

Zero Tolerance for Gender Based Violence

Cases of gender-based violence (GBV) increase during periods of stress or hardship. GBV cases are increasing in Zambia during COVID-19.

► What is GBV?

GBV takes many forms: physical, sexual, or emotional.

► Impact of GBV

Women and girls are the main victims of GBV.

GBV can cause serious injury or even death. It can also cause severe emotional distress.

Women affected by GBV may not be able to look after themselves or their children.

GBV causes severe harm to families and communities.



► What can communities do?

Say no to GBV!

Promote "Zero Tolerance for Gender Based Violence" in the community!

What can I do if I hear about cases of GBV?

► Report cases of GBV to your local CHV. Many CHVs in this district have been trained on GBV.

► Report cases of GBV to the traditional leader and the Neighbourhood Watch. They can help link affected women with the local Victim Support Unit.

► Encourage women and girls affected by GBV to speak to a health worker.

► Support is available 24/7 from Lifeline Zambia. **Call 933 toll free.**

► We can all try to find ways to support those affected by GBV: we can offer friendship or help with practical tasks such as child care or farming.