Women have the right to live free of violence

Delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.
What is gender-based violence?

- Violence against women and girls takes many forms of sexual, physical, emotional and economic abuse. Some examples are domestic violence, rape and unwanted sex, intimidation, harassment and trafficking.

- Violence against women and girls is often perpetrated by husbands, relatives, teachers and colleagues.

- The underlying cause of gender-based violence is gender inequality.

- Violence against women cannot be justified by tradition or culture.

Some consequences of gender-based violence

- Sexual violence wreaks havoc on women’s health. It leads to sexually transmitted infections, unwanted pregnancies and unsafe abortions.

- Violence against women causes physical injury, suffering and, in the worst cases, death.

- Gender-based violence leaves deep psychological scars that can take years to overcome.

Women and men have to stand together

- Fathers, husbands, uncles and brothers can do their part to eliminate violence against women and girls.

- Real change happens when men and boys partner together with women and girls against gender-based violence.