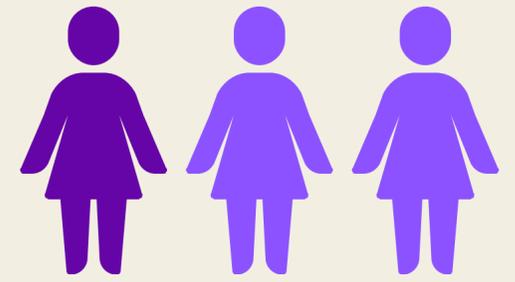


Factsheet: Fund GBV Prevention to Accelerate Progress on Generation Equality

Gender-based violence against women, girls and gender non-conforming people has historically been ignored, overlooked and condoned. However, after decades of advocacy and programming by women's movements and feminist movements, violence against women and girls is now widely recognised as a fundamental violation of human rights, and a serious development and public health issue. In a world striving for gender equality, the fight against gender-based violence emerges as a powerful force for social transformation. Gender-based violence prevention initiatives not only address immediate harm but also challenge the deeply entrenched norms, attitudes, and power dynamics that perpetuate inequality. By investing in comprehensive and sustained funding for gender-based violence prevention work, we take a significant step towards creating a society where everyone, regardless of gender, can live free from violence, discrimination, and fear.

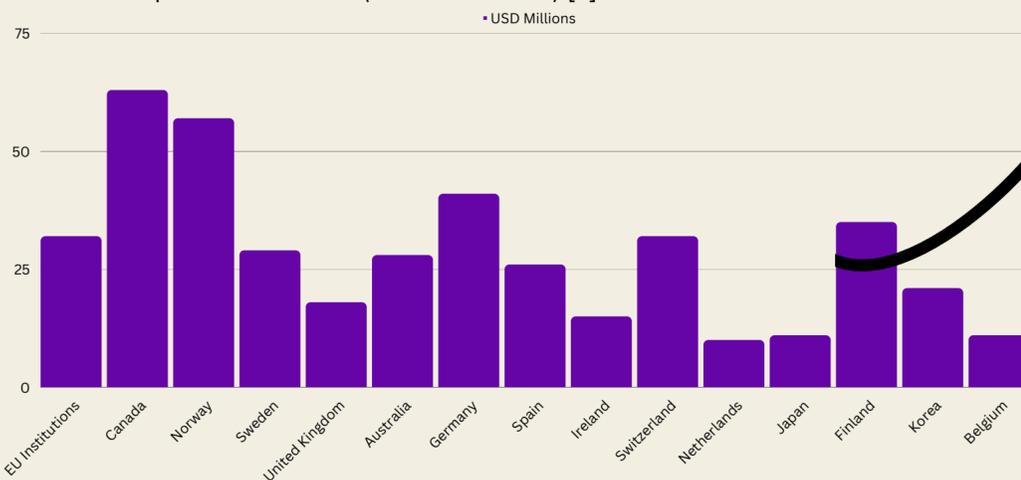


1 in 8 women will experience gender based violence

The data speaks for itself.

General Development Funding

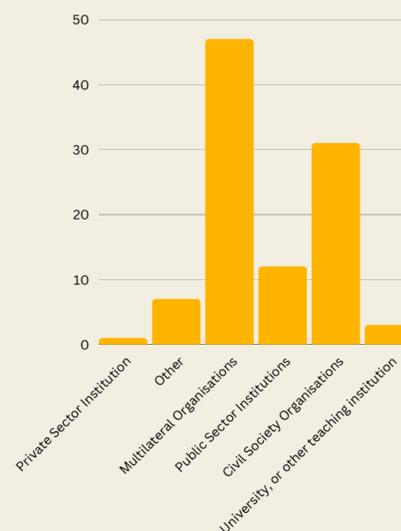
DAC members committed USD 458 million per year on average over 2020-21 in support of ending violence against women and girls, a mere 0,3% of their total ODA. Despite the increase of ODA overall in the period, ODA for ending violence against women and girls decreased compared to 2018-19 (USD 531 million) [1].



Investment in GBV Prevention
0.03%

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAS TOTALLED APPROXIMATELY USD 2.042 BILLION, WHICH IS LESS THAN 0.03% OF ANNUAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

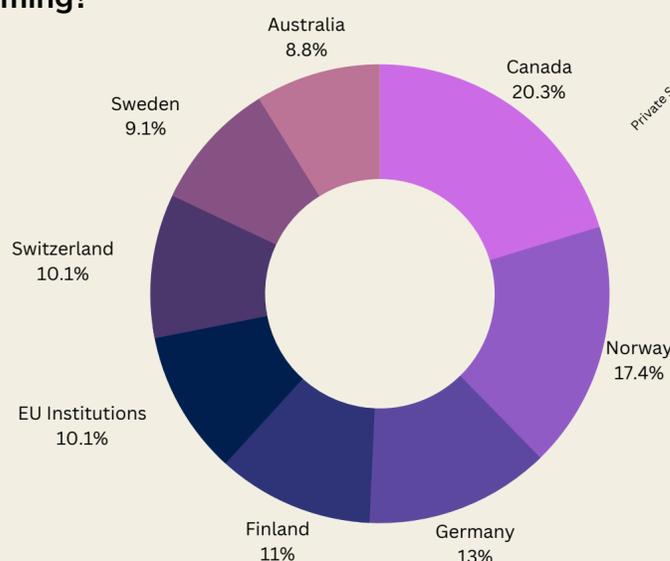
Who receives GBV programming funding?



Much of the bilateral ODA for ending VAWG flows through multilateral organisations, and in 2021 this amounted to USD 458 million. This channel continues to be the most used by DAC members when financing programmes towards ending violence against women and girls and gender-based violence. The levels of financing through the use of civil society actors towards the elimination of VAWG is the second most utilised modality to channel ODA towards ending VAWG, at 135 million in 2019. Financing through the public sector also remains a common modality.[3]

Who is funding GBV programming?

The main development partners for this specific sub-sector in 2020-21 were Canada (USD 63 million on average per year in the period) and Norway (USD 57 million). The top recipients were Tanzania (USD 23 million in average per year), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (USD 22 million) and Somalia (USD 15 million) [1].



Why is funding GBV prevention critical for a gender-equitable world?

Gender-based violence prevention addresses the underlying causes and far-reaching impacts of violence, fostering lasting change within families, communities, and nations. It recognises that violence against women, girls, and marginalised genders stems from broader gender inequalities and power imbalances. By combating gender-based violence, we challenge discriminatory societal structures that hinder individual agency and potential.

Investing in GBV Prevention

- is an investment in the well-being and empowerment of individuals and communities.
- enables the implementation of comprehensive strategies encompassing prevention, survivor support, education, advocacy, and policy reform.
- sends a resounding message of society's commitment to upholding the rights and dignity of all individuals.
- signifies a collective acknowledgement that violence has no place in our communities, and everyone deserves a safe and valued environment.

Through prevention initiatives, we actively strive to reshape cultural norms, promote gender equality, and foster a culture rooted in respect and consent.

What Can Governments and Development Partners do ?

1. Increase direct investment in the prevention of gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity. This includes (but is not limited to):
 - a. Funding evidence-based and practice-informed GBV prevention strategies and policies aimed at addressing the root causes of GBV including challenging unequal power relations and shifting negative social norms that reinforce GBV.
 - b. Provide core, flexible and long-term funding to women's rights organizations working on GBV prevention
 - c. Go beyond short-term projects and timelines and invest in long-term strategies to create normative and systemic change that aims to address the root causes GBV
2. Develop gender-transformative national GBV Prevention strategies, plans, and policies with significant budget lines to ensure effective implementation
3. Scaling up on evidence-based GBV prevention programs: Scale up implementation and financing of evidence-driven prevention strategies by public and private sector institutions and women's rights organizations to drive down the prevalence of gender-based violence against women.

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The Accelerator brings together the GBV prevention movement to set ambitious, game-changing goals, and collectively advocate for governments and donors to invest in a violence-free future for all women, girls and gender-diverse people. We are committed to advocating for more and better funding to go towards GBV Prevention. Follow us on social media @preventgbv

