

GBV: MESSAGES

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About the Message Library

People affected by disaster must have access to timely, appropriate and accurate information to help them keep themselves and their families safe and well. They should know their rights, entitlements and be able to give feedback. Responders have a duty to put in place appropriate, systematic and coordinated mechanisms to ensure this.

Our Message Library offers clear, concise and simple messages on a range of topics as templates for you to adapt and use in the context you are working in. These are intended to help you make a quick start on communicating with communities while you further develop mechanisms for on-going dialogue with diverse groups within each community.

For help contextualising and using the messages we recommend you do our e-learning course and read the following technical guidance.

E-learning

<https://kayaconnect.org/course/info.php?id=768>

Guidance

<https://www.cdacnetwork.org/tools-guidance/cdac-message-library-user-guidance>

Humanitarian principles

You have a right to humanitarian aid. You do not need to give money or sexual favours to receive it. Contact [insert camp manager info] if you are asked for this.

Complaints system to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse

You have the right to complain and to report any inappropriate behaviour, exploitation or abuse by aid workers, including any UN staff and peacekeepers. A complaints system has been set up at [insert info]. Contact [insert info] for further support and advice about this.

The importance of talking to your children about consensual sex

Talk with your daughters and sons about relationships. Talking with girls and boys about the difference between respectful and harmful relations and how to avoid, reject or defend themselves against sexual harassment, violence and peer pressure can help them be more prepared in the future.

Who to contact regarding GBV

Protect the girls and boys in your community from violence and abuse. If abuse or violence occurs in your area, contact [insert info here e.g. the local GBV working group, protection cluster, aid organisations and or local service providers] for assistance and response services.

How to report incidents of GBV

If violence against women, girls, boys or men happens in your area, please contact [insert info] and tell them what is going on. [insert info] is responsible for responding to reports of violence.

Importance of seeking medical care post rape

If you have been raped or sexually assaulted, visit your local health facility as soon as possible. Staff can help you with getting confidential care, support and advice as well as identifying possible treatment, such as for sexually transmitted infections and emergency contraception to prevent unwanted pregnancy for women and girls. Your nearest health facility is [insert details].

Consequences of GBV for women and girls

Violence against women and girls can have serious long-term and life-threatening consequences. These can include physical harm, reproductive health problems, sexually transmitted infections and unwanted pregnancy. It can also affect the survivor's self-worth and quality of life, and expose her to further abuse.

Consequences of GBV for boys and men

Violence against boys and men can have serious long-term and life-threatening consequences. These can include physical harm and infections such as sexually transmitted infections. It can also affect the survivor's self-worth and quality of life and expose them to further abuse.

Where to go for advice / treatment for sexual violence/rape

Medical care for people who have suffered or are suffering from violence of any kind can be found at [insert info]. They are open from [insert time] to [insert time].

REFERENCES

For more information on this topic, we recommend you read the following references.

World Health Organization (2022). **Gender and health**
https://www.who.int/health-topics/gender#tab=tab_1

UN Women (2011-2017). **I Know Gender 6: Violence against Women and Girls**
<https://portal.trainingcentre.unwomen.org/product/i-know-gender-6-violence-against-women-and-girls/>

Global Protection Cluster (2022).
www.globalprotectioncluster.org

UNFPA (2021).
<https://www.unfpa.org/resources/gender-based-violence-humanitarian-settings>

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