Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is violence directed at an individual based on biological sex, gender identity or socially ascribed norms of masculinity and femininity. Marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities, and those in the Least Displaced Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community are at a higher risk of experiencing GBV. GBV negatively affects individuals and societies.

**GBV CAN INCLUDE**
- Sexual, physical, psychological, and emotional abuse
- Sexual harassment
- Child marriage
- Domestic violence
- Female genital mutilation
- Trafficking in persons

**THE PROBLEM**
- 1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced physical or sexual violence.
- There are over 14 million child marriages each year.
- Over 1,700 transgender persons have been murdered in 61 countries over the past seven years.
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**WHAT WE’RE DOING**
- **Prevention**: Addressing the root causes of violence
- **Protection**: Responding to the needs of those affected by GBV
- **Accountability**: Supporting legislation and its enforcement against GBV

**PROGRAM EXAMPLES**
- USAID addresses GBV in over 40 countries around the world, in every region where the Agency works.

**Sources**

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