THE INTER-AGENCY
MINIMUM STANDARDS
for Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Programming

1 GBV GUIDING PRINCIPLES
All aspects of GBV programming are survivor-centred to preserve and promote the confidentiality, safety, non-discrimination and respect for the choices, rights and dignity of women and girls, including GBV survivors.

2 WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT
Women and girls are engaged as active partners and leaders in influencing the humanitarian sector to prevent GBV and support survivors’ access to quality services.

3 STAFF CARE AND SUPPORT
GBV staff are recruited and trained to meet core competencies, and their safety and well-being are promoted.

4 HEALTH CARE FOR GBV SURVIVORS
GBV survivors access quality, survivor-centred health care, including health services for sexual and intimate partner violence and other forms of GBV, and referrals to prevent and/or reduce the effects of violence.

5 PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
Women and girls safely access quality, survivor-centred psychosocial support focused on healing, empowerment and recovery.

6 GBV CASE MANAGEMENT
GBV survivors access appropriate, quality case management services including coordinated care and support to navigate available services.

7 REFERRAL SYSTEMS
Referral systems are in place to connect GBV survivors to appropriate, quality, multisectoral services in a timely, safe and confidential manner.

8 WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ SAFE SPACES
Women and girls only safe spaces are available, accessible and provide quality services, information and activities that promote healing, well-being and empowerment.

9 SAFETY AND RISK MITIGATION
GBV actors advocate for and support the integration of GBV risk mitigation and survivor support across humanitarian sectors.

10 JUSTICE AND LEGAL AID
Legal and justice actors support GBV survivors to access safe and survivor-centred legal services that protect their rights and promote their access to justice.

11 DIGNITY KITS, CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE
Women and girls receive dignity kits, and/or cash and vouchers to reduce GBV risk and promote safety and dignity.

12 ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND LIVELIHOODS
Women and adolescent girls access economic support as part of a multisectoral GBV response.

13 TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS AND SOCIAL NORMS
GBV programming addresses harmful social norms and systemic gender inequality in a manner that is accountable to women and girls.

14 COLLECTION AND USE OF SURVIVOR DATA
Survivor data are managed with survivors’ full informed consent for the purpose of improving service delivery, and are collected, stored, analysed and shared safely and ethically.

15 GBV COORDINATION
Coordination results in timely, concrete action to mitigate risks, and prevent and respond to GBV.

16 ASSESSMENT, MONITORING AND EVALUATION
Information collected ethically and safely is used to improve the quality of GBV programmes and accountability to women and girls.

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