



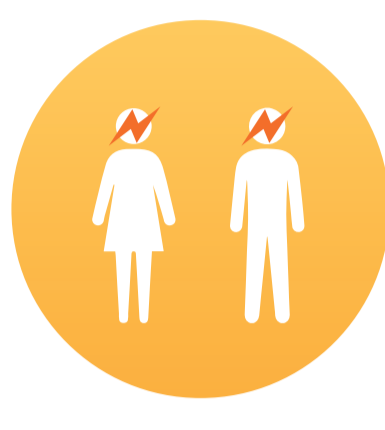
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GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND ENVIRONMENT

#ORANGETHEWORLD IN #16DAYS

THE CAUSE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF POWER IN SOCIETY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN

DIFFERENT FORMS OF VIOLENCE:



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PHYSICAL

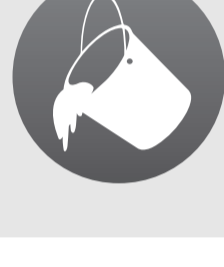


SEXUAL

CAUSES OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

NATURAL RESOURCES DEGRADATION

Walking long distances to:



FETCH WATER

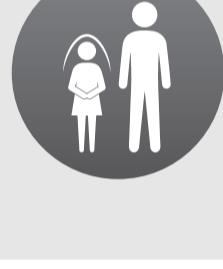


COLLECT FIREWOOD

CLIMATE CHANGE



CROP FAILURE AND FOOD INSECURITY



CHILD MARRIAGE TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY FOR THE FAMILY

DISASTERS AND CONFLICTS



DISPLACEMENT



TRAFFICKING

WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE SUBJECT TO:



RAPE



SEXUAL ASSAULT



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



VIOLENCE AS MEN LOSE THEIR BREADWINNING ROLES

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



Women in sub-Saharan Africa spend **16 MILLION HOURS** **collecting water** and in doing so are exposed to violence

HOW TO PREVENT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



Restore degraded ecosystems to make collecting water and firewood easier and safer



Build resilience of women, men, girls and boys to cope with shocks



Ask your government to put in place **laws and policies** to **safeguard girls and women's rights**



Give **women agency and decision making power**



Empower **women** to be **stewards of environment**



Make sure women, men, girls and boys have equitable **access to:**
• **natural resources** (land, water) • **education and information**
• **credit** • **markets**



Invest in **women and girls** so that they can build a **better future** for all

FURTHER RESOURCES:

Erik Solheim, Head of UN Environment video message on the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women: <https://youtu.be/oXpzE6RPIVE>

Safeguarding our ecosystems: <http://web.unep.org/ecosystems/>

Building resilience of vulnerable groups to disasters and conflict: <http://web.unep.org/disastersandconflicts/>

Gender and the Environment: <http://web.unep.org/gender/>

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women: <http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/>



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