



## COMBATTING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN BANGLADESH PROJECT

### Introduction

The Combating Gender Based Violence in Bangladesh (CGBV) project recognizes that prevention of violence requires sustained and comprehensive action at individual, family, organizations and societal levels. The project will focus on primary prevention, stopping violence before it occurs, as it is a strategic approach to ending violence against women and girls.

Evidence-based interventions are crucial to challenge existing social norms, which confer an inferior status to women; to enhance women's and girls' self-esteem; and to compel a reconstruction of positive masculinity. Individual and community level-based activities also need to be supported by an enabling environment where women's rights are respected, whether at home, at work, at school or in public. Therefore, CGBV intends to create a holistic framework of integrated and mutually reinforcing interventions to address the underlying causes and drivers of violence against women and girls; make duty bearers accountable to comply with international and national obligations addressing violence against women and promote their equal status in the society.



Simultaneously, CGBV will enhance the capacity of civil society to advocate and influence policies for a violence free society and strengthen women's voice and agency. Furthermore, CGVB will engage and partner with district based and high-level leadership of key institutions such as local

government, civil society organizations, women's organizations, education institutions and workplaces. This will foster ownership and buy-in of key local stakeholders, as well as sustainability.

**Name of the Project:** Combatting Gender Based Violence in Bangladesh (CGBV)

**Program Area:** Ending Violence Against Women

**Implementation period:** April 2018-September 2022

**Funding Organization:** Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canada

**Implementing partner:** UN Women Bangladesh

**Project Locations:** Bogra, Patuakhali, Comilla

The Project is aligned with the Bangladesh's 7<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan and the National Women Development Policy. CGBV results will accelerate the progress on Agenda 2030 and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

## Results Framework:

**Goal:** Women and girls, including the most marginalized, are free of violence at home, at work and in public spaces.

### Outcomes:

1. National and local laws and policies to prevent violence against women are strengthened, if needed, and implemented.
2. Favorable social norms, attitudes and behaviors are promoted to prevent violence against women and enhance women's economic empowerment.
3. Policy and program are increasingly informed by an expanded knowledge base on effective approaches to prevention of violence against women.

### Project Structure:

The CGBV project will be implemented in the districts of Bogra, Comilla and Putuakhali with the aim to identify and develop behavior change methodologies to prevent violence against women

The Project will focus on advocacy to strengthen the normative framework by involving women's groups and civil society organizations to improve their agency and coordination to hold duty bearers accountable to comply with international and national obligations to eliminate violence against women. It will also engage with a range of partners, including local government institution, education institutions and private sector workplaces to strengthen their capacity and commitment to prevent violence against women and sexual harassment.

The Project intends to conduct a multi-sectorial, gender transformative and participatory prevention intervention through behavior change at community level, with the objective of addressing the root causes of violence, such as inequality in the distribution of power and resources between men and women and transforming harmful social norms.

Furthermore, the project will create a strong and expanded knowledge base system to inform prevention policy and programming.

