



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



**GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM: KENYA'S ROADMAP FOR
ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY AND ENDING ALL FORMS
OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMALE GENITAL
MUTILATION BY 2026**





ABOUT GENERATION EQUALITY

Generation Equality is an international platform that seeks to accelerate the implementation of the gender equality commitments in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of 1995, in order to achieve transformative change. Convened by UN Women (the United Nations entity dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women) and co-hosted by Mexico and France, the Generation Equality forum has identified six thematic areas and created Action Coalitions for each. These steps are integral for progress and transformative change on gender equality at all levels. Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is one of GEF's six Action Coalitions (ACs); the other Actions Coalitions include: Economic justice and rights, Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), Feminist action for climate justice, Technology and innovation for Gender Equality and Feminist movements and leadership.

Kenya is co-leading the Gender-Based Violence Action Coalition alongside the U.K., Uruguay, and Iceland as member states; the European Union; Ford Foundation; and civil society as well as private sector partners. As a co-leader of the initiative, the Government of Kenya seeks to leverage the Generation Equality platform as an opportunity to recommit to ending all forms of GBV and FGM, and accelerate action at the national and global levels by:

- ◆ Implementing His Excellency (H.E) President Uhuru Kenyatta's commitment to end Female Genital Mutilation in Kenya
- ◆ Responding to the escalation of GBV cases during the COVID-19 pandemic, by drawing on the national response plan on gender-based violence and FGM and the inter-agency program on GBV
- ◆ Strengthening enforcement and implementation of Kenya's legal and policy environment for addressing FGM and GBV and platforms for multi-stakeholder coordination to implement holistic approaches to end all forms GBV and FGM

GUIDING FRAMEWORK FOR KENYA'S GEF COMMITMENTS

As a leader in the GBV Action Coalition of the Generation Equality process, Kenya's aim is to:

1. **Build on significant progress made in Kenya after the adoption of the 1995 Beijing Declaration** and the Platform for Action. This includes the adoption of policy and the legal measures related to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), gender parity in school enrollment at the primary school level, progress on women's representation in leadership and decision making, the right to matrimonial property, and the right to citizenship. Despite this progress, women and girls continue to face discrimination, exclusion, and inequality across economic, social, and political fronts.
2. **Align with Kenya's commitments made during the 25th Anniversary** of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+25) Nairobi Summit. These are:
 - ◆ To end Female Genital Mutilation by strengthening coordination on legislation and policy framework; communication and advocacy; evidence generation; and support of cross-border collaboration on elimination of FGM by 2022.
 - ◆ To eliminate, by 2030, all forms of gender-based violence — including child and forced marriages — by addressing social and cultural norms that propagate the vice while providing support to women and girls who have been affected.
 - ◆ To ensure universal access to quality reproductive health services, including prevention and management of GBV, in humanitarian and fragile contexts by 2030.

3. **Domesticate the global GEF GBV Action Coalition Blueprint** priorities, which are:

- 1 **ACTION 1:** More states and regional actors to ratify international and regional conventions. Public and private sector institutions strengthen, implement, and finance evidence-driven laws, policies, and action plans to end gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity. This will enable 550 million more women and girls to live in countries with laws and policies prohibiting all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls by 2026.
- 2 **ACTION 2:** Scale up implementation and financing of evidence-driven prevention strategies by public and private sector institutions and women's rights organizations to drive down prevalence of gender-based violence against women in all their diversity including in humanitarian settings. In so doing, increase by 50% the number of countries that include one or more evidence-driven prevention strategies on gender-based violence against women and girls in national policies by 2026.
- 3 **ACTION 3:** Scale up implementation and financing of coordinated survivor-centered, comprehensive, quality, accessible and affordable services for survivors of gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity including in humanitarian settings. This will result in more women and girls living in countries with multi-sectoral action plans on GBV that include provision of police, justice, health and social sector services by 2026.
- 4 **ACTION 4:** Enhance support and increase accountability and quality, flexible funding from states, private sector, foundations, and other donors to autonomous girl-led & women's rights organizations working to end gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity. This will progressively improve and increase international funding by 50% to women's rights organizations, activists, and movements including those working to address gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity by 2026.

THE COMMITMENTS

Based on the above actions, the Government of Kenya under the global GEF GBV Action Coalition is committing to the following concrete actions on ending all forms of GBV and FGM by 2026:

ACTION 1

More states and regional actors to ratify international and regional conventions. Public and private sector institutions strengthen, implement, and finance evidence-driven laws, policies, and action plans to end gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

This will protect 550 million more women and girls who live in countries with laws and policies prohibiting all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls by 2026.

Commit to the full implementation of GBV laws and policies by adopting a GBV indicator in the government Performance contracting framework to track duty-bearers accountability on enforcement and implementation of GBV laws and policies by 2022.

allocation for FY2020/2021 of USD 2.79 million to GBV and FGM and incrementally work towards a minimum budget allocation of USD 5million for subsequent financial years. In addition, we commit to institute an accountability framework for tracking expenditure.

Commit to investing USD 23million for GBV prevention and response by 2022 and increase the resource allocation up to USD 50million by 2026 through a co-financing model. Specifically, the Government of Kenya, commits to sustain the

Commit to ratify and implement the ILO Convention 190 on eliminating Gender-Based Violence and Harassment in the world of work by 2026 in close partnership with the private sector.

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In so doing, increase by 50% the number of countries that include one or more evidence-driven prevention strategies on gender-based violence against women and girls in national policies by 2026.

Commit to introducing a module on GBV in the 2022 Kenya Demographic Health Survey to strengthen the utilization of gender statistics in informing the design, scale-up and evaluation of FGM and GBV programming.

Commit to develop a GBV management and information system by 2022 to strengthen GBV prevention and response programming.

Commit to invest Kshs.100 million annually for GBV research and innovation to boost evidence-based programming by 2026.

ACTION 3

Scale up implementation and financing of coordinated survivor-centered, comprehensive, quality, accessible and affordable services for survivors of gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity including in humanitarian settings.

This will result in more nations establishing multi-sectoral action plans on GBV that include provision of police, justice, health and social sector services by 2026.

Commit to integrating GBV services (medical, legal and psychological support services) into the essential minimum package of the Universal Health Coverage UHC by 2022.

Commit to establishing a GBV survivors fund through a co-financing model in partnership with private sector, civil society and other stakeholders for economic empowerment of GBV survivors.

Commit to scaling up the national police service integrated response to GBV ('Policare'¹), and establishing Gender-Based Violence Recovery Centers and shelters in all 47 counties by 2026.

Commit to GBV prevention and response in crisis situations such as COVID-19 pandemic response, humanitarian contexts, and electoral-related GBV.

ACTION 4

Enhance support and increase accountability and quality, flexible funding from states, private sector, foundations, and other donors to autonomous girl-led & women's rights organizations working to end gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.

This will progressively improve and increase international funding by 50% to women's rights organizations, activists and movements including those working to address gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity by 2026.

Commit to strengthen collaboration with non-state actors including girl-led, women's rights organizations, male champions, and private sector through coordination structures such as the Gender Sector working groups at the national and county levels.

Commit to adopting and institutionalizing the multi-sectoral GEF Leadership structure comprising the National Advisory Committee, the National Steering Committee, and the county leadership structure to guide the implementation of Kenya's GEF Commitments in the GBV Action Coalition up to 2026.

¹POLICARE is a National Police Service (NPS) integrated response to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Kenya. It is designed as a multi-agency victim centered "ONE STOP CENTER" service provider. The service providers will include and not limited to Police, Forensic investigators, Health providers, Psychologists, DPP representative, a Magistrate on call, Medical-legal, Gender experts, Correctional personnel among others under all under one roof.

By making the above commitments, the Government of Kenya aims to increase the global momentum towards ending all forms of GBV and FGM by 2026.

