

PROTECTION

Stop GBV

Protecting women and girls with albinism from gender-based violence



Gender-based violence (GBV) is any harm done to a person because of their gender.

Women and girls with albinism face a higher risk because of stigma, harmful beliefs, poor eyesight and social isolation.

Sex with a woman with albinism does not cure HIV. This is a lie, and acting on it is a crime.

Forms of GBV

- **Physical:** beating, slapping, burning
- **Sexual:** rape, forced or unwanted sexual contact, abuse of children
- **Emotional:** insults, threats, humiliation, isolation
- **Economic:** taking someone's money, stopping them from working or going to school
- **Harmful practices:** forced or early marriage

Warning signs

- Sudden fear, withdrawal or silence
- Unexplained injuries
- A child who stops going to school or is afraid to go home
- Someone who is never allowed to go out alone

Everyone has a role

Families, neighbours, teachers, church and community leaders, health workers and police can all help prevent violence. If you see something, **say something**. Silence protects abusers, not survivors.

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If it happens to you

You are not to blame. Violence is never the survivor's fault.

1 Get safe

- Go somewhere safe and tell someone you trust.

2 Get health care fast

- After sexual violence, go to a health centre **within 72 hours** to prevent HIV and pregnancy and record evidence.

3 Report

- Call 117 (police), 113 (gendarmerie) or 116 (MINPROFF), or go to the nearest station. You have the right to be treated with respect.

4 Get support

- Call AWA on 674 71 52 63. We listen, support and refer, in confidence.

Where to get help

GENERAL EMERGENCY

112

POLICE

117

GENDARMERIE

113

SAMU (MEDICAL
EMERGENCY)

119

WOMEN & FAMILY
(MINPROFF)

116

HUMAN RIGHTS

1523

FIRE BRIGADE

118

AWA (CONFIDENTIAL)

674 71 52 63

GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS IN BAMENDA (GO TO THE EMERGENCY / CASUALTY UNIT)

Bamenda Regional Hospital · Nkwen District Hospital · *or any government district hospital or integrated health centre near you*

What communities can do

- Speak out against harmful myths.
- Report abuse; do not stay silent.
- Never blame the survivor.
- Include women and girls with albinism in community life, school and work.