



# Health care workers as effective bystanders TO SAY NO to Violence against women

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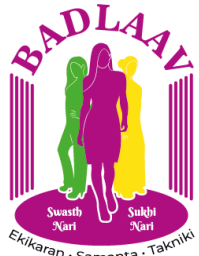
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# TERMS AND TERMINOLOGY



**VAW-  
VIOLENCE  
AGAINST  
WOMEN**

**IPV-  
INTIMATE  
PARTNER  
VIOLENCE**

**DV-  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE**

**GBV-  
GENDER  
BASED  
VIOLENCE**



## WHAT DO WE UNDERSTAND BY “VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN”



“Violence against women” means any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, **Physical, Sexual or Psychological** harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.



# Violence Against Women

What?

forms of Violence  
is experienced by  
women and girls

Where ?

can women and  
girls experience  
violence

Which?

Age groups may  
experience  
Violence

By  
Whom



# What?

Physical,  
Psychological  
Financial  
Sexual  
Emotional  
Violence/Abuse

# By Whom?

Partner/  
Husband

Unknown  
person

Family  
member

Community





# Where can Violence take place



- Street
- Office
- Institution
- Workplace
- Public transports
- Public places
- Home-Domestic Violence
  
- Everywhere
- Anywhere

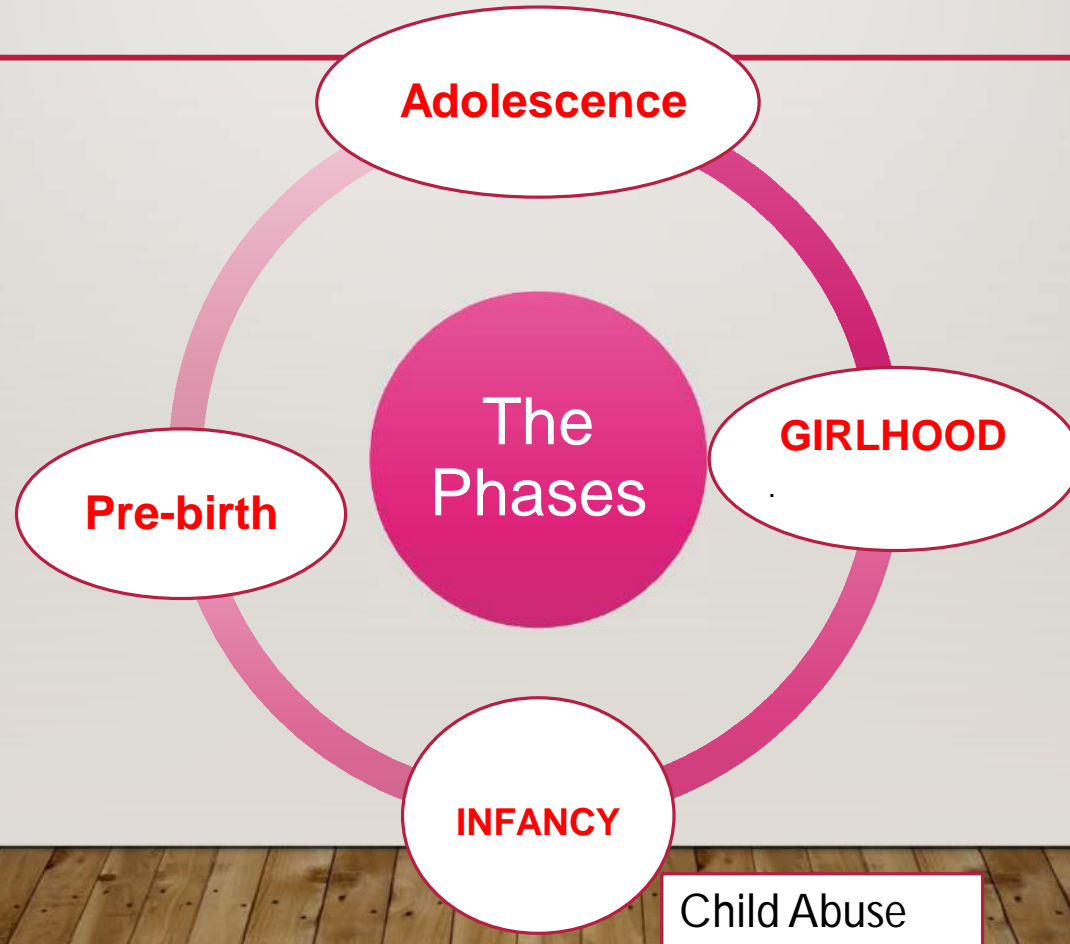


# Violence Against Women- Which age group?



Sex selective  
abortion

Violence on  
pregnant  
mother



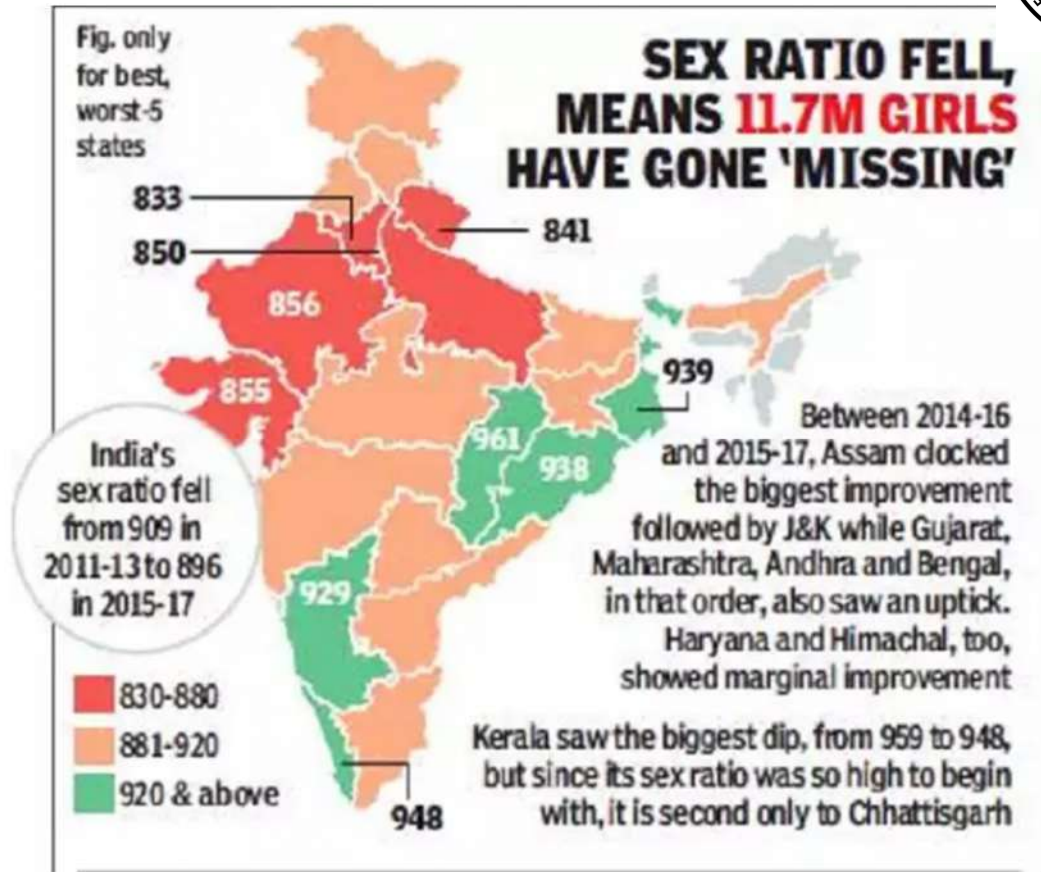
- Sexual abuse
- Eve teasing
- Bullying
- Harassment
- Pornography
- Voyeurism
- Criminal intimidation
- Honour killing
- Sexual assault
- Rape
- Throwing of acid
- Honour killing
- Criminal intimidation
- Black mail
- Child marriage
- Trafficking
- Prostitution
- Murders
- Dowry killings/harassment
- Rape
- Incest



# Male vs Female survival

- Child sex Ratio-
- According to the 2012 World Development Report, the number of missing women is estimated to be about 1.5 million women per year, with a majority of the women missing in India and China

## MISSING WOMEN







# EFFECTS OF VAW ON HEALTH OF WOMEN



SEX RATIO

NEGLECT- POOR HEALTH  
AND NUTRITION

MENSTRUATION DISORDERS

ANEMIA

TEEN MARRIAGES –TEEN  
PREGNANCIES  
UNWANTED PREGNANCIES  
MTP-UNSAFE ABORTIONS  
FORCED ABORTIONS

STIS  
HIV  
PELVIC INFECTIONS

CONTRACEPTION'  
ABORTION

MENTAL HEALTH  
DEPRESSION- POST  
PARTUM  
SUICIDES

PREGNANCY AND MATERNAL DEATH  
COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY  
ANEMIA  
HYPERTENSION'  
BLEEDING  
PRETERMLABOUR  
PROM  
LBW  
INJURIES  
STILL BIRTHS



# WHY SHOULD WE CARE-WHAT IS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ROLE



- All women are likely to seek health services at some point in their lives
- Health-care providers are often **trusted** by women and serve as **role models** in the community.
- Violence is an underlying cause of injury and ill health.





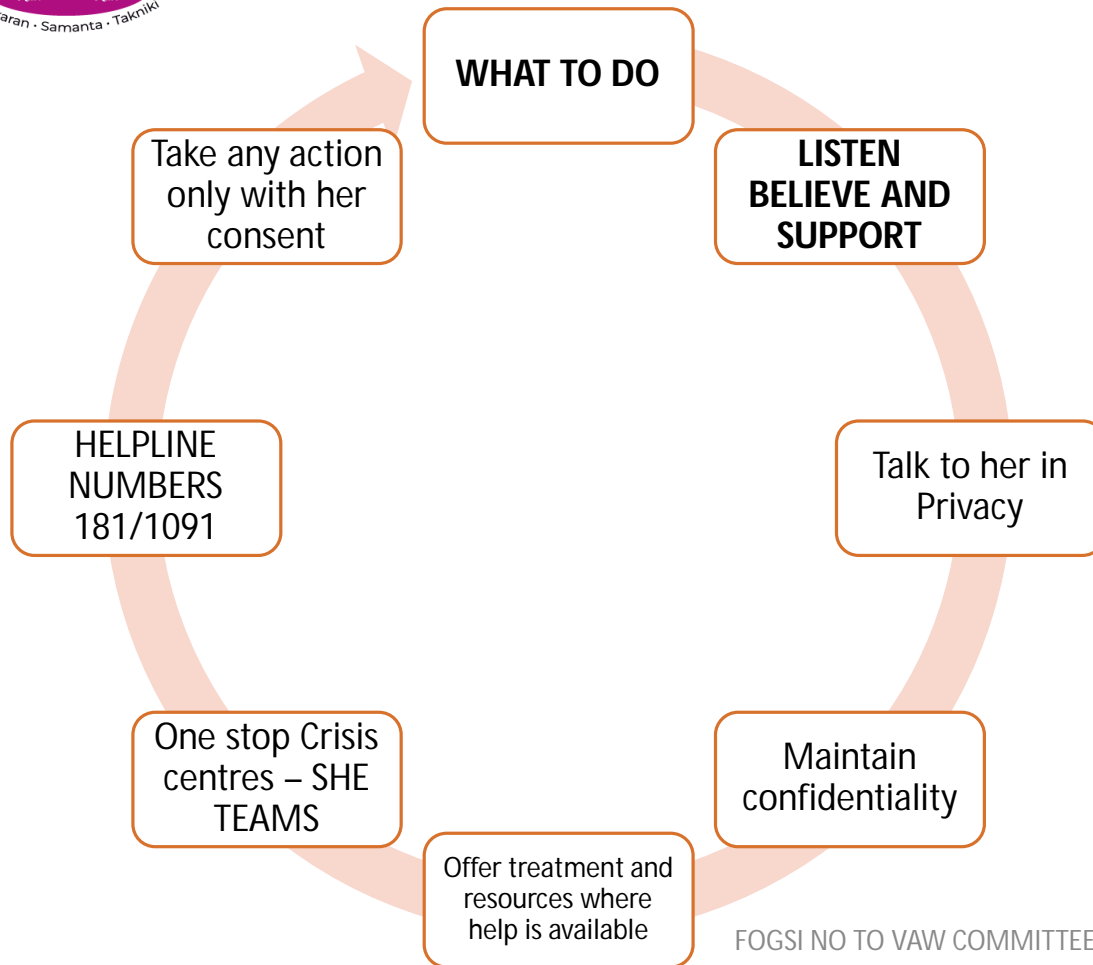
# HOW CAN WOMEN PRESENT TO US



- DIRECT INJURY
- FRACTURES
- CUT MARKS
- DEPRESSED
- NO REGULAR VISITS/UNBOOKED STATUS
- ANXIETY
- REPEATED ABORTIONS
- MALNOURISHED STATE
- SEVERE COMPLICATIONS IN PREGNANCY BROUGHT LATE TO HOSPITAL



# WHEN YOU IDENTIFY VIOLENCE ...



## WHAT NOT TO DO

Do not discuss in front of partner-  
It may further endanger her!

Do not Blame her-Its not her fault



# Practical Approaches



S  
O  
L  
E  
R

**S**itting position  
**O**pen posture  
**L**eaning forward  
**E**ye contact  
**R**elaxed





# Supporting GBV survivors using the **LIV(ES)** approach



**L**  
**I**  
**V**  
**E**  
**S**



***Listen***  
***Inquire***  
***Validate***



***Enhance Safety***



***Support***



# DOMESTIC LEGAL REMEDIES IN INDIA

The Constitution of India: Article 14 on equality

The National Commission for Women, set up as a statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990

The Dowry Prohibition Act (DPA)

498A IPC-This is the most widely used provision against domestic violence

The Protection of Women From Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA), 2005



## THE CONCEPT OF ONE STOP CRISIS CENTRES

A 'One Stop Crisis Centre' (OSCC) caters to the immediate medical, legal and psychological needs of women who are survivors of physical and mental abuse, with an assurance that their consent and confidentiality will be respected and protected .

234 OSCC/OCC all over  
India  
Sakhi centres



Gauravi at Madhya Pradesh

A joint initiative of the Department of Public Health and Family Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh, and ActionAid, supported by the police department, **Gauravi's staff of 10 focuses on the victim's needs, without compartmentalising services.** June 2014



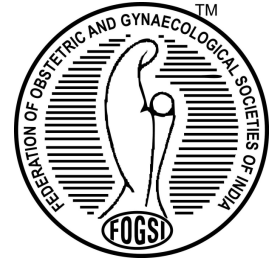


# BHAROSA (TRUST)

Bharosa centre and SHE teams' office,

An all in one for violence against women with police, counsellors, psychologist, legal advisor, medical help.

The help line is 100 and will be directed to Bharosa if it's violence



A woman can walk in with the assurance that her consent and confidentiality will be respected and protected



# WHO TO CONTACT (NUMBERS)



**All India Women Helpline-  
Women in Distress**

**1091**

**Women's Domestic  
Abuse Helpline**

**181**

**National Commission for  
Women**

**011-26942369  
011-26944754**

**Delhi Commission for  
women**

**011-23378044  
011-23378317  
011-23370597**

**Outer Delhi Helpline**

**011-27034873  
011-27034874**

**Local Bodies**

**Local Champions  
NGOs  
Police Station**

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**Find Out Your Local City Helpline Numbers and Share with your Group/School**



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