

Together we can end violence against women and girls

Every day, everywhere, all over the world, women and girls face violence – at home, in the street, at work, at leisure. It is rooted in the gender inequality and discrimination they face all their lives. At least 1 in 3 women will experience some form of violence during their lifetime – that's more than 1 billion women worldwide.

Being one of the least developed regions of the world, gender based violence is a huge problem in West Africa. 1 in 3 women living here has experienced physical violence. 1 in 10 has experienced sexual violence.

Some believe that violence within a household is not their business. Some believe that violence toward women and girls is justifiable and normal. Many know that it isn't, but they don't speak out.

We say: Enough! Let's end the injustice of gender based violence now. And let's do it together; women, girls, boys and men. **Join us!**



About the project

FUNDING: The project is funded by the European Union and Oxfam with 5,915,954 EUR over four years (2019-2022).

CONSORTIUM: It is implemented by a consortium of Oxfam IBIS (Denmark), Oxfam in Ghana, Oxfam in Liberia, WiLDAF/Mali, FCI (Liberia), WiLDAF/Ghana. Together we will work with at least 16 civil society organizations before 2023.

BENEFICIARIES: We will reach more than 6200 women and girls needing protection from gender based violence. And we will reach out to more than 3700 men and boys and 900 traditional and religious leaders and other opinion leaders to make them our allies in the fight.



Enough!

Empowering women, girls, boys and men to take positive action in ending gender based violence in Ghana, Liberia and Mali



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The Enough! project

Through the Enough!-project, we will empower women and girls in Mali, Liberia and Ghana to claim their rights to a life free from fear and violence.

We have chosen a holistic approach: Ending violence is only possible if girls and women are individually empowered; movements and other social groups get together to defend women's and girl's rights to a life in safety; laws and policies are well implemented; and the norms in societies change.

We want to be an ally to women and their organizations, and support their mobilization, ideas and efforts. We believe that active citizens who join forces are the ones best suited to fight inequality and violence in their own lives and communities. They are the ones who can create lasting change. By working together, we can end violence against women.

How we do it

1 By supporting at least 16 local civil society organizations and women's groups that seek to influence communities and institutions around them to combat gender based violence and meet the immediate needs of women and girls who experience violence.

2 By challenging harmful social norms and practices which are the root causes of gender based violence. We help the women and girls who experience violence to claim their right to a life free from fear and violence – by providing legal support, health services, safe spaces, crisis counselling and livelihood opportunities. And we work with governments, law-makers and institutions to ensure their policies and practice work towards resetting the imbalance



Where we work

IN LIBERIA, violence against women is the most widespread human rights violation – as it is in many other low-income countries. About 40 per cent of women report at least one instance of intimate partner violence with in their lifetime. Sexual assault and abuse of women and girls constitute nearly 70 per cent of all gender based violence-cases.

IN GHANA, gender inequality remains a key development issue. On UNDP's 2016 Gender Parity Index, Ghana ranked 131 out of 159 countries which is quite troubling for a middle income country. There is a high prevalence of rights violations against women and girls including early and forced marriages, female genital mutilation, levirate and various forms of abuse. One in four women has experienced some form of domestic violence in the past year.

IN MALI, the precarious security and humanitarian situation in the Northern and central regions has exacerbated the existing inequalities and gender based violence. One in three girls has experienced physical violence by the age of 15. More than one in ten adult women have experienced sexual violence. In 93% of the cases, the perpetrator is the husband or intimate partner.

Child marriage is a huge problem. One in six women aged 15-49 was married before the age of 15. In some of the areas where we work, it applies for almost one in five women.