

Category 10. Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

Flagship: Zero Tolerance GBV Framework – Embedding gender equity into governance and expanding survivor support services.

Situation Analysis

Gender-based violence (GBV) remains one of the most pervasive human rights violations in Nigeria, affecting women, girls, and vulnerable groups across all socio-economic strata. It undermines:

- **Human Development:** GBV denies women and girls access to education, health, and participation, obstructing progress toward **SDG 4 (Education)** and **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)**.
- **Governance:** It erodes trust in institutions, weakens the rule of law, and obstructs **SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions)**.
- **Economic Growth:** GBV reduces productivity and imposes costs equivalent to several percentage points of GDP annually.
- **Security:** GBV is both a driver and a consequence of conflict, displacement, and instability.

Nigeria, as a State Party to **CEDAW**, the **Maputo Protocol**, and the **Beijing Platform for Action**, has binding obligations to prevent, protect, and respond to GBV.

Theory of Change

If Nigeria embeds **zero tolerance for GBV** into governance systems, institutions, and cultural norms, **and if** prevention measures are mainstreamed across education, justice, security, and economic sectors, **then** GBV prevalence will decline, survivors will be protected, and national development will accelerate.

This will contribute directly to:

- SDG 5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.
- SDG 16.1: Significantly reduce all forms of violence.
- SDG 17: Strengthen global partnerships for sustainable development.

Results Framework

Outcome 1: Strengthened Governance & Legal Safeguards

- Adoption of **Zero Tolerance Codes** across all public and private institutions.
- Establishment of **Fast-Track GBV Courts** to ensure timely justice.
- Annual **GBV Risk Audits** conducted and published.

Outcome 2: Institutional Capacity for Prevention

- **GBV Prevention Units** established in ministries, universities, and corporations.
- **Independent National Commission on GBV Prevention** operational with prosecutorial authority.

Outcome 3: Social Norms Transformation

- **Curriculum Integration** of GBV prevention and gender equity.
- **Community Compacts** with faith and traditional leaders.
- **Mass Media Campaigns** reframing GBV as a national security and development issue.

Outcome 4: Technology & Innovation for Prevention

- **National GBV Early Warning System** deployed.
- **Digital Reporting Platforms** ensuring anonymity and survivor protection.
- **Real-Time Dashboards** aligned with SDG monitoring frameworks.

Outcome 5: Economic & Structural Prevention

- **Women's Economic Security Fund** established.
- **Safe Infrastructure Standards** embedded in urban planning.
- **Employer Liability Provisions** enforced.

Implementation Arrangements

- **Lead Agency:** Ministry of Women Affairs, in partnership with Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Interior.
- **UN Partners:** UN Women, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, OHCHR.
- **Civil Society:** Women's rights organizations, survivor networks, and community-based groups.
- **Private Sector:** Corporations adopting GBV compliance codes and workplace safeguards.
- **Oversight:** National GBV Prevention Council with multi-stakeholder representation.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- **National GBV Prevention Index** published annually, ranking states and institutions.
- **Independent Third-Party Audits** aligned with UN Women and UNDP standards.
- **Annual SDG-Aligned Impact Reports** accessible to citizens, donors, and investors.
- **Key Indicators:** GBV prevalence rates, institutional compliance levels, survivor access to services, and public perception of safety.

Resource Mobilization

- **Domestic Financing:** Sovereign budget allocations and state-level contributions.
- **International Financing:** MDB loans, bilateral donor grants, and UN pooled funds.
- **Private Sector:** Corporate social responsibility (CSR) investments and compliance-linked financing.
- **Innovative Instruments:** Gender bonds, ESG-linked diaspora bonds, and blended finance facilities.

Legacy Compact

The **Zero Tolerance GBV Framework** under SIP-Alpha is a **sovereign prevention infrastructure**. It:

- **Stops violence before it starts** through enforceable laws, systems, and technologies.
- **Builds resilient institutions** that protect women, children, and vulnerable groups.
- **Expands fiscal space** by reducing the economic costs of GBV.
- **Strengthens Nigeria's global standing** as a champion of gender equity and human rights.

Nigeria's GBV Prevention Framework is therefore a **global model: UN-aligned, investor-credible, and socially transformative, turning prevention into protection, equity into prosperity, and dignity into heritage.**