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# Why should we address GBV through Disaster Risk Management

1 in 3 women worldwide are subjected to physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner or sexual violence from a non-partner in their lifetime.

GBV negatively affects survivor's physical and mental health and well-being and has social and economic consequences. GBV also has intergenerational impact affecting children who witness it.

Emergencies exacerbate existing violence and other forms of violence. Consequences can last decades after the crisis.

Embedding GBV prevention and response as core elements of response at all stages, from preparedness through crisis onset and response/recovery phase, helps reduce risk of GBV and promote resilience.

GBV is preventable.



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# How can we address GBV through DRM?

## Preparedness/Mitigation Stage

### Key Areas of Intervention

- Ensure that existing protocols and guidelines integrate actions to respond to GBV during the emergency and recovery phase
- Promote the participation of various stakeholders and community members from diverse background in the development of preparedness plans, which recognizes women and girls at higher risk of experiencing GBV
- Build or strengthen the capacity of disaster response actors to recognize and respond to violence triggers
- Ensure the provision of quality, well equipped GBV services and referral pathways for survivors; and adequate dissemination of available GBV services information
- Work with community-based organizations establish confidential entry points where survivors can seek assistance after an incident



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# How can we address GBV through DRM

## Response/Recovery Stage

### Key Areas of Intervention

- Work with existing inter-organizational, multi-sectoral GBV working group
- Integrate GBV expertise into agencies' disaster response and recovery teams
- Design shelters that meet internationally agreed-upon standards and consider the physical safety of women and girls
- Set up WASH facilities and water points in accessible and secure location and ensure facilities to have locks
- Distribute dignity kits and safety equipment with basic emergency kits (whistles, flashlights, etc.) to help women and girls
- Implement outreach activities focusing on women and girls in shelters, camps and settlements to raise awareness of GBV and where to go for assistance
- Provide culturally appropriate psychosocial support and offer a quality medical response to GBV survivors



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