



MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Mercy Global Action Focuses On: **GENDER EQUALITY AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**

MURDERS

Globally 87,000 women were murdered in 2017. Most of the killings were committed by an intimate partner.



\$1.5 TRILLION

The cost of domestic violence adds up. Lost salary from sick days taken to recover, diminished employment opportunities, and health care costs add up to \$1.5 Trillion.

1 IN 3

1 in 3 (35%) women and girls have experienced sexual and/or physical violence.



"Sometimes, I think about not going to work anymore because of this [sexual harassment]. But then I think about my family condition and I know I cannot quit."

Female garment worker from Cambodia (CARE Australia, 2017, p.4)

PREVENTION

Preventing gender-based violence and inequality must begin with a human rights-based approach. Seeking to empower women and strengthen their capacities to claim their rights.

VALUING UNPAID WORK

Globally, women spend an average of 4.1 hours a day on unpaid domestic and care work. It would cost about \$11 Trillion to pay for that work..

SOCIAL PROTECTIONS

Ensured access to health and maternity care, guaranteed income, and service prevent GBV and empower women.



TRANSFORMATION

Communities need support transforming stereotypes and values that allow GBV. Community mobilization, workshops, marketing and entertainment can reshape these norms.

Advocacy Opportunities

- Review recommendations from the Special Rapporteur.
- Asses your government's SDG efforts.
- Download the Voices against Violence handbook for educational materials (ages 5-25).
- Contact your representatives.
- Share this infographic across your social media!

