# Gender-based violence and environment: #OrangeTheWorld in #16Days

## The cause of gender-based violence: Unequal distribution of power in society between women and men

### Causes of gender-based violence

- Unfair distribution of power in society between women and men
- Unequal distribution of resources

### Different forms of violence:

- **Psychological**
- **Physical**
- **Sexual**

### Natural resources degradation

- Walking long distances to collect firewood
- Women in sub-Saharan Africa spend 16 million hours collecting water and are exposed to violence

### Disasters and conflicts

- Climate change
- Natural resource degradation
- Walking long distances to collect water and firewood

### How to prevent gender-based violence

- Build resilience of women, men, girls and boys to cope with shocks
- Give women agency and decision-making power
- Empower women to be stewards of the environment
- Invest in women and girls so that they can build a better future for all

### Women and girls are subject to:

- Sexual assault
- Rape
- Domestic violence
- Violence as men lose their breadwinning roles
- Natural resources degradation
- Walking long distances to collect water
- Disasters and conflicts

### Did you know?

1 in 3 women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lives

700 million girls are forced to marry before they turn 18 years old

MEN AND BOYS are also victims of violence, however these are often underreported.

### Further resources:

- Safeguarding our ecosystem: [http://web.unep.org/ecosystems/](http://web.unep.org/ecosystems/)
- Building resilience of vulnerable groups to disasters and conflict: [http://web.unep.org/disastersandconflicts/](http://web.unep.org/disastersandconflicts/)

### Restoration degraded ecosystems to make collecting water and firewood easier and safer
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