
native communities
native peoples
people of color / people of colour
racial minorities
racial minority communities
religious minorities
tribal communities
tribal peoples

Lifestyle-Based

hunter-gatherer communities
marginalised community /
marginalized community
marginalised ethnic group /
marginalized ethnic group
marginalised racial group /
marginalized racial group
nomadic group
nomadic groups
nomadic peoples
pastoralist communities
pastoralist community
semi-nomadic communities
traditional communities
traditional population
traveller community / traveler
community
tribal community
tribal group
tribal minorities
tribal population

Regional Specific Groups - Africa

afar
amazigh
baka
bantu
batwa
berber
fulani
himba
khoi
khoisan
kirdi
maasai
mbororo
northern Nigerian woman
nubian
pygmy
samburu
san people
somali pastoralist
south african coloured population
sub-saharan african woman
tuareg
yoruba

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Regional Specific Groups - Asia

bangsamoro
dalit
dalit women
han chinese
hijra
hmong
indigenous taiwanese
karen
kurds
malayaha tamil community
mizo
muslim woman india
muslim women
rohingya
scheduled caste
scheduled tribe
south asian woman
tibetan refugee
tribal women india
uyghur

Regional Specific Groups - Latin America and Caribbean

amazonian indigenous
andean woman
aymara
garifuna
indigena
mapuche
maya woman
miskito
pueblo romani
ribeirinho children
quechua

Regional Specific Groups - Middle East and North Africa

arab minorities
armenian
assyrian
bedouin
berber
coptic woman
druze woman
gulf arab woman
iraqi refugee
kurd
kurdish
MENA woman (Middle East and North Africa)
muslim minority
palestinian woman
syrian refugee woman
yazidi

Indigenous and Ethnic Minorities Cont.

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Regional Specific Groups - Europe

african diaspora europe
anglophones
asylum seeker UK (United Kingdom)
balkan refugee
black british woman
eastern european migrant
kurdish woman europe
refugee germany
romani
sinti
traveller community / traveler community
ukrainian refugee

Regional Specific Groups - North America/Pacific

aboriginal woman australia
black canadian woman
cherokee
first nations canada
indigenous australian
métis
native hawaiian
navajo
pacific islander woman
samoan
torres strait islander
tongan

Academic and Educational Populations

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Students

class representatives
college students
doctoral students
exchange students
graduate students
international students
learners
mature students
PhD students (Doctor of Philosophy)
postgraduates
scholarship holders
students in higher education institutions
students who do not conform to heteronormative standards
students with disabilities
undergraduate students
university students

Academic Staff

academic staff
academics
faculty
lecturers
professors
researchers
university professors

Relationship-Based

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Family Relationships

aunt
brother
brother-in-law
caregiver
caregivers (recipients & providers)
child
children
children of survivors
cousin
daughter
daughter-in-law
dependent
extended family
family member
family members
father
father-in-law
foster child
foster parent
grandchild
grandchildren
grandfather
grandmother
grandparent
grandparents
guardian
in-laws
legal guardian
mother
mother-in-law
nephew
niece
parent
parents
relatives
sibling
siblings
sister
sister-in-law
son
son-in-law
step-parent
stepchild
stepfather
stepmother
uncle

Intimate Partner Relationships

boyfriend
cohabiting partners
common-law partner
dating partners
domestic partner
ex-partners
former partners
girlfriend
intimate partner
intimate partners
life partner
married couple
romantic partner
significant other
spouse
spouses

Relationship Types

domestic relationship
family relationship
family unit
household
interpersonal relationship
kinship network
marital relationship
nuclear family
romantic relationship

Specific Populations

adolescent mothers
caregivers
domestic workers
single parents
teenage mothers
widow
widows
young widowed mothers

Vulnerable Populations

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HIV-Related Populations

adolescents living with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
children living with HIV
HIV-positive individuals
men who have sex with men (MSM)
people living with HIV
people living with HIV / AIDS (Human Immunodeficiency Virus /
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome)
persons living with HIV
persons living with HIV / AIDS
PLHIV (People Living with HIV)
sex workers
transgender community
women living with HIV

Substance Use

people who inject drugs
people who use drugs
Women who inject drugs
Men who inject drugs

Cultural and Context-Specific Terms

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South Asian Context

adivasi community
adivasi (indigenous) women
backward class
caste minorities
chamar katua
chhakka
dalit
dalit women
devadasi system
hijra
hizra
khwajasira
SC/ST women (Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe)

African Context

almajiri
aparapa
fa'afafine
kiwete
malele
manzi
ngochani
shoga

Other Cultural Terms

apavitra
bojh
kathoe

Victim/Survivors

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General Terms

affected individuals
at-risk populations
survivor
survivors
victim
victims
victimised group / victimized group
victimised person / victimized person

Violence-Specific

Bush wives
child survivor
child survivors
Domestic Violence (DV) survivor
Enslaved people
slaves
female survivor
GBV (gender-based Violence) survivor
IPV (intimate partner violence) survivor
male survivor
marginalised survivor / marginalized survivor
rape victim
sexual assault victim
survivor of abuse
survivors of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
survivors of harmful traditional practices
survivors of trafficking
targeted man
targeted men
targeted woman
targeted women
trafficking survivors
trafficking victims
trafficked women
trafficked persons
trauma survivor
victim of abuse
violence victim

Perpetrator

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General Terms

abuser
accused
aggressor
batterer
convicted abuser
offender
perpetrator
rapist
sex offender
violation

Age-Specific

adolescent perpetrator
child perpetrator
student perpetrator
youth perpetrator

Relationship Context

domestic violence (DV) perpetrator
family violence perpetrator
group perpetrator
intimate partner abuser
partner violence offender
peer abuser
peer aggressor
peer bullying
peer coercion
peer harassment
peer offender
peer perpetrator
peer sexual assault
peer violence

Context-Specific

"lecturer boys"
armed non-state actors
security actors
state actors

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Violence

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Family & Partner Violence

child-to-parent violence
caregiver violence
dating violence
domestic abuse
domestic violence (DV)
dowry-related violence
dowry violence
disciplining
family violence
forced marriage
early marriage
Underage marriage
honour-based violence / honor-based violence
honour-based killings / honor-based killings
incest
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
intimate terrorism
intergenerational violence
IPV among school-going learners
IPV in workplaces
karo-kari
marital rape
partner abuse
situational couple violence
sibling violence
spousal abuse
spouse abuse
wife beating

Sexual Violence

attempted rape
corrective rape
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
forced sex
forced sterilization / forced sterilisation
forced pregnancy
forced impregnation
human trafficking
molestation
non-partner sexual violence
rape
reproductive violence
sex trafficking
sexual abuse
sexual assault
sexual bullying
sexual exploitation
sexual enslavement
sexual harassment
sexual servitude
sexual slavery
sexual violence
trafficking for sexual purposes
transactional sex
unwanted sex

Physical Violence

assault
battering
bodily harm
choking
corporal punishment
femicide
forced suicide
hitting
kicking
partner assault
physical abuse
physical violence
police brutality
punching
slapping

Violence Cont.

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Emotional/Psychological Violence

coercive control
control of behavior / control of
behaviour
degradation
emotional abuse
emotional violence
fear-inducing behavior / fear-inducing
behaviour
gaslighting
hostile environment harassment
humiliation
insulting language
intimidation
isolation from family
manipulative behavior / manipulative
behaviour
mental abuse
name-calling
narcissistic abuse
psychological abuse
psychological violence
threats of violence
verbal abuse

Financial/Economic Violence

control of income
debt bondage
debt manipulation
denial of economic independence
denial of resources
economic abuse
economic exploitation
economic violence
financial abuse
financial control
preventing employment
stealing wages
structural violence
theft of money
withholding resources

Harassment

bullying
catcalling
gender-based harassment
harassment
harassment by security actors
microaggression
moral harassment
peer harassment
physical harassment
psychological harassment
repeated unwanted attention
school harassment
sexual harassment
street harassment
verbal harassment

Technology-Facilitated Violence

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General Terms

abusive comment
communications technology-facilitated abuse
communications technology-facilitated attack
communications technology-facilitated
discrimination
communications technology-facilitated gender
discrimination
communications technology-facilitated gender-
based hate
communications technology-facilitated GBV
(Gender-Based Violence)
communications technology-facilitated harassment
communications technology-facilitated hate
communications technology-facilitated misogyny
communications technology-facilitated political
harassment
communications technology-facilitated sexual
harassment
communications technology-facilitated violence
continuum violence
cyber abuse
cyber attack
cyber bullying
cyber discrimination
cyber gender discrimination
cyber gender-based hate
cyber GBV (Gender Based Violence)
cyber harassment
cyber hate
cyber misogyny
cyber OBV (Online-Based Violence)
cyber political harassment
cyber sexual harassment
cyber stalking
cyber violence
cyber-located sexual violence
cyberbullying
cyberflashing
cyberstalking
CVAWG (Cyber Violence Against Women and Girls)
digital abuse
digital attack
digital bullying
digital discrimination
digital gender discrimination
digital gender-based hate

General Terms Cont.

digital GBV
digital harassment
digital hate
digital misogyny
digital political harassment
digital sexual harassment
digital surveillance
digital violence
e-PVTW (Electronic-Perpetrated Violence
Towards Women)
e-VAW (Electronic Violence Against Women)
gendered internet censorship
ICT-facilitated abuse (Information and
Communication Technology)
ICT-facilitated attack
ICT-facilitated bullying
ICT-facilitated discrimination
ICT-facilitated gender discrimination
ICT-facilitated gender-based hate
ICT-facilitated GBV
ICT-facilitated harassment
ICT-facilitated hate
ICT-facilitated misogyny
ICT-facilitated political harassment
ICT-facilitated sexual harassment
ICT-facilitated violence
internet-based sexual violence
network abuse
network attack
network discrimination
network gender-based hate
network GBV
network harassment
network hate
network intimidation
network misogyny
network political harassment
network sexual harassment
network violence
online abuse
online attack
online bullying
online discrimination

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General Terms Cont.

online gender-based hate
online GBV (O-GBV)
online gender harassment
online harassment
online hate
online intimidation
online misogyny
online political harassment
online sexual harassment
tech-facilitated abuse
tech-facilitated GBV (Gender Based Violence)
tech-facilitated gender-based violence
tech-related violence
technology-facilitated abuse
technology-facilitated attack
technology-facilitated discrimination
technology-facilitated gender discrimination
technology-facilitated gender-based hate
technology-facilitated GBV (Gender Based Violence)
technology-facilitated harassment
technology-facilitated hate
technology-facilitated misogyny
technology-facilitated political harassment
technology-facilitated sexual harassment
technology-facilitated violence
virtual abuse
virtual attack
virtual bullying
virtual discrimination
virtual gender discrimination
virtual gender-based hate
virtual GBV (Gender Based Violence)
virtual harassment
virtual hate
virtual intimidation
virtual misogyny
virtual political harassment
virtual rape
virtual sexual harassment
virtual VAW (Violence Against Women)
virtual violence

Specific Behaviors / Behaviours

deepfake
doxxing / doxing
gendered comment
gendertrolling
grooming
image-based abuse
image-based sexual abuse
impersonation
intimate intrusion
live streaming of exploitation
meta rape
name-calling
name-calling online
non-consensual deepfakes
non-consensual deepnudes
non-consensual distribution of sexual images
non-consensual distribution of sexual texts
non-consensual image sharing
non-consensual pornography
online hate speech
online stalking
online threatening
revenge porn
sextortion
sexual extortion
slut shaming
spamming
stalking
trolling

Technology-Facilitated Violence Cont.

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Child-Specific Tech-Facilitated Violence

child abuse images
child abuse on instagram
child abuse via messaging apps
child cyber sexual abuse
child exploitation material
child exposed to sexual content online
child grooming on snapchat
child grooming online
child image-based abuse
child image-based sexual abuse
Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)
Child Sexual Exploitation Material (CSEM)
child sexual exploitation through online gaming
child sexual exploitation via social media
child sexual extortion
child victim of sextortion
cyberbullying of children
digital child sexual abuse
internet-facilitated child sexual abuse
live streaming of child sexual exploitation
livestreamed child sexual abuse
minor sextortion
non-consensual sharing of child images
Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA)
online child abuse
online child sexual exploitation
online grooming of children
online luring of children
online solicitation of minors
technology-assisted child abuse
technology-facilitated child sexual abuse

Offline Exposure - Child & Adolescent Specific

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General Terms

abused child
bullying in school
child abuse
child bride
child brides
child emotional abuse
child exploitation
child kidnapping
child labour / child labor
child maltreatment
child marriage
“early blessing”
child neglect
child physical abuse
child sexual abuse
child trafficking
children exposed to violence
early marriage
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
gang violence and children
hazing
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) among school going learners
peer violence
peer-on-peer violence
problematic sexual behavior in children / problematic sexual behaviour in children
school-based violence
street violence and children
traumatized child / traumatized child
violence against children
violence in schools
sex-for-grades
sex-selective abortion
witnessing Domestic Violence (DV)

Harmful Traditional and Cultural Practices

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General Terms

abuse tolerated by culture
acid attacks
breast flattening
breast ironing
cultural normalisation of abuse
culturally embedded violence
circumcision
cutting
ihu anya nwanji
igbu nwanji
female genital cutting
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
forced circumcision
forced feeding
forced marriage
forced marriage as reparation
forced veiling
levirate
non-consensual bride abduction
marriage by abduction
marriage by kidnapping
marriage by capture
marriage by force
marriage in absentia
money women
money wives
harmful traditional practices
honour killing
hymen reconstruction
rape-marriage exoneration
levirate
sororate
telefa
ukuthwala (isiXhosa)
virginity testing
wife stealing
widow inheritance
widowhood rites
witchcraft accusations
spiritual abuse
sororate

Context Specific Violence

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Humanitarian Settings

abuse in humanitarian settings
child abuse in conflict zones
child abuse in humanitarian settings
civilian in conflict
civilians in armed conflict
conflict-related sexual violence
crisis-related GBV
GBV in conflict
GBV in crisis
GBV in displacement settings
GBV in humanitarian contexts
GBV in informal shelters
gendered war crimes
humanitarian crisis
humanitarian emergency
humanitarian GBV
sexual violence in emergencies
state-sponsored GBV
survival sex
trading sex for aid
undocumented migrants
violence after natural disasters
violence against displaced women
violence against refugee women
violence during displacement
wartime sexual violence

Institutional and Systemic Violence

custodial violence
denial of resources
gendered aid conditionality
gendered displacement
institutional violence
sexual harassment at the workplace
sexual harassment in public places
legal discrimination
obstetric violence
quid pro quo sexual Harassment

Discrimination-Based Violence

biphobia
“correcting”
discrimination
gender discrimination
heterosexism
homophobia
misogyny
sexism
transphobia

Harmful Masculinities

partner violence by men
male-to-male fights
initiation ritual
gang violence
sexual assault and rape as acts of power
exploitation framed as “sex as conquest”
“provider” roles
“breadwinner” roles
military or police hazing / violence
punishment for showing emotions
online bullying
shaming or threats in male peer groups

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Psychological Consequences

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General Mental Health

acute stress
addiction disorders
anxiety / anxious
anxiety disorders
behavioral problems / behavioural problems
bipolar disorders
borderline personality disorder
burnout / burn out
chronic stress
complex PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)
depression
difficulty sleeping
dissociation
distress
eating disorders
emotional numbness
fear
flashbacks
guilt
hyperarousal
hypervigilance
intrusive thoughts
irritability
mental distress
mental health
mental health conditions
mental health disorders
mental health issues
nightmares
Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder (OCPD)
panic attacks
panic disorder
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
psychosis
psychological distress
psychological harm
psychological impact
psychological impacts
psychological trauma
psychosomatic complaints
postpartum depression
postnatal depression
somatization / somatisation
trauma
traumatization / traumatisation

Internal Responses

alone
ashamed
disempowerment
embarrassed
hopeless
identity disturbance
identity struggles
loss of identity
low self-confidence
low self-esteem
regret
restrictive coping strategies
sad
self-blame / self-blaming
self-confidence
self-depreciation
self-esteem
self-harm
self-harming behaviors / self-harming behaviours

External Responses

automutilation
concentration-loss / concentration loss
counterspeech
deal alone
death-anxiety / death anxiety
deliberate self-harm
disruptive behavior in school / disruptive behaviour in school
female suicide
intergenerational trauma
isolation
male suicide
Nonsuicidal Self-Injury (NSSI)
physically unsafe
risky behaviours / risky behaviors
risky sexual behavior / risky sexual behaviour
sleep disorder
social isolation
speak out
substance use and addiction
suicidal behaviour / suicidal behavior
suicidal ideation
suicidal intention
suicidal ostracisation / suicidal ostracization
suicidal thinking
suicidal thoughts
suicidality
suicide
suicide attempts
suicide ideation
truancy

Psychological Consequences Cont.

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Support Seeking

counseling / counselling

help-seeking behavior / help-seeking behaviour

medical help

medical support

psychological help

psychological support

psychotherapy

therapy

Physical and Reproductive Health

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General Physical Health

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
appetite loss
birth injury
bodily injury
bruises
burn
burns
chronic pain
chronic physical health problems
concussions
dental injuries
disability
disabilities
fatigue
fractures
headaches
hospitalization / hospitalisation
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
HIV acquisition
HIV infection
HIV transmission
injuries
injury
insomnia
lacerations
malnutrition
poorer quality of life
reduced health opportunities
scar
Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
sleep disturbance
somatic symptoms
trauma-related injuries
traumatic brain injuries
undernutrition
weight change

Reproductive Health

abortion
abortion complications
difficulty conceiving
ectopic pregnancy
female genital injury
Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C)
Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C)
complications
forced abortion
forced pregnancy
gynaecological problems / gynecological problems
induced abortion
infertility
low birth weight
maternal health
maternal mortality
maternal mortality and morbidity
menstrual irregularity
menstrual irregularities
miscarriage
obstetric complication
obstetric complications
obstetric fistula
obstetric fistulas
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)
pelvic pain
perinatal mortality
pregnancy complication
pregnancy complications
preterm birth
Reproductive Tract Infections (RTIs)
reproductive trauma
sexual dysfunction
small for gestational age
stillbirth
unintended pregnancy
unplanned pregnancy
unsafe abortion
unwanted pregnancy
unwanted pregnancies
unwanted pregnancy
urogenital trauma

Educational, Political and Economic Consequences

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Educational

absenteeism
academic achievement
academic decline
academic difficulties
academic performance
academic underachievement
barriers to education
bullying or social exclusion in school
changing schools
cognitive impairment
concentration difficulties
difficulty retaining information
early school leaving
education access
education discontinuation
education disruption
educational disruption
educational attainment
educational barriers
expulsion
fear at school
grade repetition
lack of access to education
learning difficulties
learning loss
memory issues
missing school
negative educational experiences
negative educational outcomes
poor academic performance
processing information difficulties
reduced participation in school leadership
school attendance
school avoidance
school-based stigma
school drop-out / school dropout
school engagement
school participation
school refusal
suspension from school
truancy
withdrawing from schools

Political

abandon
avoid
barriers to leadership roles
barriers to political participation
block
cautious
change phone number
change privacy setting
civic disengagement
counterspeech
deal alone
decrease online activity
deter
discourage
discouragement from candidacy
disenfranchisement / disfranchisement
dissuade
distract
electoral violence
engage
fear of political engagement
fear of reporting
harassment of political candidates
ignore
increase online activity
increase privacy
increase security
intimidation
less visible
limited mobility
loss of trust in institutions
loss of trust in political engagement
marginalization from decision-making /
marginalisation from decision-making
mobility constraints
motivate
mute
online political silencing
pause online activity
political backlash
political disengagement
political intimidation
political reactions
political retaliation
political withdrawal
quit

Political Cont.

reduce online presence
reduce time online
reduced civic participation
reduced public participation
report
restriction on digital access
restrictions on freedom of movement
seek help
seek support
self-censor
self-censorship
self-isolation
silence
silencing
silencing of survivors
Silencing of trauma
social isolation
speak out
stop posting
underrepresentation in decision-making
voice suppression
withdraw
women leaving politics

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Economic

abject poverty
barriers to employment
chronic unemployment
destitution
displacement
disinheritance
economic costs
economic dependence
economic dependency
economic dependency on abuser
economic exploitation
economic hardship
economic impact
economic loss
economic losses
employment discrimination
employment disruption
employment status
fewer economic opportunities
financial dependence
financial hardship
financial insecurity
financial instability
food insecurity
forced labor / forced labour
homelessness
housing insecurity
housing instability
inability to work due to trauma
income loss
job insecurity
job loss
loss of days of work
loss of employment
loss of income
loss of livelihood
loss of property
occupational disability
old-age poverty
poverty
productivity loss

Economic Cont.

reduced access to credit
Reduced access to social protection
reduced earning
reduced income
reduced participation in workforce
unemployment
unpaid care work
workplace absenteeism
workplace presenteeism
workplace discrimination

Social and Relational Consequences

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Social Impact

blaming of the survivor
breakdown of family relationships
community exclusion
community ostracization / community ostracisation
community rejection
cultural shame
displacement
discrimination
distrust
family rejection
forced displacement
forced family separation
honor-based violence / honour-based violence
interpersonal difficulties
isolation
loss of community trust
loss of social cohesion
loss of social status
loss of social support
marital dissolution
peer rejection
polyvictimization
power imbalances
relationship breakdown
relationship difficulties
relationship issues
rejection
retrafficking / re-trafficking
revictimization / revictimisation
re-victimization / re-victimisation
secondary victimization / secondary victimisation
shame
shunning
social disengagement
social exclusion
social isolation
social ostracisation / social ostracization
social rejection
social stigma
social withdrawal
stigma
stigmatization / stigmatisation
stigmatization and discrimination /
stigmatisation and discrimination
trust issues
under-representation of women in leadership roles

Family Impact

attachment disorders
child custody loss
child protective services involvement
cycles of violence
family breakdown
family disruption
family dysfunction
family relationships
family separation
family troubles
generational trauma
intergenerational abuse
intergenerational trauma
intergenerational transmission of violence
parent-child attachment issues
parental alienation

Safety and Justice Outcomes

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General Terms

customary settlement
barriers to justice
barriers to services
fear of reprisal
femicide
help-seeking
homicide risk
informal settlement
justice system engagement
lack of trust in justice systems
legal recourse
perceived insecurity
police reporting
protection orders
reduced sense of safety
retaliation
revictimization / revictimisation
safety planning
secondary victimization / secondary victimisation
secondary revictimisation / secondary revictimization
service access
shelter use
victim blaming

Child-Specific Outcomes

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General Terms

academic difficulties
aggression
antisocial behavior / antisocial behaviour
attachment disorders
behavioral disturbances / behavioural disturbances
behavioral problems / behavioural problems
child attachment issues
childhood trauma
conduct disorders
delinquency
developmental delays
developmental trauma
disruptive behavior in school / disruptive behaviour in school
emotional dysregulation
externalising behavioral problems / externalizing behavioral problems
externalising behavioural problems / externalizing behavioural problems
intergenerational transmission of violence
internalising problems / internalizing problems
learning difficulties
post-traumatic stress in children
school avoidance
social withdrawal
stunting
toxic stress
truancy
wasting

Positive Outcomes and Resilience

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General Terms


coping mechanisms
coping strategies
empowerment
health seeking behavior / health seeking behaviour
help-seeking behavior / help-seeking behaviour
post-traumatic growth
recovery
resilience
support networks
social support

Fatal Outcomes

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General Terms

death
early death
femicide
filicide
honor-based killing / honour-based killing
infanticide
intimate partner homicide
maternal death
maternal mortality
maternal near miss
mortality
neonaticide
suicide
uxoricide



Substance Use Outcomes

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General Terms


addiction disorders
alcohol abuse
alcohol use disorder
binge drinking
drug use
excessive alcohol consumption
hazardous drinking
harmful alcohol consumption
substance abuse
substance use
substance use and addiction
substance use dependence
substance use disorder

Sexual and Reproductive Outcomes

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General Terms

forced contraceptive use
loss of libido
reduced contraceptive use
reproductive coercion
risky sexual behavior / risky sexual behaviour
sexual dysfunction
sexual exploitation
teenage pregnancy
uncontrollable sexual urges
unprotected sex



Agency and Participation Outcomes

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General Terms

chilling
civic disengagement
disempowerment
loss of autonomy
political disengagement
reduced decision-making power
silencing
voice suppression

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Prevention Interventions

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Primary Prevention

awareness campaigns
awareness raising
bystander intervention
bystander training
community education
community mobilization /
community mobilisation
community prevention programs
/ community prevention
programmes
early intervention
gender equality education
gender transformative
programming
masculinities programs /
masculinities programmes
media campaigns
peer education
primary prevention
public awareness
school-based prevention
social norms change
violence prevention
workplace prevention programs /
workplace prevention
programmes

Secondary Prevention

crisis intervention
early identification
emergency response
identification and referral
risk assessment
safety planning
screening programs /
screening programmes
secondary prevention

Tertiary Prevention

recurrence prevention
relapse prevention
tertiary prevention

Treatment and Therapeutic Interventions

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Individual Therapy

Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy / Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)
Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT)
Dialectical Behavior Therapy / Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)
Eye Movement Desensitization / Eye Movement Desensitisation (EMDR)
individual counseling / individual counselling
individual psychotherapy
individual therapy
narrative therapy
prolonged exposure therapy
psychodynamic therapy
trauma-focused therapy
trauma-informed therapy

Group Interventions

group counseling / group counselling
group therapy
peer support groups
self-help groups
support groups
survivor support groups

Family and Couples Interventions

couples counseling / couples counselling
couples therapy
family counseling / family counselling
family therapy
family-based interventions
systemic therapy

Specialised / Specialized Therapeutic Approaches

art therapy
body-based interventions
brief therapy
culturally adapted therapy
dance/movement therapy
drama therapy
expressive therapy
feminist therapy
mindfulness-based interventions
music therapy
narrative therapy
play therapy
somatic therapy
strengths-based therapy
trauma-informed care

Support Services

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Crisis Support

24-hour helpline
crisis helpline
crisis hotline
crisis intervention
crisis response
emergency hotline
emergency response
emergency services
helpline
hotline

Accommodation Services

emergency accommodation
emergency housing
emergency shelter
refuge
safe accommodation
safe house
safe housing
shelter
temporary accommodation
temporary housing

Advocacy Services

advocacy
case management
court advocacy
independent advocacy
legal advocacy
system advocacy
victim advocacy

Educational and Training Interventions

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Professional Training

capacity building
clinical training
healthcare provider training
professional development
professional training
service provider training
staff training
training program / training programme
workforce development

Public Education

awareness campaigns
community education
educational campaigns
educational interventions
health education
information campaigns
media literacy
public awareness
public education
social marketing

School-Based Programs / Programmes

anti-bullying programs / anti-bullying programmes
bystander intervention training
Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE)
dating violence prevention
digital citizenship education
healthy relationships education
life skills education
peer education programmes / peer education programs
school-based interventions
school-based prevention
social-emotional learning
violence prevention education

Legal and Policy Interventions

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Legal Services

legal aid
legal assistance
legal representation
legal services
legal support

Policy Interventions

legislative reform
mandatory reporting
policy change
policy development
policy implementation
regulatory reform

Justice System Interventions

coordinated community response
court-based interventions
criminal justice response
domestic violence courts
judicial training
police training
restorative justice
specialised courts / specialized courts
victim services

Community-Based Interventions

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Community Mobilization / Mobilisation

collective action
community action
community development
community engagement
community mobilization / community mobilisation
community organizing / community organising
community participation
grassroots mobilization / grassroots mobilisation
participatory approaches
social action

Community Support

community-based interventions
community-based services
community-based support
community care
community healing
community response
informal support
natural support systems
peer support
social support

Cultural and Traditional Approaches

culturally adapted interventions
culturally appropriate services
culturally responsive interventions
culturally specific programs / culturally specific programmes
ethnic-specific services
indigenous healing
indigenous-specific interventions
traditional healing
traditional practices

Technology-Based Interventions

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Digital Interventions

app-based interventions
digital interventions
digital platforms
digital support
e-health interventions
internet-based interventions
mobile Health (mHealth)
mobile interventions
online counseling / online counselling
online interventions
online support
online therapy
technology-assisted interventions
technology-based interventions
telehealth
telemedicine
virtual reality therapy
web-based interventions

Safety Technology

panic buttons
safety apps
safety technology
security devices

Economic Interventions

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Financial Support

cash assistance
cash transfers
conditional cash transfers
economic assistance
emergency financial assistance
financial aid
financial assistance
financial support
income support
unconditional cash transfers

Economic Empowerment

economic empowerment
entrepreneurship programs / entrepreneurship
programmes
financial literacy
income generation
livelihood programs / livelihood programmes
microfinance
microcredit
skills training
vocational training
women's economic empowerment

Healthcare Interventions

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Medical Services

clinical care
emergency medical care
forensic examination
healthcare services
medical care
medical examination
medical services
Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
(PEP)
reproductive health services
Sexual Assault Nurse
Examiner (SANE)

Mental Health Services

mental health services
psychiatric care
psychiatric services
psychological first aid
psychological services
psychosocial support

Screening and Assessment

health screening
mental health screening
risk assessment
routine screening
screening
universal screening
violence screening

Perpetrator Interventions

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Behavioural / Behavioral Change Programs / Programmes

abuser programs / abuser programmes
Batterer Intervention Programs / Batterer Intervention Programmes (BIP)
behavioral change programs / behavioural change programmes
domestic violence offender programs / domestic violence offender programmes
men's behavior change programs / men's behaviour change programmes
perpetrator interventions
perpetrator programs / perpetrator programmes
violence prevention programs / violence prevention programmes

Therapeutic Interventions

anger management
cognitive behavioral interventions / cognitive behavioural interventions
group therapy for perpetrators
individual therapy for perpetrators
therapeutic interventions

Child and Adolescent Interventions

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Child-Specific Services

child advocacy centers / child advocacy centres
child counseling / child counselling
child protection services
child therapy
child-focused interventions
early intervention services
family preservation
family reunification services
pediatric mental health services /
paediatric mental health services
play therapy
school-based counseling / school-based counselling
trauma-informed care for children

Adolescent Programs / Programmes

adolescent interventions
adolescent programs / adolescent programmes
adolescent services
teen dating violence programs / teen dating violence programmes
youth development programs / youth development programmes
youth mentorship programs / youth mentorship programmes
youth programs / youth programmes
youth services

Multi-Component and Integrated Interventions

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Comprehensive Programs / Programmes

comprehensive interventions
comprehensive services
coordinated response
holistic interventions
integrated interventions
integrated services
multi-component interventions
multi-disciplinary interventions
multi-sectoral interventions
wraparound services

Case Management

care coordination / care co-ordination
case coordination / case co-ordination
case management
service coordination / service co-ordination

Specialized / Specialised Population Interventions

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LGBTQ+ Specific

affirming interventions
culturally competent services
LGBTQ+ affirmative therapy
LGBTQ+ specific services
transgender-affirming care

Culturally Specific

culturally adapted interventions
culturally responsive services
culturally sensitive interventions
culturally specific programs /
culturally specific programmes
ethnic-specific services
indigenous-specific interventions

Disability-Specific

accessible services
disability-inclusive interventions
disability-specific services

Bystander Interventions

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Bystander Interventions

active bystander
bystander behavior / behaviour
bystander effect
bystander intervention
bystander response
bystander training
collective action
collective efficacy
community protection
de-escalation / deescalation
direct intervention
distraction technique
help-seeking
indirect intervention
interrupting violence
intervening bystander
moral courage
peer intervention
prevention of violence
prosocial behavior / behaviour
social bystander
social norms change
standing up
third party intervention
upstander
violence interruption
witness intervention
witness support



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